# Representative Council Plenary Transcript Fall 2025

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RepCo Plenary officially began at 8:10pm on October 29th, 2025.

Evan Pineo '28: I'm, I'm, I'm recording this on a voice memo to take the best transcript

I can, so don't say anything that you don't want me to hear later. Thanks.

Esénia Bañuelos '26: Yeah, and that will be available for everybody to read. And I'm

not gonna lie, this is the first time in my entire four years at Bryn Mawr that people say they

actually do read the RepCo transcript the whole way through. So, don't say anything

embarrassing. Don't say anything embarrassing.

**Isabelle Stid '26:** Alright, so, we're gonna yell out these, like, positions. If you're voting

for that position, say here. So if you aren't that position, but you're proxying, say here. If you are

that position, but you're voting for something else, don't say here. Are we all on the same plane?

Alright, let's get started.

**Esénia:** Alright, I'm gonna call them out and you mark them?

Isabelle: I can do it.

Esénia: Okay.

**Isabelle:** Sisterhood.

**??:** Here.

**Isabelle:** Alright, Mujeres.

Esénia: Excused

**Isabelle:** Not here. Excused. I need another pen. ZAMI +

**??:** Here.

**Isabelle:** Bacaso.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: MSA.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: ASA.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: FSA.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Hillel.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: SAS.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: KSA. VSA. MIJ. MENA.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: JSA. AIS.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Bryn Mawr Athletic Alliance. EnAble.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Chabad.

Here

Isabelle: CAMP. 2026 Presidents.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: 2027.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: 2028.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: 29.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Batten dorm. Brecon dorm.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Denbigh.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: ECC.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Erdman. ILLC.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Merion. New Dorm. Pem East.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Pem West.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Radnor.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Rhoads North.

Yeseo Lim '28: Here.

Isabelle: Rock.

Olivia Flores '26: Here.

**Isabelle:** Elections. BOT rep.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Campus Greening.

Lori: Here.

Isabelle: Career and Civic.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Independent major.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Impact Center.

**??:** Here.

**Isabelle:** Rep to faculty. SGA institutional memory.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Tri-Co rep.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Access Services.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Conflict series, or Concert Series.

**??:** Here.

**Isabelle:** This is conflict series.

**Esénia:** This is the conflict.

Isabelle: Conflict Resolution. Constitution Review.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Film Series Committee.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Financial Aid Advisory Board.

**??:** Here.

**Isabelle:** Gender Inclusion.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Green Ambassadors. Green Ambassadors is here.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: HCAB.

**??:** Here.

**Isabelle:** Plenary is here, but not voting.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Seven Siblings.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: STEAM.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: Curriculum.

**??:** Here.

**Isabelle:** Traditions. Good, they need a break. SDJ.

**??:** Here.

Isabelle: What? Okay, you're here. ResCo.

**??:** Here.

**Isabelle:** Okay, let's count, but this is looking good, y'all. Let's see, alright.

**Esénia:** Remember, we have to hit 38.

**Isabelle and Esénia:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21,

22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39

Cheers.

**Isabelle:** 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, let's get started.

**Esénia:** Let's fucking go. Alright, welcome to the SGA RepCo Plenary, guys, who's excited to sit here for three hours?

Cheers.

Isabelle: Let me hear you turn up.

**Esénia:** Alright, so, just a couple things we need to talk about right at the beginning. There are 14 resolutions for us to go through, right? A resolution, I mean, they all vary on how long they are. What we are going to do to make sure you get out of here as soon as possible, but that you still hear the resolution as you can is we are going to read the whole resolution, but we're going to limit the q and a slash discussion slash whatever to only 15 minutes. Remember, what you're going to be doing tonight is not saying "I agree with this resolution" or "I don't agree", so don't ask questions about that. I'm gonna get really mad. Just ask or think about when you're hearing these resolutions, "Are these resolutions ready for the entire student body to listen to them?" If they are not, you are the only people who can amend them and ask for edits, give suggestions for improvement, and so forth. After every resolution is read by the resolutions writers the whole way through, we will wait 15 seconds. If no one asks a question in the 15 seconds, we will proceed to vote. Voting takes one minute. Once that voting is done, it's done. We move on and that's how we're going to go through. So really, I really encourage you to ask questions if you can, but don't ask questions like "Why did you make resolutions that I hate so much?" Just, like, just, like, just, like, let's be a little serious, alright?

So, without further ado... I can't see the screen from my end on this screen so I might need a little bit of help and guidance lowkey. Alright. Also, this wonderful art, it says Bryn Mawr plenary is gnarly. This was made by Danielle Stimac who won the plenary design contest.

It will be available as stickers at our general plenary. It's really cute. The design on the rotating slide where it says SGA plenary is gnarly, etc, is our second winner of our plenary design contest. That will also be available as a sticker for our general plenary, November 16th at 1pm. I have to read this really annoying statement. So, excuse me, as I do that for you.

Esenia reads the history verbatim.

### 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 from 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:** For everyone that was just made a proxy, this is your final call to scan that link over there to make sure that you are voting. If you are a RepCo member and you have not scanned that link, please scan that immediately. If it says it's closed, that's good, because it's not active just yet.

**Isabelle:** We know what we're doing, we're on our shit.

**Esénia:** Yeah, we're locked in guys. Alright, without further ado, we're starting RepCo Plenary. Our first resolution. Adding a smith machine to the Schwartz Fitness Center.

**Isabelle:** Esther, are you here?

**Esther:** Yeah? Do I come up there?

**Esénia:** Yes, and you will read your resolution.

**Esther:** Okay, I can read it from here.

**Esénia:** Yeah, you can. That's impressive that you can read that.

**Esther:** Okay, um... summary.

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

Presented by: Esther Iaccarino

**Esther:** 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.

Discussion and questions period.

Esénia: Thank you Esther.

Applause.

**Esénia:** Oh, wait, Esther, can you stand over here?

**Esther:** Sorry.

**Esénia:** You're so good, you're so good, Alright, you have 15 seconds to present your

question. Anyone on repco. 10 seconds.

**Pari '29:** Um, I have a question.

Esénia: Yes, Pari? Go ahead.

**Pari:** I really like the idea of having a smith machine that is really helpful for a lot of

people. I was wondering if you know, um, how much it costs to have a, um, smith machine, um,

and I think, do you think one machine is enough, or, like, since there are a lot of, um, people in

Bryn Mawr, like a lot of students who want to improve their physical health, is one enough or

should we have 2 or 3?

