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Reached quorum at: November 16th, 1:01 PM.

Plenary started at: November 16th, 1:10 PM.

Parker Ofner '28: Welcome to Fall 25 plenary! So, for the first time ever in the history of plenary, we are going to have performers, so please welcome Choom Boom!

Choom Boom performs Milkshake and Gabriela. The audience cheers in between performances.

Esénia Bañuelos '26: Alrighty. Hello everyone! Welcome to plenary. We have some things to get out of the way first. So, as you might know, we have, had some tabling in the Goodhart auditorium. I wanna make sure I'm unmuted first. Awesome. So, we had Jewish Voices for Peace, we had Batten Haus, Bi-Co Mutual Aid, and Atidna. So, right now, we're gonna have each of them come up, promote what they're doing, and as you know, we're going to start with Ocean from Bi-Co Mutual Aid. We're trying to raise \$1000 this plenary. Haverford only did \$500. We can do better than that, can't we? Come on, Ocean! Actually, spoiler alert, plot twist, it's Devon. Thank you Ocean for tabling! Hello Devon!

Applause.

Community Comment:

Devon: Alright, hello everyone! Welcome to fall plenary 2025. My name is Devon and I am speaking as a member of Bi-Co Mutual Aid. We are a group of Bi-Co students who are inspired by mutual aid efforts taking place all over the country starting with the 2020 Strike, which as you know, there has been some lovely events going on in the past week about that. Let's give some noise to Esénia for helping plan that and the entire 2020 Strike Planning Committee.

Applause.

Devon: Alright, we recognize the disparity of wealth created by capitalism and white supremacy and see how our school attempts to promote narratives of total equality on campus are erasing the needs within our community. We see the unmet needs of many students and want to take matters into our own hands by harnessing the redistribution of wealth within our community. So you may be wondering, how does Bi-Co Mutual Aid work? We solicit contributions from the Bi-Co community only when needed. So, this is when people submit requests to us for things like housing, transportation, um, unmet medical needs. The funds are pooled in Bi-Co Mutual Aid's Venmo balance. From there, we send up to \$5k per week and/or transfer money from the attached bank accounts for writing checks. Community members can request aid through the aid request form. Which, if you scan the QR code at our table outside, you can get access to that if you need or scan our Venmo to contribute. Then, Bi-Co Mutual Aid Team reviews the forms and contacts students if need be to make plans for filling out requests. On the screen is a QR code ... Got that code up there? I think so. We also have them posted on the bottom. Okay. Okay, that's okay. Please scan over here. Okay, so we have QR codes attached to the bottom of the stage as well as in the foyer and that will take you to our LinkTree where you can find links to our aid request form as well as our Venmo to make contributions. Right now, the amount of requests that we see far surpasses our ability to fulfill them. So, we have a lot of students who have unmet needs in our community and we do not have the amount of money that is needed to fulfill these urgent requests. So, we are asking if everybody who has come to plenary has the capacity to donate \$5, okay? That is less than a latte at Uncommon. We would be able to support our community with their medical, housing, and grocery expenses. Last plenary, we raised over 1000 dollars which is a great amount and really helps us fulfill the aid requests that we have. So, if you have the resources, we are asking that you please make a contribution today. If you have any questions about what Bi-Co Mutual Aid does or if you are interesting in joining, we are constantly looking to have more members fill out our team. Then, we have a table outside in the foyer where you can ask a question to Ocean and find more links to our resources. Thank you so much for listening and for coming to plenary today.

Esénia: Also, carabiners are still for sale. They're \$3 each and 100% of proceeds go to Bi-Co Mutual Aid. We've already gotten a lot of sales, so if at any point you're going to the bathroom or something, come check out our stand. We're selling some stuff. Now, I would like to welcome Batten Haus to give a spiel. Welcome Batten Haus.

Applause.

Clara: Alright, hello everybody! I am Clara. I am here speaking on behalf of Batten Haus. Let me know if you can hear me okay. We are the social and environmental justice living cooperative on campus. We are located in that cottage behind Brecon. You may have come to one of our events or pulled up to our Halloween party. If you donated or pulled up to that party, thank you, by the way. We were fundraising for Juntos, which is the immigrant rights group which runs the ICE raid hotline in Philly and we raised over \$1300 dollars in one night just by the power of community. So, thank you.

Applause.

Clara: Stop by our table in the back to pick up some zines that we made, some readings and materials that represent who we are and how we think about collectivity, communal living, and making the world a better place. In particular, we are really invested in mutual aid. We do a weekly Friday cooking, Saturday distribution kind of thing. You might have seen me run up and post some flyers for that. Join the GroupMe if you're interested in getting involved with that and we'll work it out from there. Follow our instagram @battenhaus. Sign up for our email list at our table in the back and/or come find a Batten Haus member if you have any questions. Thank you.

Applause.

Esénia: Thank you to the wonderful Clara from Batten Haus. Next up, we have Jewish Voice for Peace. Come up! Come up JVP!

??: Hi everyone, we're JVP, Jewish Voice for Peace. Last plenary, we proposed a resolution to remove Bryn Mawr's ties to the study abroad programs in Israel at the University of Haifa and Hebrew University. These universities are complicit in and benefit from the ongoing genocide through financial ties, settler colonialist land grabbing, military support, surveillance, and revisionist propaganda.

Ada Griffin '28: Last spring, 80% of the student voting body voted in support of removing these programs.

??: Bryn Mawr admin has yet to meet our demands. This is in spite of the violence committed by these universities in the name of education, which is in violation of our own mission statement. As well as the overwhelming support of the student body, instead, Bryn Mawr admin has refused to meet with us and is stalling. We won't stand for this type of complacency.

Ada: In order to make our voices heard, we need your continued support. We've created an email template for you all to follow as a way to show admin that this is a legitimate demand from the entire student body and that we are serious about our student government. There is a link to the template on our table and our Instagram.

??: If any of you have questions or want to get more involved with this campaign, come see us at the table outside or message us on our Instagram.

Ada: Let's remind the administration that we say no to academic suppression, no to scholasticide, and no to genocide.

??: Thank you.

Esénia: Thank you, JVP, and coming up next, we have, and last, Atidna. Come up, Atidna.

Lori Ackerman '26: Can you hear me okay? Alright, good afternoon everyone. Thank you so much for coming to plenary. As many of you may have seen when we were outside, we are the Bi-Co Atidna chapter of Atidna International. We are committed to ending the genocide in Gaza and having the hard conversations about how we get there and what we do after. This year, we've held dialogues, held letter writing events, connected with Israeli and Palestinian activists, and held a week long community vigil to honor two years since the genocide. Coming up this Tuesday, November 18th, we're co-sponsoring an event with two activists from Combatants for Peace from Haverford, one Israeli, one Palestinian. Combatants for Peace is an organization of people who have renounced violence and are resisting the Israeli genocide in Palestine. It's gonna be a great event and focus on a feminist perspective which is really important.

Sam Ritter: This next Sunday, so a week from today, we are also hosting a run for reconciliation. I put that in air quotes because I will be lightly strolling, but you can run if you want. It is a pay when you can or when you wish to register. You can submit a donation link to your family and friends. Any and all donations we receive will go toward Roots which is an Israel-Palestine Community Center in the West Bank. They do everything from summer camps to first aid to civilian protection against settler violence to rebuilding after settler violence. You name it, they've done it. They're an incredible organization. We've worked with them for a couple of years now. They do fantastic work and we're really excited to do our second run. It will be in Philadelphia on the Schuylkill trail. It will be beautiful weather. There will not be

wildfire smoke on the trail this year hopefully. There was last year and we'd love to have you guys.

Applause.

Esénia: Alrighty everyone, so, Choom Boom did leave the stage before we got to present a little gift and give you a chance to celebrate them. Again, our historical, like literally our first performers in plenary history. So, Choom Boom, can you come out?

Applause and cheering.

Esénia: Make some fucking noise! Let's go! Yes!

Choom Boom is given flowers. The audience cheers.

Esénia: Now, can I get some volunteers to help me move this table so we can finally get started? Someone from the audience? There's a little table here. I'm not very strong. As we're getting set up, it's time to do my spiel. Welcome to plenary. Plenary is Bryn Mawr's semesterly biggest forum to share a little bit about what every student believes should be changed about our campus. It's one of the best things that makes our Self-Governance Association here in the United States so fantastic. The history of plenary in general is about sharing student concerns. Plenary exists in two forms. Before this plenary, on October 29th, our representative council, which is kind of like our legislative branch of the SGA, chose 12 out of 14 resolutions to bring to you guys because they thought that these resolutions were already complete, were appropriate, and now, are ready to be shown to the student body. These resolutions already include amendments. That's the gist about what plenary is, right? Some things will be different about plenary this semester than how they were last semester. There are 20 minute limits on discourse and discussion. What does that mean? After every resolution is read to completion, we will start a timer. First, before the 20 minute timer, we're gonna start a 2 minute timer. You have two minutes to come up to Yeseo, who is, Yeseo raise your hand, over here, kind of where this microphone is, Yeseo and Evan. You're going to sign up to ask a question or make a comment. You are only allowed to make two comments, including one follow up question... Sorry. Two comments. One question or one comment. No more than that. Conversations are not allowed. Please don't do a back and forth. That's what DMs and emails are for. You can go do that. Not here where there are about 500, 600 people who want to go home. The other thing is about comments, please make sure your comments are actually adding to the conversation. Please don't start responding to people who are actually, you know, asking questions. All questions and

comments should be made to the plenary resolution writer. It's not a discussion between you and all the people who are talking. Please don't do that. We are going to stop you if you do that. Again, if you have, what on earth is that? If you have any questions, make sure you are asking them over here. Plenary resolution writers, you're standing over here. There's this screen over here. We're gonna be scrolling through it. But, the actual movement for the people on Zoom is gonna be coming from the plenary resolution writers as they're reading through everything. So, plenary resolution writers, make sure you are unmuted, speaking into the microphone, and you are speaking slowly, and that you are scrolling as you're going through. I already have a downloaded file of the plenary packet on this computer for you to scroll through. If at any point for plenary resolution writers, we need to handle some technical difficulties, we are happy to fill those for you. I'm going to be up here, as is Parker, as is Isabelle. I would also like to introduce these wonderful people right now and also leave the space for the plenary resolution writers as well, in case people need to sit down during the really long process between plenary resolutions. Over here, again, the person who started our plenary, is Parker Ofner, SGA Plenary Committee Head.

Applause.

Esénia: And right next to them to their left, we have Isabelle Stid, Co-Honor Board Head. So, without further ado, I'm going to read the required statement I have to read before every plenary and then we're gonna welcome Esther, our first plenary resolution writer, to the stage.

Esénia reads the following:

HISTORY OF PLENARY

In 1892, Bryn Mawr College became the first institution in the U.S. to give students the responsibility to decide on how they should govern themselves. While it was considered a radical experiment, it has become one of the most valued aspects of the Bryn Mawr education.

The tradition of student autonomy and responsibility has created a unique campus where students participate in discussion and resolution of the most important issues facing the College. Twice a year, students get the opportunity to present resolutions to the entire student body. The Spirit of Self Governance is a beautiful thing and should make all Mawrters proud.

IMPORTANCE OF PLENARY

Bryn Mawr's SGA was established on the premise of self-governance, meaning that every student is a member of SGA and has the power to influence major decisions such as creating the Lusty Cup Cafe to advocating for the College to hire more professors of color. The platform is used to make changes and policy suggestions to administration and often, show administration where student concerns lay.

Esénia: Without further ado, let's welcome Esther, resolution #1, Adding a Smith Machine to the Schwartz Fitness Center. Welcome Esther.

Reading of the Resolutions:

Esther Iaccarino: Hello everyone, um, this resolution is for adding a smith machine to the Schwartz Fitness Center.

Resolution #1: Adding a Smith Machine to the Schwartz Fitness Center

Presented by: Esther Iaccarino

Summary: The Schwartz Fitness center currently has four standard power racks (often called squat racks). A Smith machine is similar to a standard power rack but has a few mechanical differences that increase safety, variety of exercises, and ease of use. On a Smith machine, the barbell is fixed to two of the vertical posts and moves up and down on that fixed path. Along those two posts are many slots on which the barbell can be hooked. The user can "re-rack" the bar just by rotating it slightly. The Smith machine is suitable for beginners, and also used by all other weightlifting levels of experience.

A standard power rack requires you to remove the barbell from the machine. You either

need a spotter, or you risk injury. A Smith machine acts as a spotter for you. By rotating the bar forward, it stops the bar at any level of height (in other words, mid-rep which is not possible on a standard power rack). This makes weightlifting much safer for several reasons. First, if you fail the rep, you just twist the bar forward and it stays where it is. Second, the machine also improves your form which prevents injuries in the short and long term. While a standard power rack does have adjustable safety arms (removable metal bars designed to catch the barbell), many people don't set them up or don't even know what they are. Even if that safety mechanism is used and set up properly, one, you could miss the safety arms when you drop the barbell, or two, some exercises don't even allow for the use of the safety arms. An example of the latter is the bench press: In this exercise you are supposed to touch the bar to your chest. Therefore, if the safety arms were set up above the level of your chest, you wouldn't be able to get the bar all the way down. If the safety arms were set up below your chest, in the event of an accident the bar would crash onto your body before it could be caught by the safety arms.

Some exercises can only be done on a Smith machine (e.g. frogs, smith squats). There are also many exercises that can be done without a Smith machine but are much more difficult, unsafe, and impractical (especially when it comes to loading weight). An example of this is an exercise called step-ups: You can do step-ups holding dumbbells, but that only lets you go up to a relatively low weight due to the limit of grip and upper-body strength (as well as safety). The other alternative would be using a loose barbell, which would be extremely dangerous (you would have to balance it on your shoulders while standing on one leg).

A Smith machine is not like many other machines that are just used for 1-2 exercises and to train 1-2 muscle groups. The Smith machine can be used for hundreds of exercises and for any muscle. In other words, the addition of this one machine yields opportunities for a great amount of exercises.

Having a Smith machine also eliminates many of the intimidating aspects of the gym (loading a barbell, adjusting a bench for dumbbell exercises, learning how to use a standard power rack, needing a spotter, etc.) The addition of a Smith machine to the Schwartz Fitness Center would remove these barriers, making it that much easier for Bryn Mawr students to

engage in bettering themselves.

As for the concern of room in the gym, there is much open space in the Schwartz Fitness Center. Although we might need to rearrange a few machines, the Smith machine could be added to the main open space where the majority of the others are.

Whereas, the Schwartz Fitness Center's current power racks introduce many safety concerns.

Whereas, the addition of a Smith machine would alleviate and/or eliminate many of these safety issues.

Whereas, many weightlifting exercises can not be done with the current equipment in the Schwartz Fitness Center.

Whereas, the addition of a Smith machine would allow for many new exercises as well as increased safety and accessibility for exercises that can be done.

Whereas, the addition of a Smith machine would make it easier for Bryn Mawr students to begin or continue to engage in an activity that benefits their health and wellness.

Whereas, there is available room in the Schwartz Fitness Center.

Be it resolved, Bryn Mawr College will add a Smith machine to the Schwartz Fitness Center.

Questions and Comments:

Isabelle: Okay, so, just a reminder everyone, if you have any questions, you have about 2 minutes to sign up to go ask for questions. I'm setting a timer. And then, we will have 20 minutes for discussion. We can then vote to add 10 minutes if we really want to. Just as a final reminder, please do not make any targeted or ad hominem comments or questions. Not only are they

unproductive, they are also just not great for our community. And, here we have our first questions.

Evan Pineo '28: Wait, Isabelle. Can you remind them to say their name and class year too?

Isabelle: Oh yeah, as a big reminder, please say your name and class year when you go up to ask your question so we can reflect that in our notes.

Blanca Berger Sollod '26: Hello, my name is Blanca. I'm in the class of 2026. I just have a question about the room in the Schwartz Fitness Center. There isn't a lot from what I can tell. I'm in the gym a lot. The Schwartz Fitness Center as of this spring got all new machines, so I was wondering how you would propose moving the machines around to make space for the smith machine and that's my only question.

Esther: Yeah, I think the main ... the place where there would be the most room is the main area when you walk right up the stairs where most of the machines are. It is full but we can just rearrange some of them. There would probably be some space in the back where the standard power racks are. It could go in the yoga room which already has power lifting stages on it. So, either of those locations. I think if we just rearranged in the main machine area there should be plenty of room.

Esénia: We are at two minutes, so after this asker, we will move on to resolution two.

Grace M.D '29: Hi, my name is Grace. I'm class of 2029. I also use the gym a lot. My only question is would there only be one smith machine? Because I think from a logical standpoint, I think only adding one smith machine would just inhibit how many people want to use it because so many people wanna use the machine and not enough people will get the experience they need.

Esther: Sorry, you said not enough people will get the experience of...

Grace: If there's only one smith machine. I feel like that would just be impractical. We might as well just keep the ???

Esther: I think adding one would be better than having zero. Maybe in the future we could add more, especially if it gets well used and such, which I assume it will be. Yeah, that would be great if we could go one at a time. There would be more benefit of adding a smith machine than not adding one.

Grace: Thank you.

Esther: Of course.

Esénia: Alrighty, we are at resolution two. Thank you Esther!

Applause.

Resolution #2: Bryn Mawr College Black Studies and Scholarship

Esénia: Everybody welcome the writers of the Black Studies and Scholarship resolution!

Angelique Lee '27: Hi everyone, thank you so much for coming. So, we all here have written and contributed to the Black Studies plenary resolution. So, here's the summary.

Presented by: Elliott London, Zara Kepler, Kaili Martinez-Beasley, Angelique Lee, Celia Perkins, and the Bryn Mawr Community

Summary: For too long, Bryn Mawr College has not fully confronted its history of racism and marginalization of Black community members. Thanks to student activism, Black Studies classes have been offered at the college since 1969. However, despite strong student interest, including at least 14 students (as per a poll conducted by the authors of this resolution), the college has done little to further this invaluable effort. Progress has been demanded mostly by student activists, such as those of the 2020 Strike. As Bryn Mawr's contemporaries have continued to make steps, however limited, toward the furthering of Black scholarship, much of the work of Bryn Mawr's student activists is neglected. Five years after the 2020 Strike, there is still much to be done in terms of meeting the most basic standards of equity. Per the college mission statement: "Equity and inclusion serve as the engine for excellence and innovation. A commitment to racial justice and to equity across all aspects of diversity propels our students, faculty, and staff to reflect upon and work to build fair, open, and welcoming institutional structures, values, and culture." It is time for the college to put its weight behind this statement. Now, more than ever, as scholarship is discredited and America's systemic colonialism and racism are thrown into stark relief, Bryn Mawr College has an obligation to make a stand and teach its students to engage critically with these topics. In the tradition of the many Black student activists before it, this resolution asks that the college turn the Africana Studies Program into a full-fledged Black Studies Department, supporting thriving Black scholarship at Bryn Mawr

College. It also asks that the Black at Bryn Mawr tour be mandatory for all incoming students, faculty, and staff in order to honor and confront the college's active history.

Whereas, The College has an active history of marginalizing and repressing Black community members

Whereas, The College does not sufficiently support Black community members or scholarly endeavors

Whereas, The College must uphold its written commitment to racial justice and equity

Whereas, Bryn Mawr College lags behind its contemporary institutions, which already sustain robust Black Studies departments

Whereas, The College engages in the politics of respectability and panders to normative social values by using the word *Africana* in place of *Black*

Whereas, the student body has demonstrated significant desire and interest in Black Studies

Whereas, The College cannot equate a pre-existing major to Black Studies

Be it resolved, Bryn Mawr College will transition the Program in Africana Studies into a major and minor awarding Black Studies Department by the start of the 2026-2027 school year

Be it resolved, The College will hire an additional two Black Studies professors by the start of the 2026-2027 school year, with an emphasis placed on hiring Black/Queer/Feminist scholars

Be it resolved, The College will collaborate with the Black Studies Department to provide equitable financial support in order to encourage its growth and success

Be it resolved, The College will henceforth include the in-person Black at Bryn Mawr tour, with the recorded tour as an accessible alternative, as a required part of integration into campus for all new community members as a step to engage with the active history of Blackness on campus

Be it resolved, The College will collaborate with the Black at Bryn Mawr Co-Coordinator to provide equitable financial and administrative support for the program's expansion to accommodate an influx of engagement

Questions and Comments:

Esénia: Thank you!