**Esther:** um, I think as for the amount, one probably would be good. I mean, maybe like in the future we can add more. But, we already have four of the regular power racks and we kind of only have one of each machine anyway, except for, like, cardio stuff. As for cost, I don't know. I think it's, it's more on the higher end because they are very big. But, um, I did contact the, or I was told that there is room within the budget for those types of things,

**Esénia:** And I want to say, not the SGA budget if you were thinking that. Remember, this is about the college. I want you to know, even though this is going through plenary, but it's not so it can come out of the SGA budget. Just in case there was confusion on that one. Sorry Esther. Anybody else with a question?

Allie: I have a question.

**Evan:** Can you say your name? Sorry.

**Allie:** I'm Allie, I'm the athletic representative for this year. I have a question. How many people have asked for this specifically? Because I know that we... a lot of people, especially athletic people have asked for like certain things? So I wanted to know like who is asking for a smith machine as it is very expensive?

**Esther:** Yeah, I haven't done a petition or anything, because I was told that wasn't required, um, but I have talked to, I'm friends with other people who are into weightlifting and stuff and when I mentioned it, they're like, yeah that'd be awesome. But, yeah, I could also, like present a list of people who, like I could get them to sign something if that would be necessary.

**Esénia:** Alright, any more questions? 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Mentimeter up on your phones, on your computers, on your devices, right now. Esther, you can sit down, thank you. Alright. Pass, yes, abstain, or no to send this resolution to plenary right now.

??: It's not starting. It says we need a code.

**Esénia:** Ah, wait a second guys. Hold on.. Chill chill vibes. One second. Ugh. Bruh.

Why is it doing that? Mmmm. Bruh.

**Isabelle:** Worst case we can just do a close your eyes...

**Esénia:** Okay, awesome. Alright, now it should work. Go go go. Yes, no, abstain.

??: Wait, you need to rescan if you went back to the page...

**Esénia:** Everyone can still rescan. Nothing about the result will change. Just rescan if you

need to. Um, please, reacting doesn't mean a vote, guys. You have to say yes, abstain, or no. Not

thumbs up this or that.

Isabelle: React heart.

**Esénia:** React heart, hahaha.

**Pari:** Esénia, do you have the code?

**Esénia:** Let me see. I'll send that over to you, um, Pari, again.

**Pari:** Do you think you could read it instead of sending?

**Esénia:** Oh, yeah, sorry. So, if you guys are trying to join by code, one second please,

um, the code is 77573854. Alright, so, results are in. Um, 39 yes, 2 abstain, and 4 no. So, that

means that this will be going to plenary. Thank you Esther.

Applause.

Esénia: Alright, now we move on to the next one. Bryn Mawr College Black Studies and

Scholarship presented by Elliott London, Zara Kepler, Kaili Martinez-Beasley, Angelique Lee,

and Celia Perkins. Let's go.

Applause.

**Angie:** Hi everyone, I'm Angie.

**Elliott:** I'm Elliott.

**Autumn:** I'm Autumn

**Angie:** This is the Black Studies Plenary resolution for the major.

Resolution #2: Bryn Mawr College Black Studies and Scholarship

Presented by: Elliott London, Zara Kepler, Kaili Martinez-Beasley, Angelique Lee, Celia Perkins

**Angie:** For too long, Bryn Mawr College has ignored its history of racism and

marginalization of Black community members. Though Black Studies classes have been offered

at the college since 1969, thanks to student advocacy, there has been little done on behalf of the

college 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. 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. 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.

**Autumn:** 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 student body has demonstrated significant desire and interest in Black Studies.

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

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

*Be it resolved,* The College does not limit Black studies endeavors to an African Studies minor but expands to an offered Black Studies Major.

*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 Black at Bryn Mawr tour as a required

part of first-year orientation as a step to engage with the active history of Blackness on campus.

Discussion and questions period.

**Esénia:** Thank you so much Autumn, Elliott, and Angie.

Applause.

**Esénia:** Alright, 15 second timer to ask questions is now.

**Genesis '29:** I have a question.

**Evan:** Can you say your name?

Genesis: Oh, yes, I'm Genesis, one of the 29, uh, presidents. With the required Black at

Bryn Mawr Tour, I know all first years are required to take it as part of THRIVE. So how...

would you just want it a part of orientation instead of THRIVE?

Elliott: So, I can speak a little bit more on this. I do think this is not a fully current

version of the resolution because in the current version it does specify that it's not only for first

year students as part of THRIVE, but for any new person that enters the Bryn Mawr community,

so even if you second, third, fourth year transfer, you're a graduate student, a member of faculty,

any person who enters the community must take the tour for, just, I will add that.

**Genesis:** Thank you.

**Caroline:** And that would be in person?

Elliott: Yes.

Caroline: Perfect.

**Esénia:** Alright, also, wait, one, pause. For all changes that you guys are recommending,

Maia, can I ask for your help on this one? If it is to change any aspect of the resolution, including

wording, does it have to pass as an amendment?

Maia: Yes.

**Esénia:** Okay, so can you explain again what you just recommended?

Caroline: Just adding the "in person" in front of the Black at Bryn Mawr Tour.

**Esénia:** Okay, so, Maia, just as a clarification for this, so we would ask to propose an

amendment to add this. Do we have to vote to propose the amendment and to vote on the

amendment?

**Maia:** Just, the amendment's been proposed, so you vote on whether it passes.

**Esénia:** Okay perfect. I'm going to write this down. So just to change the wording in

person. And, Daiana, I saw your hand up.

**Daiana:** I have two questions.

**Evan:** Can you say your name?

**Esénia:** I could not hear that, sorry.

**Daiana:** Daian. I have two questions. One thing about continuing an in-person Black at

Bryn Mawr tour. So, I understand how you want to expand it to every person that is entering.

But, at the moment, so, the first year THRIVE courses are required to do it in person. However,

there have been a lot of conflicts with not being able to make it because there are limited amount

of time and tours that they are conducting. I specifically filled out requesting a different time and

I haven't heard back anything, and like, so... How can you also work with the Impact Center to ensure that everybody can get an in person tour?

Angie: Yeah, so I can answer that. We have also been in conversations with Jasmine, she's one of the co-heads of the Black and Bryn Mawr Tour, and that's also been a concern of hers. With that, she's also been in contact with the person that is running THRIVE. We definitely understand that the people haven't necessarily been accommodating for you guys to complete the Black at Bryn Mawr tour. So we definitely wanna still have those conversations and make sure there's more time slots. As well, I think in our current resolution we said that the school needs to make sure to fund Black at Bryn Mawr so they can have enough tour guides and that way there will be enough time slots for everyone to be able to complete the tour according to their own schedules. I hope that answers your question.