Applause.

Esénia: You have two minutes to come to Yeseo over here if you have a question or a comment. Two minute timer starting now.

Jasmine Marshall '26: Hey, is this on? Hi, my name is Jasmine. I'm gonna take this down because I'm too short. I'm in the class of 2026. I'm the coordinator of Black at Bryn Mawr currently. This isn't a question, it's more of a comment, but I encourage everyone to say yes to this resolution because Black Studies is long overdue for this college. It's honestly long overdue for our entire Tri-Co. But, it's also something where this resolution is presenting institutional, actual support and resources for Black history to be preserved in a better way on campus. We can only do so much as students, I understand that, especially being co-coordinator of Black at Bryn Mawr, and I think this resolution strongly shows how we need this support financially, but also institutionally overall.

Ava Lewis '29: I just think that this is a really important resolution. Africana Studies does not cover the things that would be included in Black Studies. It just allows us to learn more about what Black Studies. It's completely separate and shouldn't be under the same label. The classes that are currently in Africana Studies from what I've heard from you guys don't seem like they're in the right area. And I just listen to their wonderful talks. I also liked what Esther said before them. I think it's really important for everyone.

Esénia: Lovely presenters. Woo!

Applause.

Parker: Okay, we're now going to move on to resolution #3, creation of the AMO Advisory Budgetary Board and AMO Board Treasurer Position.

Esénia: Hello everybody. So, my name is Esénia, as you guys might know. I've created this resolution, creation of the AMO Advisory Budgetary Board and AMO Board Treasurer Position.

Resolution #3: Creation of the AMO Advisory Budgetary Board and AMO Board Treasurer Position

Presented By: Esenia Banuelos '26, President and Sanaiya Aftab '27, Social Justice and Equity Chair

Summary: The present budgetary crisis has undoubtedly negatively impacted every single organization, committee, and club funded by the Self-Governance Association (SGA). However, present cuts to the Alliance of Multicultural Organizations (AMOs) have resulted in extremely limiting, and even have outright inhibited religious events, cultural celebrations, and other forms of gatherings for marginalized students and the organizations that represent them. More than forty separate AMOs could benefit from a new structure within the Student Finance Committee (SFC).

As it stands, only two individuals within the Bryn Mawr College student body have the power to review and approve budget requests. According to current SGA Treasurers, Zoe Beer '26 and Jet Taylor '27, the decision process often results in multiple four-to-six hour shifts per day between the week of budget submission deadlines and the Representative Council Plenary where contestations occur. While a separate resolution aims to address the structure of the SFC, this does not immediately address specific AMO budgetary needs in regard to funding obtained by the SGA.

This resolution seeks to give power to the AMOs in ultimately deciding the distribution of funds among themselves through the creation of an SGA AMO Advisory Board (SGA AAB), composed of at least one President and one Treasurer from each AMO. The two SGA Treasurers

will give the SGA AAB a lump sum to distribute amongst all the AMOs as they see equitable, and the final amounts decided on by the board members will be shared with the Treasurers. This Board will be headed by the SGA AMO Advisory Board Head, who will be elected by the same Advisory Board to be a member of the SFC and to advocate and ultimately submit the composite budget and communicate the resulting budgetary distribution each semester to the Treasurers. This is not an SGA Committee – this is an Advisory Board working closely with the SGA.

Provided that this resolution passes, the SGA Board will reach out to Presidents and Treasurers from each AMO to begin communicating and meeting regularly over the course of the Spring 2026 semester. Provided that this resolution passes, the SGA AAB Head will need to be elected by AMOs as soon as possible (in a process facilitated by the SGA Board) so that preliminary AAB meetings begin in the Spring 2026 semester. This means that the Advisory Board will not be convening and distributing funds in the Spring 2026 semester, for the purpose of each Board member to work together in developing an itinerary for each semester – discussing what events must be considered per semester (e.g., Black Love, La Gala, Diwali) and what funding must be considered non-negotiable on a regular semesterly basis (e.g., funding for halal and kosher meals for “casual” organization gatherings).

The mission of the Advisory Board is to collect individual AMO budgets, as has been done in the previous years. However, on top of this work, a collective lump sum budget will be submitted to the AMO Treasurers for each budgeting period. This will mean that, when budgets are approved, the SGA AAB will receive one collective lump sum that will be distributed among AMOs. Ultimate budgetary decisions must be made within one week of the Representative Council Budget Meeting, with allocations for each AMO clearly outlined in Engage or any subsequent budgeting platform. Beginning in the Fall 2026 semester, the elected SGA AAB Head will work closely with the SFC Committee and Treasurers to return communications and advisory from the SGA Advisory Meeting. The SGA AAB Head will be responsible for ensuring that Board meetings occur, and that there is regular conversation between AMOs throughout the semester. The SGA AAB Head has the power to advise directly on AMO budgets, but, as with any non-SGA Treasurer member of the SFC, does not have the power to ultimately approve budgets.

Whereas, there is a present SGA budgetary crisis.

Whereas, there is no way for all AMOs to have an equitable means of advocating for themselves directly to the SGA treasurers throughout the early semester process.

Whereas, there is no position on the SFC that is reserved for any kind of AMO Representative.

Be it resolved, a position on the SFC would be reserved for the AMO Advisory Budgetary Board Head.

Be it resolved, the SGA AMO Advisory Budget Board will be formed and begin meeting in Spring 2026 and all budgetary outlines will go into effect in Fall 2026.

Be it resolved, AAB Head can contest on behalf of all AMOs at Rep-Co Budget Meetings

Questions and Comments:

Esénia: Thank you.

Parker: Alright, if you have any questions or comments, go to Yeseo over there. You have two minutes to sign up to say anything.

Isabelle: Also, just an ask, if you're speaking at this mic, please be very loud so this computer can pick up your audio. Thank you everyone.

Carmen Gitchell '26: Hi, I'm Carmen. I'm in the class of 2026. I'm wondering who gets to decide what the lump sum is.

Esénia: Yes, absolutely, So, there's gonna be a board that is already communicating in the spring 2026 semester. What that means is that all budgetary outlines and all potential budgetary requests will be decided by the AMOs. Each AMO will still prepare their own individual AMO budget. But, it will be collected in general in one composite budget that will be submitted at the beginning of each semester in the regular budget process. The lump sum is decided by the entire budgetary board. Thank you.

Carmen: Thank you.

Parker: This is the last call. Going once, going twice. Thanks.

Parker: Alright, so, we're moving on to resolution #4, establishing the possibility for Co-Presidents of the Self Governance Association.

Esénia: Yeah, establishing the possibility for Co-Presidents of the Self Governance Association. At the moment, there is only one position or one seat in the office of the president for the SGA. As you can probably imagine with all the work we have done this semester, because we are also unpaid and uncompensated, it only makes sense to split this among two people at minimum.

Resolution #4: Establishing the Possibility for Co-Presidents of the Self Governance Association

Presented By: Esénia Bañuelos '26, SGA President

Summary: This resolution is written to recognize the work of previous Self Governance Association (SGA) administrations that have been made possible through the direction and hard work of a single individual – the President of the SGA. The Self-Governance Association¹ is not a student council, but rather, an entirely student-run governance that is directed by a sole individual. Though each position of the Executive Board is unpaid, uniquely challenging, and definitively arduous, it is the Office of the President that often demands commitments each week of upwards of fifteen hours through constantly evolving, unanticipated, and fielding deeply systematic concerns and crises, including the recently devastating SGA budget crisis.²

Only one person has historically held the Bryn Mawr College Self-Governance Association – an undergraduate student, and within the last four years, exclusively held by a senior student.³ This is in accordance with Article V, Section I, Subsection

B of the SGA Constitution: “The office of the President may be held by only one person at any one time.”⁴ It is not the only position that can be held only by one individual on the Executive Board; the Vice President (Subsection C), Secretary (Subsection E), and the Chair of Social Justice and Equity (Subsection G) are all held by one person. Most recently, through the Fall

2025 Plenary, the Office of the Honor Board can now be held by two individuals simultaneously (Subsection F).

A week as the Self-Governance Association often features regular meetings with the Dean of Student Life, the Director of Student Engagement, the Director of Residential Life, the Dean of the College, and the President of the College, meeting with students individually, connecting with the President(s) of the Haverford College Student Council, running communications, reaching out to the Alumnae Association, connecting with student-run organizations at Seven Sisters' institutions, and further. In the Fall semester, the President is responsible for successfully organizing the Representative Council budget meeting, Representative Council Plenary, the general Plenary, the 2020 Strike remembrance week, Night Market, and Big Cheese, as detailed in Article V, Section I, Subsection B of the SGA Constitution.

The appeal of a single President may be based in the fact that a President is recognizable by name for heading a "major project" – in Ananya Hindocha '23's case, this was the raise of the student minimum wage, and in the case of Bryn Osbourne '24, free transit. It is a project almost entirely spearheaded and seen to fruition by countless hours of work that begins in each Spring a new President is elected, through their graduation. This work is in addition to the multiple large events, emergency gatherings, and direction of the entire student body.

It is high-time that the Self Governance Association makes the most of its most dynamic and highest-demanding leadership position for students at the College. By opening the office to two individuals, the work that can be done by a single President now can only occur most efficiently, and that equitable attention to each individual responsibility for the position is achieved, on top of a President's natural responsibilities as a senior, like completing their undergraduate thesis, applying to graduate schools, and preparing for life beyond Bryn Mawr College.