**Elliott:** In our conversation with Jasmine, she did mention that having this pass as part of the resolution shows the school that there is the demand for this to happen and incentivizes the school to hire and train and pay more tour guides.

**Esénia:** Go ahead, Geni.

**Genesis:** I propose an amendment to like the wording of the fact that Bryn Mawr tour. So, for every new incoming person.

**Esénia:** Hold on one second, writing that down. Okay, um. Go ahead, Daiana.

**Daiana:** I have a second question. Do you have somebody who will be the director for the major or propose like with the credit system who will do required courses?

**Angie:** Yeah, we've been working closely with Professor Lopez-Oro, so he's working on the administrative side, so he would be the head of that department.

**Autumn:** He's the current head of the Africana Studies department now and would become the head of the major.

**Elliott:** And he already has made a step to hire another professor who actually will be starting in Spring 2026, so hopefully she will be then placed on tenure track and only one more professor will be needed to actually fulfill the requirements of the resolution.

**Esénia:** One second. Any other questions? Go ahead, Maia.

**Maia:** That actually connects to my question about the hiring of the professor. I know that sometimes, the school has to, from the provost office, like specifically allot a hiring track for a professor in advance and I'm wondering if we're able to make it in time for the 26-27 school year.

**Angie:** So we already do have a provost aligned hire, that's the same as what Elliott was talking about, I'm not sure if there's gonna be one that's the same one for 2026-2027, but we have one right now is visiting for 2 years.

**Elliott:** To shed more light on that, in order for a program to become a department that can offer majors, there only is a technical requirement of two professors, so right now we have one and this spring we'll have an additional second one.

Maia: Okay.

**Elliott:** So, an addition of the third is not to meet the technical requirement for boarding the major, but to make the department more robust.

**Angie:** And boost the scholarship that we want to kind of engage in with the community and Black Studies, if that makes sense.

Maia: I just worry that there's like not physically enough time to hire an additional

second professor if the school hasn't, like, coming from a board perspective, there is money set

aside in advance and I worry that we can't make that this school year.

**Angie:** Yeah I think Lopez-Oro's kind of track is that we're getting a new professor in

Spring 2026 and he hopes that we're going to hire her full time so we have that lead into creating

it into a full department. I get your concern.

**Maia:** Okay. So is the additional two professors in addition to Lopez-Oro?

Elliott: Yes, so he is not part of the two, the professor who is incoming is technically part

of the two because she is being hired after the hopeful approval of those resolutions and then the

request would be to hire an additional professor. To shed a little bit more light on that, Professor

Foresman Meigiong, who right now is a post doctoral fellow, the school actually is in discussion

about the possibility of him fulfilling a third role. While nothing is solidified, there definitely is

some movement on the part of the school to create additional hiring tracks and through our

discussion privately with Lopez Oro, he indicated it was be most helpful for the resolution to

take a more aggressive tact with higher demands up front that surpass the basic requirements to

create a major that will give momentum to build his requests in the future and build the

department in the long term. Hope that sheds more light.

**Esénia:** Olivia, I saw your hand up.

Olivia Flores '26: Yeah, so, would this mean that there would be a Black Studies major

and Africana Studies minor or Black Studies major and minor or just a Black Studies major?

Elliott: Second option.

Olivia: Okay.

**Esénia:** Alright, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. We're going to do voting on the two proposed amendments. So, the first proposed amendment that we're going to do, pull out your mentimeter, is on the wording of in person Black at Bryn Mawr tours. I think that's what it was. Right, Caroline?

Caroline: Mhm.

**Esénia:** Alright awesome, so, get your phones out and it should be up now.

Angie: Thank you.

**Esénia:** Wait, hold on, stay. Alrighty, so, um, passes, 45 yes, 1 abstain. This is on the amendment. Now, on the second amendment. This is not for the resolution itself, this is for the amendment to be added to the resolution. The second amendment wording to require that all new Bryn Mawr community members take the tour. Vote now. Quorum achieved. 39 yes, 2 abstain, 1 no. Now, on to pass the resolution with these amendments for the Bryn Mawr College Black Studies and scholarship major and go. This is for the actual full resolution now with these amendments added. Passes and will be presented at plenary. 39 yes, 2 abstain 2 no. Thank you so much, Autumn, Elliott, and Angie. Alright, next. Creation of an archival records management policy. Welcome, Ellie.

Ellie: Hi, I'm Ellie. I'm one of the SGA archivists for this year. My co-archivist is in Florence, so she's not here right now.

**Esénia:** And if you could just speak up a little bit.

Ellie: Oh yeah, excuse me.

**Esénia:** Oh, no, speak up.

Ellie: Oh. So, we are presenting a new policy for having like an official process for what documents we're gonna keep in the archive and ...

## Resolution #3: Creation of an Archival Records Management Policy

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

Ellie: 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 we receive it. We are going to keep:

- Plenary proposals
- Plenary results (without individual students votes)
- Archived documents from campus activities
- Interviews with E-Board
- Constitutional amendments
- Meeting minutes
- Traditions material

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 Archives 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.

Discussion and questions period.

**Esénia:** Thank you Ellie.

Claps.

Esénia: Alright, let me set this timer. Alright, 15 seconds for questions starts now. 15, 14,

go to Caroline.

**Caroline:** Why–sorry. My name is Caroline. Sorry. I just skipped it last time, sorry.

Esénia: You're so good.

**Caroline:** Why would the traditions emails be included in the traditions material?

Ellie: Just because they're important I think.

Caroline: Okay.

**Ellie:** It's very easy to save an email as a pdf and I think they're ... We try to keep things that we think people would be interested in having in the future and might be useful, for example, if you're a Traditions Head and want to know how an email was formatted in the past, that's useful and there's nothing private on them.

Caroline: Okay.

**Esénia:** Alright, any more questions? 5, 4, 3... Go ahead, Devin.

**Devin:** Hi, I'm Devin. I'm wondering about the process of having materials exempt from the archive. Would it be automatically everything is opted in?

**Ellie:** Yeah. It's like, I, everything that we've listed here is, this is us saying we're gonna auto opt you in and we're gonna post publicly on the website that this is what we're opting in, and so if you, I don't know, send... say something in meeting minutes and you're like I don't want this kept, like, you should let us know.

**Devin:** And would there be an official form that is available or is it just emailing?

**Ellie:** Just like email us.

**Esénia:** Alright. Any more? 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Alright, mentimeter up. We're voting on sending the archiving resolution to plenary. One second, actually. Ahhh! Ahhh! Okay. And go. It says 13, it should not say 13. Okay. Passes. 36 yes, 6 abstain, 1 no. This is going to plenary. Thank you so much Ellie.