This resolution does not ask for changes to be made to the responsibilities position itself, but to the quantity of individuals able to run and their qualifications. Work will be divided among two highly motivated upperclassmen who run together in the SGA Executive Board election

historically held in the Spring semester each academic year. For there to be Co-Presidents to an administration, beginning in Spring 2026, candidates must run together from the beginning of the election process. At least one Co-President must be a rising senior at the time of election, and no freshmen or sophomores will be eligible to be Presidents of the Self Governance Association, regardless of if they run individually or jointly. Neither Co-President can be on study abroad or intend to take a semester of leave during their tenure. All other responsibilities of the President must be divided between two people, and that position demands full presence on campus.

Whereas, the Self Governance Association is one of three governances at Bryn Mawr College, alongside administration and faculty.

Whereas, the Self Governance Association is headed by a single individual at any one time, the President.

Whereas, the President leads an Executive Board of up to seven individuals (not including themselves) and the entirety of the Bryn Mawr College undergraduate student body.

Whereas, the President is responsible for hosting multiple events open to the entire student body, including Plenaries, Representative Council Plenaries, all Representative Council meetings, SGA Gala, Night Market, Strike Remembrance, and further.

Whereas, the President meets with the faculty, Board of Trustees, President of the College, Dean of the College, Dean of Student Life, Director of Residential Life, and any and all members of administration.

Whereas, the President directs all communications regarding the above responsibilities.

Whereas, the President is singularly responsible for representing and protecting the SGA throughout their entire tenure.

Be it resolved, two individuals can hold the SGA President position as SGA Co-Presidents beginning in the Spring 2026 semester.

Be it resolved, interested students must run together throughout the entire election process.

Be it resolved, freshmen and sophomores will formally be prohibited from running for the Self-Governance Association President position.

Be it resolved, at least one candidate in a duo of Co-Presidents must be a current junior / rising senior at the time of election.

Be it resolved, neither of the Co-Presidents can study abroad or plan to be away from the semester during their tenure

Questions and Comments:

Esénia: Thank you.

Applause.

Parker: Alright, we have 2 minutes for you to sign up if you have any questions or comments. Go to Yeseo over there.

Angelique: I just have a comment in support. I think this is an amazing resolution because you do so much as the SGA President, as have your predecessors. I think that it doesn't hurt anyone to vote yes to this. It only helps you as students. Thank you so much.

Esénia: Thank you.

Julia Lorenzen '29: I'm Julia, a rising class of 29, and my question is just like how would the Co-Presidents then, like, divide the work? Like, is that just up to them to figure out between themselves?

Esénia: Yeah absolutely. Thank you for your question. Every SGA tenure is completely unpredictable as to what it demands. A year ago, if you told me all of the things I would be doing, I would laugh in your face. I'm literally figuring things out as I go. So, basically these things are essential and in the constitution. We should be meeting with the presidents every single month. Things like that, presidents can have one person attend. The other thing is, we have so many meetings with administrations. Dean Denine Rocco, who is in the back, we meet with her every week. Thinking about RepCo Plenary, thinking about Night Market, thinking about plenary, Big Cheese, Strike Remembrance Week, doing all of that, of course I have the wonderful Parker helping me with plenary, and we're doing that 50/50 Other than that though, those things can be easily divided regarding and depending on what the co-presidents want and what they look like? Completely up to them. Thank you.

Julia: Thank you.

Parker: The time for questions and comments elapsed. We're moving on to resolution 5, formal affirmation of student support for academic freedom.

Resolution #5: Formal Affirmation of Student Support for the “Faculty Statement of Principles of Academic Freedom”

Presented By: Isabelle Stid ‘26

Summary: In the spring of 2025, the Bryn Mawr College faculty overwhelmingly voted to adopt the “Faculty Statement of Principles of Academic Freedom,” which affirmed faculty’s and students’ right to academic freedom as members of the Bryn Mawr community and as private citizens. This statement came in the wake of increasing nationwide threats to academic freedom and oversight on what professors can teach, what students can say, and how academic communities can share their opinions. In 2024, one nationwide survey showed that over 90% of faculty believed that academic freedom was being threatened.¹

Our Faculty’s “Statement of Principles of Academic Freedom” reflects their commitment and unique responsibility to “protecting and promoting academic freedom”² on campus, and furthers our College’s mission to foster “intellectual curiosity, independence, [and] personal integrity.”³ The Faculty’s principles state that “Academic freedom is a right and protection intended to ensure the unfettered pursuit and production of knowledge and exchange of ideas. It protects the freedom to research and teach, as well as the freedom to listen and learn.”⁴ In declaring our support for the “Faculty Statement of Principles of Academic Freedom” we express our self-government association’s shared interest in and commitment to academic freedom. The faculty’s principles state that “Students as a body have the right and responsibility to participate in self-governance and the College should ensure their representation in shared governance,”⁵ declaring our support for these principles is embodying our right and responsibility to self-governance.

This resolution formally expresses our gratitude for and solidarity with Bryn Mawr College faculty for their work in adopting these principles and acknowledges the faculty’s special role in “protecting and promoting” academic freedom per the Bryn Mawr College plan of Governance. By adopting this resolution, the student body recommits to continued engagement in dialogue

across campus constituencies on issues of academic freedom, the Honor Code, freedom of expression, and other pressing concerns.

Whereas, the Inside Higher Ed Faculty and Election Survey 2024 found that 91% of surveyed faculty believed that academic freedom in higher education is under threat

Whereas, the Bryn Mawr College Plan of Governance states that “the Faculty has authority over all academic matters, including... the promotion and protection of academic freedom.”⁷

Whereas, the Bryn Mawr College Faculty overwhelmingly voted to adopt the “Faculty Statement of Principles of Academic Freedom” after great discernment.

Whereas, declaring support for the “Faculty Statement of Principles of Academic Freedom” expresses our commitment as students to academic freedom.

Whereas, declaring support for the “Faculty Statement of Principles of Academic Freedom” is engaging in dialogue on academic freedom and freedom of expression in line with our mission as a self-government association.

Whereas, declaring support for the “Faculty Statement of Principles of Academic Freedom” recognizes and thanks the Faculty for their responsibility to promote academic freedom.

Be it resolved, the undergraduate student body of Bryn Mawr College, through the student body’s self-government association, formally affirms its support for the Bryn Mawr College Faculty’s “Faculty Statement of Principles of Academic Freedom.”

Questions and Comments:

Isabelle: Whoo, that was a mouthful.

Applause.

Parker: If you'd like to read the statement on the principles of academic freedom, it is on the plenary packet. But, we're not going to read all that out because it would take a while. If you have any questions or comments, go to Yeseo. You have two minutes to sign up. Alright, last call for questions or comments.

Isabelle: No questions? Guys, I prepared to go to battle over this. I was really stressed out.

Parker: Alright, let's move on to the next resolution. Alright, resolution #6. Implement direct and diversified financial support from Bryn Mawr College in the funding of the traditions budget.

Eleanor: Hi, I'm Eleanor Sullivan and I'm one of the presenters and we are presenting on the implement direct and diversified financial support from Bryn Mawr College in the funding of the traditions budget.

Resolution #6: Implement Direct and Diversified Financial Support from Bryn Mawr College in the Funding of the Traditions Budget

Presented By: Eleanor Sullivan and Kathleen Tan, Traditions Mistex(es) 2025-2026

Summary: The resolution reflects the desire of the student body to enjoy Traditions to the fullest extent without undue financial burden on the Self-Governance Association and thus the various clubs of the College. This resolution therefore emphasizes the responsibility of the College's administration and deliberative bodies to directly contribute to the operating budget of Traditions. This resolution also encourages a framework which allows alumnae to contribute directly to said budget as well, further diversifying the streams of funding for Traditions, and consequently lightening the burden of independently funding Traditions on the Self-Governance Association.

Whereas, The Traditions budget¹ is entirely allocated from the SGA budget²; and

Whereas, The SGA budget is limited inherently by student dues; and

Whereas, The SGA budget must provide funding and appropriately accommodate the entirety of the College's extracurricular clubs and sports; and

Whereas, Traditions accounts for 35.6 percent of the total SGA Budget in the Fall Term; and

Whereas, The Traditions Budget decreased by 45 percent in the proceeding Spring semester budget of the SGA; and

Whereas, The College does not provide direct financial support to Traditions; and

Whereas, The College unquestionably benefits from the promotion of Traditions and related

events in public relations, in the form of social media and promotion on the official website; and

Whereas, The College further promotes Traditions as a draw and factor of application for prospective students; and

Whereas, The College illicit financial benefit from the success and marketability of Traditions; and

Whereas, The College's Budget Committee commits to resource allocation towards the College's vision, mission, and strategic priorities; and

Whereas, Insufficient financial support resulting in the decline in the quality of Traditions reflects poorly on the College to prospective students, current students, and alumnae as the failure to fulfill a core tenant of the College's social composition; and

Whereas, Alumnae have a vested interest and connection to the Traditions of the College, having participated themselves; and

Whereas, Traditions therefore constitutes a key aspect of the College's marketable brand, alumnae ties, and student engagement; now, therefore,

Be it resolved, that the budget allocated to Traditions be supplemented or provided in full directly by the college, and via the possibility of direct alumnae contributions. The administration of the College must make every effort to include consideration of Traditions in the financial decisions and long-term planning of the College. The most relevant subset of the administration being the Budget Committee, which must take up this issue with priority, as it will be in the best interest of the students and College to make the support of Traditions a function of the school's fiscal future, ensuring the adequate maintenance of the major traditions to their historical standards. Similarly, a framework must be implemented which allows interested alumnae to contribute financially to the operations of Traditions. This framework must be advertised and endorsed by the College and the greater alumnae network, subject to legal guidelines of taxation and charity.

The involvement of the College directly in supporting Traditions will also further a more equitable exchange wherein the use of Traditions in public relations is appropriately justified via concrete support provided by the College.

Questions and Comments:

Esénia: You now have 2 minutes to come to Yeseo if you have questions or comments.