Applause.

**Esénia:** Alright, next one. Okay, this is me. Um, Isabelle, are you able to handle voting?

Isabelle: Yes, switch sides. Get out of here.

Esénia: Switch sides.

**Isabelle:** Sorry.

**Esénia:** Numbers might be a little wonky. Let me change that. This should be 4, this should be 3. Alright, thank you. You're the best. Alright, so the resolution I'm presenting along with Sanaiya Aftab who isn't able to make it today who is the Social Justice and Equity Chair of SGA is the creation of an AMO advisory budgetary board and AMO Board Treasurer position.

# Resolution #4: 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

Esenia: 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 or the 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 References in Chicago stylefacilitated 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. They will be advising closely throughout the process.

We present the following precedent:

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.

We present the following resolution:

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

Head.

Discussion and questions period.

**Isabelle:** Alright, 15 seconds for questions going now.

**Esénia:** Alright, go ahead Alexie.

**Alexie:** Hi, my name is Alexie. So, how would the election process for like the AMO

advisory budget head work? Would we as AMOs be like electing this position?

**Esénia:** Yes, so only the people who are like, only the AMOs would be responsible for

electing this position. So, the board itself is made of one treasurer and one president at least. It

can also, if you have two presidents and two treasurers, it can be also, it can be them as well.

And basically, within this board, one person will be elected as the head. So, nobody else will

have a hand in that process. Caroline?

**Caroline:** How is that lump sum being decided?

**Esenia:** Yeah, so the lump sum is gonna be decided by, so there's going to be among the

SGA AAB, there's going to be a budget that the board is going to convene together to make.

It's gonna be an individual budget that's composed of like, here's MSA, here's SAS, here's Mujeres, etc. So, it's going to be individualized and then they're all gonna be together and find a lump sum from adding them altogether.

Caroline: So it's not an amount allocated to AMOs, they propose it and get a lump sum?

Esénia: Oh, yeah, basically yes. Alright, any other questions? Yes Quinn?

Quinn: I propose whatever amendment you said you wanted to propose.

**Esénia:** Oh, thank you so much for proposing that amendment. The amendment is to say be it resolved, the SGA AMO Advisory Board will be created. Thank you so much. Anybody else? Yes, go ahead Olivia.

**Olivia:** So would that mean that like contestations for like specific budgets would then go through the AAB or would it go through the SGA treasurers?

**Esénia:** Um that's actually something that we have not discussed and that's a really good question. Honestly, I think this is something I should talk about with the treasurers, but I think in this case within the AAB that makes more sense and is more equitable. We can add that as an amendment to the resolution to make sure that the contestation process happens within the AAB, if that makes sense. Perfect. Because they are gonna be the ones that are specifically allocating. Yeah, go ahead.

**Pragya:** Is there a vision for how the final budget ... would work? Let's say if a board does not get the money they want. ... How would the AMOs divide the money amongst themselves?

**Esénia:** So for example if like let's say someone submits or the AMO head submits a total fund and then like from the SGA, the SGA doesn't give the amount of money that is necessary, unfor-, we can, contestations from the inside, they wouldn't be able to contest the total

amount overall or at least that's something we haven't discussed yet, so ignore what I just said. I

think what we can do here is... let me think. In this case, Treasurers, if you can help me on this

one. What would you prefer on this one? Would you prefer that contestations for the full, um,

collective lump can be done? Yeah.

**Jet:** Contestation of AMOs for each individual as well? I guess that would be fine, if the

AAB came up front to the budget meeting and said these clubs need this amount toward such and

such thing, I think it would be fine..

**Esénia:** So, that's a good point. So yes, what you would be able to in this case, and we

can add that as another amendment, that the SGA AAB head would be able to contest on behalf

and to get more money than was originally given in the first budget approval round before

contestations happen at RepCo budget meeting. Does that answer your question? I understand if

it didn't.

**Pragya:** Yeah.

**Esénia:** Okay, thank you. Alright, yes.

**Srijanee:** My name is Srijanee. Just to clarify, what all of this mean is that, instead of the

treasurer having to parse through 50 AMOs at once, they just have to parse through like one once

a month essentially?

**Esénia:** Yes. Alright, and go ahead?

**Faizah:** I'm Faizah. My question was that because AMO heads change every year, what

is the process of reelecting the SFC position?

**Esénia:** That's a good question. So for all, so, this is coming in another resolution, there's

gonna be at least one spot reserved for SGA AAB head. We also acknowledge that AMO heads

and presidents and treasurers are elected at different times of the year. So some elections are run

in the fall and some elections are run in the spring. So, there, we can either talk to AMOs and talking about making one, like choosing between all in the fall or all in the spring, or we can find a way in general as this is kind of a process that is going to be worked on together with AMO, that like, if there are people that are gonna rotating out of the AMO advisory board usually how can we make sure that we continue to acknowledge that and how can we make sure people are on the board and people on the board are like receiving communication about what the board is doing and are included in those meetings. Awesome. So, we have ...

**Isabelle:** Alright, we have two amendments.

Esénia: Awesome, can you make a page that's for the two amendments?

Isabelle: Oh, I already did.

Esénia: Oh, you're amazing.

Isabelle: I'm on it.

Esénia: Yeah.

**Isabelle:** This first one is for the amendment to create the AAB.

**Esénia:** So, this is for the be it resolved thing that I didn't have.

**Isabelle:** Yeah, be it resolved...

**Esénia:** The board would be created. Cause right now we only have the head.

**Isabelle:** Vote. Vote now.

Esénia: Yos.

**Isabelle:** I did it right. Yay! Oh my God, yay. 11 more people. Get voting. Okay, passes.

Woo. Don't vote next... Well, vote the second.

Evan: You have to read the results.

**Isabelle:** Oh, you're so right. I have to do that. 43 yes, 0 no, 0 sebastian.

Esénia: Oh my God.

**Isabelle:** AAB head can contest repco pre the budget meeting. I also realize I spelled that

wrong. This is the second amendment. Vote, vote, vote. Guys, we're flying through this. Let's

keep this momentum.

**Esénia:** Let's keep going.

**Isabelle:** But let's keep voting and some of you aren't. Or people have left, either of

those. Both suck. Alright, we need literally one more person. Alright, yay this passes. 36 yes, oh

no we need one more person now. Vote people, God, sorry. I don't know who's not voting but

please. I'm gonna crash out. Alright. Finally. 38 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain. Alright, vote to pass

resolution #4 creation of AMO budgetary board

**Esénia:** With the amendments.

**Isabelle:** With the previous amendments at plenar.

**Esénia:** Plenar! Please! I swear to God, I put the y on the end.

**Isabelle:** Guys, sorry. Why do I sound so angry? The like, the thumbing up is not voting.

**Esénia:** Stop giving heart emojis. Stop putting fire emojis. Stop putting clapping emojis

Stop putting 67.