Kendall Phillips '26: Hello. My name is Kendall Phillips class of 2026 and I am a former traditions mistress. Passing this resolution specifically for the direct and diversified support will likely be the end of WTF Week as we know it. Student Life currently funds few events during WTF week, specifically most of the alternative events. It has been explained to me that by funding these events for WTF Week, it means that the college gains full legal liability for what goes on during them. WTF Week exists as it is today because it is funded by SGA solely, meaning that the college can separate itself legally from this event. While you might not believe it, the last few years have been a compromise reached because of the hard work of the traditions mistress. It can be so, so much worse. The administration being able to say that they won't fund events unless they are operated exactly how they should be will almost certainly be the death of WTF Week. The Traditions Mistresses will lose any bargaining chips they have, which includes choosing how much they want to work with administrators, on the planning side for the rest of the major traditions. Traditions being made by students for students will be gone forever. I know just how hard the traditions budget is and how complicated it is and how much it takes up our budget. An alternative to this resolution could be asking the college to fund the largest single line item on the SGA budget: our lanterns. Each cost \$200, adding up to \$80000 last year, likely higher this year due to tariffs. Also in this resolution is creating an ability for alumni to donate directly to traditions, or well just SGA in general, which could be another great solution, and one used in the 50s to deal with the traditions budget crisis. Again, as a former traditions mistress, I am standing here because I am concerned about this resolution and what it means for the future of traditions. Thank you.

Sarah Haskell '27: Sorry, I wasn't sure if there was a response to that. Hi, my name is Sarah Haskell. I am class of 2027. I think it's absolutely imperative that traditions is funded better. The crisis that we had this year is insane considering how marketable it is. I have a similar

concern though in terms of traditions which is that the minute we let administration fund our traditions is the second that we let them have power over them. One thing that comes to mind, yes WTF Week for sure, also the conserved effort to tone that down and cut that down, to discourage people from, like, getting to more extreme aspects of that further than what is mandated by safety. I also have concerns about retaliation, financial retaliation. I'm thinking specifically about my freshman year, me boycotting May Day. I boycotted May Day in support of the student encampment for Palestine. While it's not certain this would happen again, I think that any efforts to politicize or use resolutions to defer the voices of the student body could absolutely result in financial retaliation from the college. I think that Wendy Cadge would then absolutely have the power to say "Well, you boycotted last time, we're not funding this again" and there, of course, would be many ways to do so, but the aim would be the same, which is to suppress the use of traditions by students to further, like, our voices and our opinions, if that makes sense. So yeah, I guess my comment, question is how would traditions be able to, while being dependent on the college for a large portion of their funding, be able to maintain student autonomy in using and personalizing traditions in the way that represents the interests of the student body and not those of admin, which, as we've seen, diverge all the time. Thank you.

Applause.

Kathleen Tan: I understand the concern voiced by Sarah and Kendall. I just, all of these, I think are valid concerns, but they are all nebulous futures. They're situations that can happen but what is concretely currently happening is that we're taking up so much of the SGA budget. To the question of administration, our traditions I think is the most salient aspect of if the college were to be financially supporting traditions already ... We are already subject to admin in everything we do for traditions. There is not a sense of autonomy that comes necessarily from the comparative financial independence. All of our decisions, events, and reservations for spaces are determined by admin. So, I don't see this as a massive step in us giving up autonomy as students in relation to traditions because we are already subject to the guidelines and personal whims as it stands.

Eleanor: I would also like to add that this resolution is not about removing traditions entirely from the budget. It's more about diversifying the funds we can get, such as alumni donations. We are prohibited from getting any money from alums. So, by diversifying this, this does not mean we have to take money from the college, but does have the ability to look into

other avenues of getting financial support so it's not falling entirely on the student government association.

Sarah: Thank you.

Applause.

Sam Ritter '27: I'm Sam. I'm mostly reiterating what everybody else already said. There's a crossroads of needing to take the weight off of the SGA budget and also the autonomy we get from having admin less involved in traditions. I would like to put out slightly a question, slightly a comment, I think that the way this is currently written does leave a lot of room for admin to have the ability to engrain itself further in traditions. I wonder if there is a way to, obviously this is the resolution presented to us today, but if there is a way modify it in the future to separate out traditions, like Lantern Night, having them help fund the lanterns explicitly, May Day explicitly, the Concert Series explicitly, and separating out the parts of traditions that are much more student run as it were and not so that would be the most vulnerable to admin having more control and oversight. If I remember correctly, this is something that was talked about when we changed the name from Hell Week to What the Fuck Week or Welcome The First Years Week and it's uh, something that alumni talked about a lot was that there was, there had to be a rapid change in how it was conducted in order for it to stay on campus. I think we talked about this as a compromise. I'm worried that the same pushback will constrict it even more. I'm really glad that a lot of the safety regulations came out of those conversations. I worry that those same safety regulations will not come out of future conversations if that makes sense

Kathleen: Okay, lots of things to address in that one. One, I'll say in terms of openness in what the resolution says, this resolution does not pass and then admin says "Okay, here's \$250,000 dollars." This is just an imperative from the students that says that we find traditions to be very important and that it should not cause undue financial burden to other aspects of college life. Conceivably, we do this and nothing changes except that alumni can contribute in theory. Also, to this question that has come up multiple times about WTF Week, I enjoy WTF Week as much as everyone, but if ... The college making changes that are in line with legal concerns and legal guidelines in the state of Pennsylvania in relation to hazing and general interpersonal relations substances, while that does comprise some aspects of the tradition, I feel that is not an undue request of the college. If we're doing things ... if we're asked not to do things because they propose a legal issue, I think the college is valid in asking that. Not that I love admin, but.

Eleanor: We promise that as frustrated as you guys are with admin, we are frustrated with them. It has been an ongoing nightmare this semester. I have a comment about the writing of the resolution. I hope you can all take this as a sign to please come to repco plenary because this is where we have amendments to rewrite resolutions just for the future. I really hear where you guys are coming from. Thank you.

Isabelle: Thank you to our amazing speakers. The time has passed. Um, we are now moving on to resolution #7, locking of dining halls, The Well, and most academic buildings.

Esénia: Hello everyone. Resolution 7. That means 7 of 12. We are 7 of 12 resolutions into plenary. Locking of dining halls, The Well, and most academic buildings on Bryn Mawr's campus during the daytime.

Resolution #7: Locking of dining halls, The Well, and most academic buildings on Bryn Mawr's Campus during the daytime

Presented by: The SGA Executive Board '25-26

Summary: This resolution introduces the transformation of Bryn Mawr College's largely public campus into a private space for Bryn Mawr community members in many capacities through the 24/7 locking of most academic buildings, excluding buildings that inherently are impossible or nearly impossible to lock like Old Library and Canaday. We are aware that Dalton will be the first academic building to be locked 24/7 and only accessible via OneCard in the same way already – this resolution is therefore only applicable to Erdman Dining Hall, New Dorm Dining Hall, The Well, Taylor Hall, English House, Bettws-y-Coed, Russian House (currently in the Pensby Center).

At the moment, there is unrestricted access to these buildings without OneCard until about 10pm on weekdays, with Park Science being open 24/7. Taylor Hall is accessible after 10pm with the use of a OneCard. On Saturdays and Sundays, Park Science and English House are locked all day, and only accessible through the use of a OneCard, which is presently used by undergraduate and graduate Bryn Mawr students, administration, faculty, staff, and Campus Safety officers.

It is important to note that the eminent threats against our community are not from within, and this resolution is not in relation to pushes across the country to lock or otherwise restrict access to buildings on campus in the name of restricting avenues for protest. Locking buildings so that access is only granted to community members is a reinforcement of the Self Governance Association's commitment to our community. It is also imperative to recognize that Taylor Hall is a historical site of protest, and this resolution is not meant to erase or inhibit that history.

This resolution also comes at a time where surveillance against students is at an extreme high, and that this change would objectively contribute further to the collection of Bryn Mawr College

student information. Provided that this resolution passes, we commit to working with students to ensure that this information cannot be exploited against students for the purpose of curbing the ability for freedom of expression. It should be known to community members that personal information stored on the OneCard (name, community member status, and time of swipe) is stored information available to Campus Safety.

It is also understood that limited access to Bryn Mawr facilities without a OneCard may pose challenges for community members who have responsibilities, work, or other commitments and may not have their physical OneCard on their person. For this reason, a clause to this resolution would be the implementation of a phone wallet OneCard feature for all Bryn Mawr community members with OneCards to be able to scan in.

Among those individuals who will have permanent OneCard access to these buildings, with respect to each building's regular closing time, are Bryn Mawr College undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, administration, and staff, as well as Haverford College students who have access to our academic buildings. Bryn Mawr College is no stranger to limiting access to buildings to individuals without a OneCard on their person – most recently, Guild Hall and Dalton Hall were made no longer accessible to individuals without OneCard access. Every member of our campus should be allowed to feel safe from threats external to our community, and that safety should not be relegated to two buildings on the same side of campus.

Provided this resolution passes, this will be presented to the Board of Trustees and Campus Safety for immediate implementation.

Whereas, unrestricted access to academic buildings during all hours of the day puts students' safety at risk from those outside of the Bryn Mawr Community.

Whereas, there has been an increase in threats to college campuses in recent years, ranging from incidents of “swatting”¹ to gun violence.²

Whereas, some academic buildings have already made key card access mandatory during the day, namely Dalton Hall.

Whereas, partners in our TriCo consortium already have implemented locking academic buildings during the day for community safety.

Be it resolved, The Well, Erdman Dining Hall, New Dorm Dining Hall, Taylor Hall, English House, Bettws-y-Coed, and Russian House (currently in the Pensby Center) begin being locked 24/7, requiring One-Cards for access to the majority of academic buildings on campus.

Be it resolved, the '25-'26 SGA Executive Board will bring this resolution to Campus Safety, the Board of Trustees, and other responsible parties, and will work with all constituencies to see this resolution implemented as efficiently and smoothly as possible.

Be it resolved, all cameras across Bryn Mawr College academic and dormitory buildings will be removed.

Be it resolved, OneCard information cannot be used by administration, as information will be wiped within 24 hours.

Be it resolved, Park Science and the Campus Center will be open without OneCard access necessary from 9-5pm, but immediately be locked after 5pm.

Questions and Comments:

Parker: If you have any questions or comments, go up to Yeseo. You have 2 minutes.

Isabelle: Wait, Esénia, can you unmute Yeseo's phone?

Esénia: Yeah.

Isabelle Stid '26: We're gonna wait a minute. Sorry y'all. People who have questions or comments, you have one more minute to come sign up. Hi everyone, my name is Isabelle, class of 2026. I want to talk to about this, speaking in support and how it relates to ICE. Currently, for

those who may or may not know, under the fourth amendment, ICE, border patrol, police officers, etc., are not able to enter private buildings without a signed judicial warrant. Bryn Mawr college's academic buildings are not private buildings because anyone can go in. What this resolution also does is in addition to making us safe from other outside threats is it makes all of our buildings immediately private, so that again, ICE officials, border patrol officials, cannot legally enter these buildings without signed judicial warrants. Also, in private buildings, staff of the college do not have to assist ICE, border patrol, police agents etc., even with a signed police warrant. Um, while some people might say that having to bring your OneCard is a hassle, I would like to say to all those people, if you have the privilege, like myself, of not being worried about being forcibly kidnapped by ICE, the minor inconvenience of having to bring your OneCard places literally pales in comparison.

Applause and cheers.

Isabelle: People are literally getting kidnapped. We should all keep that in mind. Being in a community requires sacrificing small things to keep others safe. This is literally the smallest sacrifice ever. This does that. I realize that there is a real chance of students' OneCard information being used against them in times of protest or other contentious times on campus and while that is a risk that I think that we as a community should think about moving forward, I would say our moral short term imperative is protecting all members of our community from outside threats such as ICE. Thank you.

Applause and cheers.

Jayden Coffey '27: Hi my name is Jayden, I'm class of 2027, and Isabelle spoke most of what I was going to say. I'm speaking in support of this. I think that as adults, which we all are, you have to have house keys if you leave your house. Bring your OneCard places! I, if you lived in Erdman last year, probably texted the groupchat that I did not have my OneCard maybe twenty times. I lose my OneCard, but that is not of the most importance to our security. If you want to make a safe space on campus, you will support us, you know, combatting ICE's access to our campus. Thank you.

Applause.

Rai Mitra Thakur '28: Hi, I'm Rai Mitra Thakur. I'm a sophomore, and I just wanted to ... I am in support of this, especially the clause of adding OneCard access to your phones. I know that as a CP a lot of first years who have had OneCard problems, either lost, and they're

not able to access any buildings and they feel dependent on a lot of different friends and peers that they have to go in and access, so I was a little worried and skeptical of this resolution, but I really do like the fact that we're trying to be a little more innovative and hoping to add it to things like apple wallets or some sort of online version. It is so inefficient right now.

Esénia: Thank you.

Amelia Oehmke '27: Hi, I'm Amelia, class of 27 and I really support this resolution. I think it's a great idea. My one fear is that I know lately we have had a lot of problems with peoples OneCards not working passed 11pm, and so I guess, my question is just, like, is there sort of, do we have a plan for the fact that has been a really big issue lately, that like, prohibits people from getting access buildings that they need to get access to. I'm worried this will make the problem worse.

Esénia: I think that issue is a little negligible. I mean, like, I'm really thinking about it and those kinds of issues, if you mean like technical difficulties regarding people getting into buildings, that's not really something this is trying to address, nor is it necessarily responsible for and if you mean like 11pm for dorms, that's ResLife question in regards to, for example you not being able to get into dorms outside of your own dorm outside of 11pm.

Amelia: No, people have been locked out of their own dorms after 11pm.

Esénia: That has nothing to do with this resolution.

Parker: Just speaking to that issue, as someone who lives in Erd and has had many friends have that same issue, just call Campus Safety and they'll be able to fix it within like a day or two, so if you have that same problem, call them.

Esénia: Yes. Thank you.

Leo Caceres '28: Hi, I'm Leo, class of 28. I just wanted to mention in regards to protesting rights, this also opens up protesting rights for a lot of international students to not put their visas at risk when protesting and also lets undocumented students participate in sharing their voices on campus without having to fear, as heavily, being forcibly kidnapped. So, it does open a lot of protest rights for students as well. With the amendment to wipe OneCard information after 24 hours, I think it will make protesting a lot safer on campus.

Tess Nielsen '27: Hi! I'm Tess Nielsen, class of 2027. I am very in support of this, I just have a specific note about locking the Campus Center after 5pm. I work at the info desk there. Right now, the mail room system for packages delivered after 5pm is the delivery person comes

in and gives it to the person at the front desk, so you might just want to talk to the mail room about implementing an alternate system for delivering packages after 5pm.

Esénia: That sounds perfect to me. Thank you.

XXX: XXX I'm mostly concerned with the surveillance aspect of this just a little logistical part. The college has actively demonstrated that they use OneCard data to pull people into meetings. It's, like, a lot of people have been pulled into meetings with their OneCards as their singular piece of evidence. I'm wondering how ur gonna ensure that if the college agrees to do this, and they lock down all the doors of all of these buildings, that they're also gonna agree to do this 24-hour thing which is to not use that data because they technically don't have to agree to every single stipulation of this.

Esénia: I'm thinking about the logistics of this as well with the administration. I very highly expect the administrations won't like even the clause that they wipe it after 24 hours, but I will make it my sincere mission to advocate that this has to happen with that clause and amendment and that requirement that this is not used against students. I cannot guarantee anything. My goal with this is, and I know this is a present concern because this objectively adds surveillance by having students and any staff members swipe in, which means they will be adding to the database that Bryn Mawr admin already keep on students and use against students on campus. I cannot guarantee the reaction, but in regards to the resolution, that is an essential and non-negotiable part of this.

Applause.

Parker: Seeing as there are no more questions, we will move on to the next resolution.

Applause.

Esénia: One time SGA due increase by 2.5% for the 26-27 academic year and a one-year pause for funding new organizations.

Resolution #8: One-time SGA due increase by 2.5% for the 2026-27 Academic Year and a one-year pause on funding for new organizations

Presented by: Esénia Bañuelos '26, President of the SGA

Summary: This resolution is in reference to the extremely budgetary crisis that the Self Governance Association (SGA) has been forced into through years of misused COVID surplus, collective negligence, and inaction. Given that the entirety of the SGA budget is predicated on dues from the student body, without supplementary funding by other entities within the administration and outside the Bryn Mawr College community, the only way to guarantee a raise of funds available for student events, gatherings, and other expenses is to raise the only avenue through which we currently receive them – our SGA dues.

The proposed increase is tentatively only for the 2026-27 academic year at a rate of 2.5% in addition to the \$430 charge. This will be an increase of \$10.75 per student each year, for a total of \$440.75. This increase will not go into effect without the Board of Trustees' approval, and will be implemented beginning in the Fall 2026 semester.

At the moment, each Bryn Mawr College undergraduate student pays the Self Governance Association \$430 each academic year. This is a constant expense that does not increase each year at any rate. These expenses are pooled to create the collective Self Governance Association budget. Each year, with exponentially rising rates of inflation and the creation of new organizations, expenses rise, and our available budget only falls. Every single organization, committee, and club is negatively impacted by the SGA budgetary crisis.³

Where the SGA dues are charged at a constant and consistent amount each year, other expenses billed by Bryn Mawr College are rapidly increasing. Similarly beginning with the 2026-27 academic year, undergraduate tuition and fees will climb 4%. Tuition alone will increase by \$2,710 for the academic year (from \$67,730 to \$70,440). For the price of a medium chai at

Uncommon Grounds each semester,⁴ students would be able to contribute to the largest increase to the budget post-quarantine.

If each student of the 1,360 current Bryn Mawr undergraduate students says the SGA due increase, the available SGA budget would increase by \$14,620 for the entire year, and \$7,310 each semester. Each organization, club, and committee would be eligible for this funding, and it would not exist separately from the collective sum of the SGA budget.

This resolution is only valid for a one-time increase to the SGA dues for the 2026-27 academic year, given that the matter of designing a long-term increase to the budget should not occur without substantial student input and partnership. These conversations will begin in the Spring 2026 semester in the form of two mandatory Representative Council meetings in addition to the Spring 2026 budget meeting and Representative Council Plenary.

A final clause to this resolution recognizes that this increase will be null for the currently impacted organizations, committees, and clubs should further organizations, clubs, and committees be allowed to form and receive funding in the 2026-27 academic year. For this reason, there will be a one-year pause on funding for new organizations, beginning in the 2026-27 academic year. This means that new organizations, clubs, and committees will be recognized should they not require any funding from the Self-Governance Association.

Whereas, the SGA budget is entirely predicated on SGA dues, which are collected from a yearly charge of \$430 to each undergraduate student.

Whereas, the SGA budget does not increase per year.

Whereas, the SGA budget can only increase by increasing the amount of SGA dues.

Whereas, all student-run activities, organizations, organizations, and clubs are funded by the Self-Governance Association.

Be it resolved, a one-time charge of 2.5% will be added to the current \$430 charge, resulting in a final amount of \$440.75 to be charged to each undergraduate student in the 2026-27 academic year.

Questions and Comments:

Esénia: Thank you.

Applause.

Parker: You have two minutes to go up to Yeseo if you have questions or comments. After that, we cannot accept any more speakers.

Natalie Schliekelman '26: Hi, my name is Natalie. I'm a senior and I've been a member of RepCo for three years and I've sort of seen the budget crisis as it's been going on over three years. This year, even \$9000, which we were able to get from Haverford, meant the difference between tens of clubs being funded and not being funded. I'm speaking in support of this, I think this would be really helpful. I'm on financial aid and my tuition does not increase when tuition increase because I'm on more financial aid, so I think that would be the case as well but I'm not sure.

Lucy Sparks Mendez '26: I had a related question, is this increase in charge for SGA funding covered by scholarships? Or is it coming out of people's pockets?