??: Sorry, I keep hitting that like accidentally and I thought that hitting it again.

**Esénia:** Oh, you're so good.

**Isabelle:** I'm glad you like this resolution that six of you wanted to give it a thumbs up,

Esénia: #Liked. #Liked. #Liked.

**Isabelle:** ...but please vote. 41 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. It passes. Oh, wait, don't vote. Exit.

Escape. Alright, I don't know what's next. Okay, I do know what's next, sorry. This is a hard job.

Um. Bryn Mawr Concert Series.

**Esénia:** Elimination of concert series. Let's go Maddie Thomas.

**Isabelle:** You can begin reading.

**Resolution #5: Elimination of Bryn Mawr Concert Series** 

Presented by: Maddie Thomas

Maddie Thomas: Summary. The Bryn Mawr Concert Series requested a budget of

\$45,000 for the current semester and received \$29,000, according to the meeting minutes from

the SGA meeting on September 21st. While the Concert Series provides an enjoyable experience

for many students, this budget is a significant portion of SGA funds and, in view of the current

crisis in SGA funding, is an undue burden as we try to get clubs the funding they need. This bill

proposes that the Concert Series Committee and its budget allocation be eliminated

starting Spring 2026.

Whereas, the Bryn Mawr Concert Series received \$29,000.00 for the current Fall 2025 semester,

constituting 12.48% of the semester's budget of \$232,299.84 (prior to the addition of funds from

Haverford treasurers);

Whereas, SGA funds are currently in high demand due to high spending in the years

immediately following COVID shutdowns;

Whereas, this amount of funding is a considerable amount for a small number of events

per semester;

Whereas, there are other concert-based opportunities for students in the area, including FUCS

(Federated United Concert Series);

Be it resolved, the Bryn Mawr Concert Series Committee will be dissolved at the end of the Fall

2025 semester;

Be it resolved, Article VII, Section 3 of the Bryn Mawr SGA Constitution, detailing the

parameters of the Concert Series Committee, will be deleted, and the numbering of the rest of the

sections in the article will be adjusted accordingly;

Be it resolved, funding shall therefore not be allocated to the Bryn Mawr Concert Series and

returned to the pool for SGA club funding.

Discussion and questions period.

Esénia: Thank you, Maddie.

Applause.

Isabelle: Alright.

**Esénia:** 15 seconds. Go ahead, Rana.

Rana: Hi I'm Rana. I don't know how to ask this. Where would the money for May Day

concerts, etc. come from? Because I think... someone correct me if I'm wrong, I believe that

comes from Concert Series?

**Isabelle:** It does.

**Maddie T:** Okay, um, like I guess we could make an amendment to make an exception. I don't know.

Esénia: Rana, are you proposing an amendment?

**Maddie T:** If people are interested in that.

Esénia: Wait, hold on.

Rana: I?

**Esénia:** Yeah, or does someone want to propose an amendment?

Rana: I would rather not.

**Esénia:** Okay. Does someone want to propose an amendment? Maia, what'd you say?

**Maia:** Are you able to propose what you think an amendment to allow for May Day performers would be?

**Maddie T:** Am I the one who's supposed to answer that?

Esénia: Wait, can you repeat that Maia?

Maia: I'm wondering if you have any ideas on what that amendment would look like.

**Maddie T:** I mean, if people would prefer that I do that, I could. I can change it. Like, I don't... I can make a draft or something.

**Mirabai '28:** Is there any way to add that to like the Trads budget instead? Because, like, I feel like, May Day, I don't if that's...

**Esénia:** Like to move the funding for Concert Series for this to trads?

Mirabai: Right.

**Maddie T:** That makes more sense to me.

**Mirabai:** Right like you have the concert be part of trads which would be concert for May Day.

**Esénia:** I'm just curious, but that funding would still be the same? You're just moving it to a different name. Sorry, go ahead Lori.

**Lori Ackerman:** How many other concerts other than may day concerts does Concert Series perform every year?

**Maddie T:** I was not able to find information about that online.

??: I know they do a winter one.

**Isabelle:** I think there's like one in the fall, too.

**Esénia:** Looks like we have a question. Go ahead, Maddie.

Maddie Raymond: Hi, so I'm the Concert Series Co-Head, and yes there is one in the fall, the winter concert. In terms of funding, we are trying to divert funding, we're actually planning this year to give some of the funding back that we got. We're working on hiring smaller artists and trying to get the funding down because we do understand that like this takes up like a lot of SGA funding. Um, we are also looking into um getting more funding from ResLife because ResLife is very involved in concert series and it would make sense for them to fund us. I was proposing an amendment to this that could maybe, instead of shutting concert series down outright, to propose that Concert Series get funds from ResLife as opposed to just getting rid of it...

**Esénia:** So, an amendment to move those funds or move those requests to ResLife. Before I take any questions, were there any amendments we were considering before? Okay, so that's the first amendment. Go ahead, Anadys..

**Anadys:** Hi, so, for the thing May Day, would you agree with... you were... agree with the amendment, for um, money for the Mayday concert would be moved to trads. I'm just curious, like traditions is already a very difficult job. Would you be proposing if Concert Series

were be shut down that the Trads Heads would also be in charge of scheduling the May Day

concert? Because my understanding is that Concert Series does that for them. Right? Would you

be asking them to do more on top of...

Maddie T: Okay, I think that it would link up with the other amendment that's being

proposed that instead of shutting down the committee we would change the funding source. So,

then the Concert Series would still be doing it.

Anadys: Okay. Chill.

**Esénia:** Olivia, I saw your hand up.

**Olivia:** I feel like if, um, the Concert Series moves to just planning May Day concerts,

like if that's what their budget does, or if the budget comes from ResLife, that to me sounds like

a completely different proposal altogether than what is up here, which is disbanding the Concert

Series altogether.

**Esénia:** Maia, go ahead?

Maia: I think that I definitely understand that budgeting is really hard right now and the

lack of money is making it really difficult for different clubs to operate, but that, I don't think that

cutting things that we think are too expensive is a long term solution. I think things will continue

to get more expensive. I think in response to this problem, we could work to come up with more

long term sustainable budget solutions, as well as working to get additional funding from the

school, from ResLife. But I think this sends a dangerous precedent if we're cutting things that are

too expensive.

**Esénia:** Sarabjit, go ahead.

**Sarabjit:** I just wanted to ask if money is used from ResLife, would that increase, like

tuition, room and board for someone else?

**Esénia:** That is a question that I don't have the answer to right now. Go ahead.

**Isabelle:** Yeah, I just wanna say, like I think for RepCo, the job is to vote whether or not like this resolution should go plenary. And so, like, by saying okay actually ResLife is gonna pay for it or by saying okay like the thing is disbanded but like it still does May Day concerts, that's a actually a completely different resolution that is saying a completely different thing and so I don't know if it's appropriate to amend. I think that there are a lot of questions about this and those questions should affect whether people think it's ready to go to plenary, not let's just add a bunch of amendments. Because, I don't know, the amendment's just make it a completely different resolution. It's not a change in wording, it's a change in the facts of what this is trying to do

**Esénia:** So, we still have that resolution that says we... moving those funding requests for the Concert Series to Residential Life. Do you want to propose that amendment or do you want to move on?

**Maddie Raymond:** I think that people who are saying this should be a different resolution are correct so it might be best to move back around this and have this be a different plenary resolution.

**Esénia:** Okay. So, and for clarity also, if this is a new plenary resolution it would have to be written and presented at the Spring 2026 Plenary, so this would not be a Fall 25 resolution. So we are going to do, does anybody have any lasting questions? Let's keep, alright, so we are voting just on this resolution on if it's going to plenary. Everybody open your mentimeter voting to pass this resolution to eliminate the Concert Series to plenary.

**Maddie:** Do I go sit down, or?

**Esénia:** Yes. Alright, we have hit quorum. This resolution does not pass to plenary, 35

no, 6 yes, 5 abstain Thank you again Maddie.

Applause.

**Esénia:** Next resolution. It's not me, it is me. Sorry guys. This one should be pretty

short. Alright. Establishing the Possibility for Co-Presidents of the Self Governance Association

Because why am I doing everything guys? My back is hurting guys. My back is hurting from

carrying Bryn Mawr on my back.

Resolution #6: Establishing the Possibility for Co-Presidents of the Self

**Governance Association** 

Presented by: Esénia Bañuelos '26, SGA President

**Esénia:** 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 Association 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 SGA President that often demands commitments each

week of upwards of fifteen hours through constantly evolving, unanticipated, and fielding deeply

systemic concerns and crises, including the recently devastating SGA budget crisis. 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." 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 BrynOsbourne '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. We present the following precedent:

*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 themself) 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.

We present the following resolution:

*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.

Discussion and questions period.

**Isabelle:** Questions? Alright, let's vote.

Esénia: Yup, let's go.

**Isabelle:** Yeah, Co-Presidents to pass at plenlar.

**Esénia:** Yup, the plenlar.

**Isabelle:** On mentimeter. Get voting. 39 yes, 1 abstain, 1 no, this passes. Wooo!

Applause.

**Isabelle:** Alright. Switcheroo. Do you guys have the RepCo packet? I would ... Go to

where after this resolution where you can read the faculty academic statement. I'll give you the

sparknotes: they don't say anything too spicy. There's nothing I think they say that we as a

community would be aghast about. They're just like... weeee... academic freedom to study

what you wanna study. Read it now as I read this.

Resolution #7: Formal Affirmation of Student Support for the "Faculty

Statement of Principles of Academic Freedom"

Presented By: Isabelle Stid '26 (<u>Istid3@brynmawr.edu</u>)

**Isabelle:** 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. Our Faculty's "Statement of Principles of Academic Freedom" reflects their commitment and unique responsibility to "protecting and promoting academic freedom" on campus, and furthers our College's mission to foster "intellectual curiosity, independence, [and] personal integrity." 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." 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," 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."

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."

Discussion and questions period.

**Isabelle:** Nope, that's it. Alright. Questions?

**Esénia:** 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Open your mentimeter. Let's vote.

Come on guys.

**Isabelle:** We're kind of killing it.

**Esénia:** We're about to be halfway through RepCo Plenary guys. It's never gone this fast.

**Isabelle:** Okay, it passes. 42... oh wait, you should read it.

**Esénia:** 42 yes, 2 abstain, 0 no.

**Isabelle:** This is their statement.

Esénia: You guys read that. You guys got that. Okay, so the traditions mistresses are not

here to read this. Let's be kind to them, guys. They are not here for reasons you can probably

imagine. Basically, I am going to read this out. I cannot answer any questions about these

resolutions. We cannot answer any questions about the resolution

**Isabelle:** So don't ask them.

Esénia: So don't ask them. If you want to propose an amendment, you can do that. But, I

cannot answer any questions. I will say IDK.

Resolution #8: Resolution to 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

Esenia: 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 budget is entirely allocated from the SGA budget; 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.

Discussion and questions period.

**Isabelle:** Possible amendments? Oh, don't worry, I have a timer going. There's one thing

I love, it's a timer. Let's move on to voting.

**Esénia:** Voting, let's go. Mentimeter.

**Isabelle:** Oh, this is us again.

**Esénia:** This is us guys.

**Isabelle:** Mentimeter. We need one more person to vote. Or like two more people. Guys.

Queens. We have 36, 37 yes, 5 abstain, 1 no. it passes. It's going to plenary.

**Esénia:** Alright, we are on our 7th or 8th resolution.

**Evan:** This is 9.

**Esénia:** Oh shoot, this is 9?

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Resolution #9: Locking of most academic buildings on Bryn Mawr's Campus

during the daytime

Presented by: The SGA Executive Board '25-26

**Esénia:** 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 Taylor Hall, English House,

Bettws-y-Coed, Russian House (currently in the Pensby Center), and the Park Science building.

At the moment, there is unrestricted access to these buildings without OneCard until

about 10 pm on weekdays, with Park Science being open 24/7. Taylor Hall is accessible after 10

pm 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.

We present the following precedent:

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" to gun violence.

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

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

We present the following resolution:

Be it resolved, Taylor Hall, English House, Bettws-y-Coed, Russian House (currently in the

Pensby Center), and the Park Science building begin being locked 24/7, requiring OneCards 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.

Discussion and questions period.

Esénia: Alright. Questions start now.

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**Esénia:** I am going to propose another clause. Someone else you ask or say you'll

include as an amendment because I can't do it. I would like to put an amendment that I would

like to ban all cameras from all buildings because we are already increasing this amount of

security through this resolution so it does not make sense to have more on top of this based on

that including AI cameras.

**Lori:** I recommend that we do that thing that you just said.

**Esénia:** Thank you so much. Now questions. Go ahead, Gabby.

**Gabby:** I'm Gabby. My question is in regard to the OneCards...

Esenia: Yes.