Esénia: Yes, so I'm currently on full financial aid, and even though the tuition fees have increased every single year by thousands of dollars, my financial aid still covers it. It also covers all of my SGA dues, so it would cover this as well.

Lucy: Do you know if that's true for all types of scholarships or just some scholarships?

Esénia: That's a financial aid question.

Lucy: Okay, thank you.

Esénia: Thank you.

Parker: Alright, the time for questions is now elapsed and we will move on to the next resolution.

Esénia: Now, we are welcoming repealing Bryn Mawr's new guidelines in support of protest and demonstrations.

Applause.

XXX: Hi guys. Just wanna say that Jai wrote this, we're just presenting it, so shoutout Jai. Um, I hope you all have read the new protest policy so you'll understand the necessity, what I believe is a necessity, of this.

Resolution #9: Repealing Bryn Mawr's New Guidelines In Support of Protests and Demonstrations

Presented by: Jai Abbott '27

Summary: In October, Bryn Mawr administration released new protest guidelines. These guidelines "In Support of Protests and Demonstrations" severely limit students' ability to protest in public spaces, use amplified sound, or conduct encampments. They also request students schedule protests weeks in advance, particularly in spaces such as Merion Green, a popular protest location. This policy adds language that would limit speech which "threatens the health and safety of our community"¹, wording vague enough to be utilized against constitutionally protected speech. Violation of these policies may result in suspension or legal action, including citation for trespassing, but the honor code or any clarification as to how these consequences are determined is never mentioned. While there were policy listening sessions last year, they were based on a drastically different draft than is currently in place, thus these new guidelines were put in place without comprehensive student or faculty input, representing a troubling break with democratic values of community governance and freedom of expression. This resolution calls on Bryn Mawr's administration to repeal these new unnecessary and overly prohibitive protest guidelines, and not institute new protest guidelines without student government approval.

Whereas, Bryn Mawr College's "commitment to the free expression of ideas extends to the expression of dissenting ideas; the College recognizes that the free representation of dissenting points of view is necessary to the climate of open and vigorous debate essential to its educational Mission."²

Whereas, Bryn Mawr College's new Guidelines in Support of Protests and Demonstrations ban encampments, severely limit the use of amplified sound, place strict restrictions on acceptable locations for protests, and require after hours permission for using protest space.³

Whereas, Bryn Mawr College's new Guidelines in Support of Protests and Demonstrations adds

language that would limit speech which “threatens the health and safety of our community” and eliminates wording in the previous policy which permitted students to “express their ideas without hindrance, no matter how unpopular or controversial their ideas might be,”⁴

Whereas, Bryn Mawr college has a history of student protest, including strikes, encampments, and building takeovers, which culminated in results such as divestment policy and new antiracism programs.

Whereas, Many of the historically effective protests Bryn Mawr students took part in would be forbidden under the new guidelines released by the college due to their lack of notice, use of college spaces, overnight protests, and sound amplification.

Whereas, Bryn Mawr College “became the first institution of higher education in the United States to give students responsibility to not only enforce rules of behavior upon themselves, but also for decid[ing] what those rules should be.”⁵

Whereas, Bryn Mawr students and faculty were not active participants in the writing, review, or release of this new policy.

Be it Resolved, The Bryn Mawr student body calls on President Wendy Cadge, Dean Tomiko Jenkins, and any other relevant members of Bryn Mawr Administration to repeal these new protest guidelines, remove them from the website, and release a statement that they will not be enforced.

Be it Resolved, If Bryn Mawr College Administration feels the need to institute new protest guidelines, they must be written in an opt-in team of students, faculty members, and members of administration, then passed through plenary

Questions and Comments:

Applause.

Esénia: Hi there. Because these wonderful presenters are not the ones who actually wrote the resolution, they cannot answer questions. However, if you have comments, you can give a comment. Actually, they're willing to answer questions.

Yeseo Lim '28: They can't.

Evan Pineo '28: They can't.

Esénia: You can't constitutionally?

Yeseo: Girl, you said that.

Evan: You said that!

Yeseo: You said this!

Esénia: Oh, I said that? I did say this... I can undo it. It's not like I wrote that down anywhere. Come on. Come on, let's do it.

Evan: You pick, you're the president.

Yeseo: Girl, I don't know.

Evan: I don't think anyone has a question.

Esénia: Jai said that they are comfortable with them answering questions.

Evan: Sounds good.

Esénia: If you have a question, come up now. One minute. This is crazy.

XXX: Does everyone agree?

Audience cheers in agreement.

Esénia: Period. Thank you!

Applause.

Parker: Alright, we are moving on to resolution #10, restructuring of the SFC committee.

Esénia: Okay, so, resolution #10, restructuring of the SFC committee.

Resolution #10: Restructuring of the SFC Committee

Presented by: Esénia Bañuelos '26, President of the SGA; Jet Taylor '27, Co-Treasurer of the SGA; Zoe Beer '26, Co-Treasurer of the SGA

Summary: The Student Finance Committee is in charge of processing reimbursements for their assigned clubs before the Self Governance Association (SGA) Treasurers review and submit them to Accounts Payable. The majority of the responsibility falls on the Treasurers for assigning budgets every semester, submitting weekly reimbursements to Accounts Payable, and managing Mid-Semester review. Further, it is the sole responsibility of the Treasurers to review semesterly budget requests – no member of the SFC is allowed to view or comment on budgetary requests, nor have any weight on the ultimate decision process when budgets are ultimately decided by the Treasurers. At the moment, the primary responsibility of SFC members is assigned to different organizations and clubs to assist at an individual level with budgetary questions and concerns throughout the semester.

Similarly, SFC members are currently selected in the form of personal appointment by the two Treasurers during each semester's Committee selection process. This resolution would make it so that these positions, with the exception of the SGA AMO Advisory Board Treasurer, would be elected early in the Spring 2026 semester. These members would be trained in using Engage and will work closely with the Treasurers in the budgetary decision period to offer perspective on individual SGA budgetary requests. They will not have the ability to make a decision – they are advising the Treasurers.

Given that the budgeting process and reimbursement process is important to clubs and students campus-wide, we would like to propose a resolution to restructure the Student Finance Committee by making the SFC Representative role a Spring-elected role and including an AMO-specific SFC representative (the head of the SGA AMO Advisory Board, or SGA AAB) to advocate for AMO needs during the budgeting process.

This will help to ensure that the Treasurers and the Student Finance Committee are best equipped for creating a fair budgeting and reimbursement process throughout the semester and for years to come.

Because the most recent Student Finance Committee members were only elected at the beginning of the Fall 2025 semester, only the remaining slots for the Committee will be filled by the Spring 2026 elections. However, the Committee will be completely elected by the student body in the Spring 2027 semester.

Whereas, the Self-Governance Association (SGA) Treasurers are the sole handlers of the SGA budget.

Whereas, the SGA Treasurers are the Head of the Student Finance Committee.

Whereas, Student Finance Committee members are selected by the Treasurers during the Committee appointments period in the Fall each academic year.

Whereas, only Treasurers have the ability to view and make decisions on SGA budgetary requests each semester.

Whereas, there is no position on the Student Finance Committee that is specifically dedicated to advocating for member organizations of the Alliance of Multicultural Organizations (AMOs).

Be it resolved, members of the Student Finance Committee elected in Fall 2025 will be trained to handle SGA semesterly budgetary requests, and will advise the Treasurers on their decisions.

Be it resolved, new members of the Student Finance Committee must be elected in an early SGA election in the Spring 2026 semester.

Be it resolved, the SGA AMO AAB Head will be the only non-publicly elected member of the Student Finance Committee.

Be it resolved, members of the Student Finance Committee will not be able to make decisions on SGA semesterly budgetary requests.

Be it resolved, the SGA Treasurers remain the Heads of the Student Finance Committee, and their election will continue to be held with the rest of the SGA Executive Board members in the Spring semester each academic year

Questions and Comments:

Esénia: Thank you.

Applause.

Parker: Alright, if you have any questions or comments, go to Yeseo. You have two minutes to go up and sign up to say it. Last call for questions and comments. Thank you.

Esénia: Alrighty, thank you.

Applause.

Esénia: We are on resolution #11 out of 12. I told you guys I'd get you out of here quick. Come on, Ellie! Creation of an archive records policy.

Resolution #11: Creation of an Archival Records Management Policy

Presented by: '25-26 Co-Archivists (Ellie Leonardo & Ella Horvath)

Summary: Currently, there is no standing policy for what material is kept in the SGA Archive, as housed in Special Collections. The absence of archival precedent has resulted in a lack of continuity within the Institutional Memory Committee and has required consent be obtained for each individual document. This resolution proposes that the following material be automatically archived, unless participants communicate in a written request that the items be exempt. These materials will be held on two SGA hard drives, one in the possession of the Institutional Memory Committee and one in Special Collections, for the sake of long-term preservation and maintenance. Physical material that is given to the SGA archive will be passed to Special Collections five years after it entered our archive.

- Plenary proposals
- Plenary results (without individual students votes)
- Archived documents from campus activities
- Interviews with Executive Board Members
- Constitutional amendments
- Meeting minutes
- Traditions material including emails, songs books, and the traditions bible

Budgets may contain private information so each organization will vote on the inclusion of their budget in the archive each semester.

Should the resolution be passed, a statement will be placed on the official SGA website detailing our archival policy. This will not extend to previously archived material and is intended only to establish a public precedent and future clarity in the archival process.

Whereas, institutional memory is essential to our identity as the United State's first collegiate student government association,

Whereas, inconsistencies in SGA institutional memory have led to significant gaps and losses in the archive in the past decade

Whereas, clarifications on what material is automatically archived or exempt from the archive do not yet exist,

Whereas, the SGA Archives should have an archival identity expressed through this policy distinct from, as well as within and in collaboration with, Bryn Mawr College Special Collections,

Be it resolved, we, the '25-26 Co-Archivists of the Self-Government Association, present a policy for the clarification of a consistent, standard SGA archival process

Questions and Comments:

Ellie: Thank you.