Gabby: I believe that Swat has a thing that you have to forfeit your physical OneCard if

you use the phone one, would that be the case?

Esenia: So actually I am not too sure, but if that is the case, I would fight to have both of them. Yes, Blanca? In the back?

Blanca: At lots of other colleges, you're permitted to own both a physical OneCard and your phone. It's very common. I can't see why we shouldn't be able to do that.

**Caroline:** I think that's more for like IDs, like your driver's license.

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Esénia: I'm gonna go over here with Jai.

**Jai:** I'd like to propose an amendment where, in addition to the part in the summary where we talk about, like, we want to work with students so that this info can't be exploited to, uh... for the freedom of expression, we add another be it resolved saying that like, uhh, we don't want administration tracking OneCard swipes.

**Esénia:** Okay, perfect. Awesome. Yes?

Faizah: Could we do it for the dining halls as well? Cause Haverford has OneCard access for the dining hall. There's a lot of things that used to work.

**Esénia:** Okay, perfect awesome, yes. Is that an amendment?

Faizah: Yes.

**Esénia:** Amendment for dining halls and Well. Quinn?

**Quinn:** Why isn't Old Library included?

**Esénia:** It would be basically impossible to add a locking mechanism to this building.

Olivia: I would just say, coming from someone who is a tour guide, having buildings like the dining hall and Well or honestly even Park Science building might make our jobs a little bit harder because we're like pulling families throughout those spaces and they will not have access to those spaces. I was thinking specifically in regards to Park Science, because oftentimes

relatives will walk away and take a phone call or something and then they won't be able to get

back in that building so it's up to us to hold the group back or whatever. It could mean the tour

route gets changed. But also, I think that Park Science in general has a lot of events that are open

to broader communities and are also, like... I don't know. Just, that building in particular to me,

in the same way of Old Library having symposiums... It just doesn't make sense for me for Park

Science to be included in that.

Esénia: Are you recommending an amendment to remove Park Science from the

resolution?

Olivia: Yes.

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Maia: I think one possible solution to this is sometimes when there are community

events, Campus Safety will leave buildings unlocked, like during first year move in, the dorms

are unlocked all day. If there's a community event in Park, campus safety can leave that building

unlocked.

Esénia: Gabby?

Gabby: Alternatively, if they have a set of temporary OneCards that can be signed in and

out and dropped off in admissions... then we know who had it at what time and it also removes

that issue of random people.

**Esénia:** I see. Are you proposing that as an amendment?

**Gabby:** Can we? Are people okay with that?

**Isabelle:** Yes, but so many amendments are already on this so let's keep this in mind.

**Esénia:** I think we should still add that as an amendment. That's really important.

Faizah: There are temporary sign out OneCards during winter break that are handed out officially.

**Isabelle:** I don't think we need that as an amendment then. We have temporary OneCards

already.

**Esénia:** We can just add them to expand them. Okay. Thanks.

**Roshni:** I have two amendments. One would be potentially completely restricting One

Card access since some of the other buildings, at this time, they require OneCard access during

the night. Instead of completely making OneCard access only, we could just condense the hours

for a shorter time. We could just restrict the hours to a shorter time since right now it's open 24/7.

My other comment was how would we be able to determine who can kind of rent out these

temporary OneCards or not.

**Esénia:** That's a good point, right, like, maybe people use the space like kid camps over

the summer. There are so many people and external parties that use the spaces that it would be

hard to capture that in the resolution, but that is a fantastic point.

Parker: Yeah, just as somebody who works as a camp counselor on, like, campuses like

this, at Villanova, like, down the street, all the buildings are locked, you need a key card to get

into a lot of them. It's not that uncommon to have every single academic and residential building

to be locked 24/7. And like, at those campuses they just spend a little more on making a couple

more temporary key cards so that if they do have conference groups they can access the

buildings easily.

Esénia: Sarabjit?

**Sarabjit:** A small logistics question, sometimes if you are a student employed in Park,

they give you an extra key just in case the building goes down or like power goes out because the

key card won't let you in. Would this impact the ability to get in, during, like, in hot hours, if the power goes out?

**Esénia:** So students doing lab work?

**Sanaiya:** Like if students need to go to class but the building is relying on the touch to get in but then the power goes out, can you still enter the building?

**Isabelle:** What do they do now if the power goes out?

Sarabjit: You get a key.

**Esenia:** I feel like you would still be able to use the key.

**Sarabjit:** It's given to student employees at the park.

**Esénia:** Yeah, it's for any Bryn Mawr community member. So students, faculty, staff, things like that.

**Faizah:** Just to confirm what Parker is saying, I have seen myself at summer Bryn Mawr camp, kids all get a temporary card. Every single one of them.

**Amelia:** Yeah, I was here over the summer for STEMLA and we all had temporary cards.

**Faizah:** Even the little 5th graders had them.

**Esénia:** Okay, so that already exists.

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**Isabelle:** If there are no other comments, we will move on to amendments.

**Olivia:** I just want to say that I will redact my proposal in support of Roshni's restriction of the hours.

**Isabelle:** Okay. Amendment 2...

Esénia: Go ahead, Daiana.

**Daiana:** I was wondering since the Russian house moved to Pennsby, I don't know...

**Isabelle:** Pennsby... it'll all be the same until Russian house gets back. Also, no one needs to get into Pennsby if you're not in Russian.

Esénia: Go ahead.

??: I don't know if I missed this, but was Carpenter mentioned in there?

**Esenia:** Old Library is not included in this resolution because it would be impossible to have this happen at Old Library and also Carpenter.

**Isabelle:** And Carpenter is like within Old Library.

Esénia: And... Go ahead, Maia?

**Maia:** What about Campus Center?

Esenia: Oh... amendment for Campus Center? Yeah...

**Faizah:** It's only access for students 24/7. Nobody else gets access. Because a lot of kids go there to study in the middle of the night, so maybe only students get access.

**Esénia:** Yes, but during the day it's open. Genesis? Gala, sorry, oh my God.

**Gala:** For Campus Center, wouldn't it just be restricting the hours? Because there's people that need to deliver packages and stuff.

**Esénia:** So amendment to restrict the hours, include Campus Center, but just have it so the hours are different.

**Isabelle:** Any final questions guys?

**??:** Oh, no, I was just going to add on to that and say that I know that a member of the Bryn Mawr town community sometimes go to Uncommon, so, just, so, it would really make sense to, like, to restrict it to just students to, to, 24/7 restrict campus center 24/7 students and faculty.