Applause.

Parker: If you have any questions or comments, go to Yeseo. Okay, last call. Alright.

Esénia: Guys, we are on the last resolution.

Applause.

Parker: Okay, resolution #12, unsubscribing Bryn Mawr as a partner institution to the Fizz application.

Evan: Hi everyone. My name is Evan Pineo and I'm the Secretary of the SGA E Board.

Resolution #12: Unsubscribing Bryn Mawr as a partner institution to the Fizz application

Presented by: The SGA Executive Board '25-26

Summary: This resolution seeks to address the pressing student safety crisis being created by Fizz, a social media application that allows for students at both Bryn Mawr and Haverford Colleges to post and reply anonymously. Active on both campuses since the onset of the 2024-25 academic year, this application has eliminated much of the precedent that enabled its problematic predecessor – anonymous confession pages on Instagram – to exist, largely because of its accessibility and speed. Any post made is posted immediately for others to view, rather than the poster needing to wait for the Instagram admin to approve and post it. Any student from either campus can register an account through the service using an institutional e-mail that must be verified. Therefore, it can be assumed that the majority of users are verified students at either institution, excluding the bots that the application uses to inflate its user base. In addition, because registration only mandates an institutional email address means that incoming students can access the app before even stepping foot on campus. Fizz exposes them to harmful, false, and deeply misleading information prior to them having the opportunity to acclimate to the true campus community, a community that is not properly reflected by Fizz posts.

Founded as a start-up at Stanford University in 2021 under the name “Buzz,” this application has virtually gone unchanged in its mission in its recent explosion at American institutions of higher-education. A research study on the application by the Stanford University McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society shared the following impetus for the application’s success, “This hyper-specific context benefited them because the founders could cultivate, test, and moderate, a community geared towards broadly universal and Stanford-specific college experiences.”¹ Four years later, at two institutions several thousands miles away from Stanford, the appeal for Fizz remains highly relevant and relatable.

Fizz is an extreme safety concern. In the previous year, Bryn Mawr and Haverford students have participated in inflammatory behavior and harassment in violation of our social Honor Code, which prides itself in creating a positive environment for community members to connect with each other when a social conflict or challenge arises. An anonymous application which institutions share, without ability to distinguish between Bryn Mawr and Haverford students, has created opportunities where individuals have encouraged and directly participated in harassment campaigns against individuals.

Should this resolution be passed, Bryn Mawr College must put themselves in the position to never affiliate themselves with a similar application again, and immediately cease affiliation with Fizz by terminating access to the application for existing users by the beginning of the Spring 2026 semester.

Whereas, Bryn Mawr College is registered as an affiliated organization with Fizz, an anonymous social media application.

Whereas, Bryn Mawr College users share a single community where they can post and reply anonymously with Haverford College users.

Whereas, Fizz has already demonstrated weak security measures that could result in the leaking of information of Bryn Mawr College students.

Whereas, Bryn Mawr and Haverford students have already faced stalking and harassment campaigns stoked by the posting of students' names and faces.

Whereas, Fizz does not represent the Bi-Co community properly.

Be it resolved, Bryn Mawr College will no longer be affiliated with the Fizz application.

Be it resolved, Bryn Mawr College will terminate access to the application by the beginning of the Spring 2026 semester.

Be it resolved, Bryn Mawr College will not affiliate themselves with any anonymous posting forum

Questions and Comments:

Esénia: Thank you.

Applause.

Parker: If you have a question or comment, go to Yeseo. You have two minutes to sign up. After that, we will not accept any more students.

Blanca Berger Sollod '26: Hi, my name is Blanca, class of 2026. I would just like to speak in support of this resolution. I really support this resolution. One thing that I would like to mention is that Bryn Mawr College has and can continue to use information that students have posted about themselves and others online and use them for disciplinary action against students, so if you think you're anonymous, and you think "Oh, I can just post this I don't care that it's against the Honor Code. I can just post it!" It's not anonymous. Don't do that. They will use disciplinary actions against you. Yeah. That's what I have to say.

Esénia: Thank you.

Lori: Hello, I'm Lori Ackerman, class of 27, also speaking in full support of this resolution. I want to emphasize another aspect of the Honor Code. I can already anticipate a possible argument that is like "What about the instagram pages? Won't those just come back?" With the Instagram pages, in the past, the Honor Code Heads have been able to DM and say "Take this down!" and the pages listen. When the Honor Board Heads have DMed Fizz, like, the same message, they get vulgar responses from the people, like "F U". It's an impossible thing to moderate. Whereas, these Instagram pages could at least have some Honor Code moderation. So, while these instagram pages aren't great, and they might come back if Fizz is taken down, they are much easier for the Honor Board to handle. This is an important resolution.

Isabelle: Yeah, just adding a response to that. I think the difference is that like, what people post, the Instagram admin, speaking from an Honor Board perspective, the Instagram admins, they weren't posting these little quips themselves, so like, in the past, when they posted people's private medical information, when they posted people's private conflicts within an

organization and it got a little gross and Honor Board Heads reached out and said “Hey, by the way, this is pretty private information we shouldn’t be sharing around publicly,” they immediately are like, “Oh my gosh! You’re right! That was on me” and delete it. Whereas, again, as you pointed out, on Fizz, because people are coming up with the quip and posting it themselves, they’re much more attached to what they’re saying, which makes, but it also means telling people that something is pretty hurtful or is, again, people’s private medical information, they’re kind of like “Well, no.”

Maisie Carroll ‘29: Hi, I'm Maisie, class of 29. I just had a clarifying question. I know one of the concerns is about censorship and if we do pass this and the administration bans Fizz, how do we ensure this doesn't set a precedent for the administration not banning student speech in the future?

Applause.

Evan: So, I've heard that comment a lot, um, as this resolution has become public and I want to make it very clear that this resolution is not any attempt to set a precedent for banning apps, social media, or limiting free speech of students. I want to amplify free speech of students. What I don't want to amplify is the bullying of students. I'm proposing the banning of Fizz in the interest of upholding our Social Honor and protecting students' health and wellbeing. I understand the concern for those precedents being set, but I believe that the concerns presented by Fizz outweigh those concerns because there are numerous other avenues where you can express yourself, where you can protest, you can express your free speech, where it's not an anonymous posting platform. I hope that by banning Fizz we can foster new ways to communicate together as a collective without needing anonymity that will tear down our community.

Applause.

Isabelle: Also, just adding just two things to that. First off, I want you to look at any single oppressive government or institution ever. One of the first things they did was give people an anonymous way to report on one another. I don't think that's that separate from what Fizz does. I would not say Fizz is where students are on the forefront of activism, I would say Fizz is on the forefront of self policing. If you talk to different groups on campus who are really involved with organizing that the institution has tried to shut down and limit, I mean I'm not on Fizz, but I'm assuming they're not posting their protests like, “Oh hey everyone,

come to my protest on Fizz.” I think the idea that this is going to limit our free speech is a little bit of a red herring. I don’t think that is truly accurate.

Mae Myers ‘28: Hi, my name is Mae, and I just had a comment about this resolution. I'm a sophomore and I was... when I was incoming into the Bryn Mawr class, there were more of the anonymous Instagram pages that predominated. I just wanna say the major difference between Fizz and those anonymous platforms isn’t in terms of the Honor Board’s ability to monitor it, but rather the platforms themselves. I saw that on Instagram, usually when people reported to Instagram itself as opposed to the owner, I conducted a bit of an experiment on Fizz where they pretty much automatically remove any post that is reported to the platform itself rather than the Honor Board moderating it. I had my friend post a regular post that wasn’t mentioning specific organizations and I reported it and it was removed pretty much instantly. The platform does pretty much take quick action. I do just think overall the positive posts on Fizz outweigh the negative.

Applause.

Esénia: As someone who was a victim of a very severe harassment campaign, I can say I do not agree. I do not agree with the fact that Bryn Mawr takes any, sorry, Fizz takes any accountability for what happens. I can say for a fact for my friends who I know who were victims of these harassment and stalking campaigns that there was no consequence. There was no accountability by the platform. So, no, I actually don’t think that the positive outweighs the negative.

Applause and cheers.

Evan: I also just want to say that I think it’s kind of a crazy thing to say that, sure, the number of positive posts outweigh the number of negative posts, but the impact is, like, indescribable for those negative posts. Like, one post saying “Evan is ugly!” and ten posts saying “Oh, the dining hall menu is weird today”. The impact of those is different even though the amount is different.

Applause.

Ellie Toyama ‘26: Hi, I’m Ellie, I’m class of 2026. Kind of just following up on all of that. You might think there’s much enjoyment for the community, that we might need something like this. I promise it is nothing compared to ??? I have friends who enjoy posting on Fizz and enjoy going on Fizz. But, I also know that three separate people who had to stop going to class,

who had to stay in their rooms, because of the things that were posted. Whether you think so or not, there is boldness in that, again, quote en quote “anonymous” accounts ??? Everyone posted online is a real person. So, I just want to remind all of you that this kind of community that we’re forming is nothing compared to the real student body. There are so many other ways to form a community and spread the way. This is not the way to do that. I think we need to weigh some positives and negatives and realize that there’s no world in which the positives outweigh those negatives.

Applause and cheers.

Esénia: I also want to maybe respond to some comments I have not received, but I’m sure are on your mind. Someone says, for example, Fizz creates a strong community between Haverford and Bryn Mawr. So, how does an anonymous, like, how do people who are anonymous in a community with each other? Quickly. Quickly. How do people, like, respond kindly to comments that someone is fucking annoying, fucking ugly, someone is all thees things, sexualizing someone, stalking someone. How does that build community? Quickly. Quickly.

Applause.

Esénia: How do all these things promote community? Is that the community you want? I don’t think so. Alright, and we’re done. We’re about to do our raffle and then you get to go home.

Parker: For reference, fall plenary, they had four resolutions and that took four hours. We just got through twelve in about two and a half

Applause.

Esénia: And a performance, by the way.

Parker: We’re moving on to our raffle.

Raffle time. Recording stopped.