**Esénia:** We can say preliminarily... oh, Jet and Zoe? What's up?

**Jet:** I just have a question. I'm not sure if I missed this, but if we're just going to do

buildings with OneCards, does that mean that they will be open for longer hours? Because I

know some buildings are locked completely after certain hours. If we do become a private

institution will it suddenly be that most buildings are open to all Bryn Mawr students at any

time? Has that been considered?

**Isabelle:** Probably not, because I think the reason they lock them is because they don't

want ppl in them super late. You know, and I think that will stay the same.

**Daiana:** And I think like, administrative offices.

Isabelle: Alright, any final questions before we-

Esénia: Zoe?

**Zoe:** So then, would these need to be set in place be extended to Haverford cards because

I don't really know the hours during the day for the myself, but I know Park does lock down

already, and I'm a TA, and currently my Haverford students aren't able to get into Park.

**Esénia:** Oh, yeah, no, like, in the resolution we already have that Haverford students that

have classes will have the same access as Bryn Mawr students.

Jet: So they'll have the same access as Bryn Mawr students?

**Esénia:** Yes. Only to academic buildings.

**Isabelle:** Alright. Let's get going to amendments. The first amendment that we have is to

get rid of cameras on buildings because we have more secure buildings. Vote. Come on, people

clock in. Yes, this passes. 39 yes, 3 no, 2 abstain. Okay, next up. I don't know where we're at.

This is: Be it resolved, no OneCard tracking. Get voting. This passes. 33 yes, 4 no, 4 abstain.

Next up, we have the Well and dining halls be locked. I spelled amendment so wrong.

**Esénia:** It's good though.

**Isabelle:** Alright, it passes 36 yes, 3 no, 2 abstain. Alrighty. Amendment, restrict Park Science hours. Like open 9-5, you know, then lock.

**Esénia:** No more questions.

**Isabelle:** Okay, this passes. 25 yes, 12 no, 3 abstain. Amendment. Include restricted hours for Campus Center. So, Campus Center open 9-5 and locked outside 9-5. Right now it locks after 12 or something, I don't know. This does pass, but we need more people. 33 yes, 7 no, 0 abstain. Alright, and then finally, let's vote on this whole as a packet. Resolution 8 locking most academic buildings.

**Evan:** This is resolution 9.

**Isabelle:** Okay, like fine. This is resolution 9. 40 yes, 1 abstain, 0 no. Let's move on to...

**Esénia:** Oh my God, sorry guys. You're gonna literally, now don't get scared. This resolution is extremely, sorry, this is for to increase the SGA budget dues that are already charged to you guys but 2.5% which is a \$10.75 increase for just next year. So that's \$5 extra a semester.

Resolution #10: 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

**Esenia:** This resolution is in reference to the extreme 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.

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, 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. We introduce the following precedent:

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.

We introduce the following resolution:

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.

Discussion and questions period.

**Isabelle:** Questions?

Jai: Just a clarifying question, the, uh, tuition increase is in addition that already

happened this year?

**Isabelle:** Yeah, they increase tuition every year.

**Esénia:** That's only there to compare, yes 10 dollars, like tragic. But also, it's like, just so

you guys can see no matter what you're still paying this institution a little more. Maia, go ahead.

**Maia:** This weekend the Board of Trustees voted to increase tuition again.

**Esénia:** This is all publicly available information. There's a four year plan that will show

you how much it increases each year.

**Isabelle:** Other questions?

**Esénia:** Alright, let's vote.

Isabelle: Let's vote to pass. On my thing, it says 9. So, who knows who is right. SGA due

increase to present at plenary. Woooo. Alright, let's get voting people, come on. People. Did a

ton of people leave or something?

Esénia: I hope not.

**Isabelle:** Out them. 37 yes, 1 abstain, 2 no. Passes. Alright.

**Esénia:** Alright, paper towels is next. Ugh. Wait a minute.

**Isabelle:** Frances Altes?

**Esénia:** ...is not here.

**Isabelle:** So here's what we're gonna do.

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**Isabelle:** We can't answer questions. You have the power to vote if you think it's ready to go to plenary.

**Resolution #11:** Paper Towels in Dorm Bathrooms

Presented by: Frances Altes

Frances: According to a study conducted by the Mayo Clinic and published on the National Institute of Health's PubMed Central Database, the transmission of bacteria is more likely to occur from wet skin than from dry skin, making adequate hand drying essential in preventing the spread of bacteria. To protect the health of the Bryn Mawr community and ensure no student's health will be compromised, the detrimental removal of paper towels in the dorm bathrooms must be rectified. In the aforementioned study, paper towels were found to reduce the numbers of all types of bacteria on the hands, whereas hot air hand dryers increased the number in post-wash swabs. The reinstitution of paper towels (or an equivalent drying mechanism) into dorm bathrooms on campus has the potential to help reduce the incidence of illness on campus, thereby being a victory for student health.

Whereas, studies have found that drying hands with paper towels is the best means of removing bacteria from the hands

Whereas, paper towels are compostable and could be reimplemented in tandem with a bin for

composting.

Whereas, the touching of surfaces after handwashing (sink handles, doorknobs) transfers bacteria

on the hands without sanitary tissues, paper towels, or automatic functions

Be it resolved, The College would replace paper towels (or jet\* air dryers) in dorm bathrooms to

prevent the spread of bacteria and viruses.

\*Jet air dryers only, as hot air dryers have been found to increase the number of bacteria on

hands

Discussion and questions period.

**Esénia:** That's the entire resolution.

**Isabelle:** Alright, let's vote.

Esénia: Vote, vote! Resolution, wait, wait. Amendments?

**Isabelle:** Amendments?

Esénia: 15 seconds.

**Isabelle:** I gave them 15. I counted in my head.

**Lori:** It's certainly been 15 seconds.

**Esénia:** We have to be fair. It's constitutional. 10 seconds. 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2...

Alright vote.

**Isabelle:** We need more people to vote, come on now. If you're a paper towel lover, that's

fine. Us no gaf, but get your vote in there. Pokemon Go to the polls.

Esénia: I'm with her.

**Isabella:** 4 yes, 5 abstain, 34 no. Does not go to plenary.

Esénia: Yes!

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Esénia: Jai, repealing Bryn Mawr's new guidelines in supports of protests and

demonstrations.

Resolution #12: Repealing Bryn Mawr's New Guidelines In Support of

**Protests and Demonstrations** 

Presented by: Jai Abbott '27

Jai: 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", 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. These 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."

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.

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,"

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 a diverse team of students, faculty members, and

members of administration, then passed through plenary.

Discussion and questions period.

**Esénia:** Thank you, Jai. 15 seconds.

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**Lori:** This is only because it gives a way... I'm only saying this because having this in gives admin to say against it: there were listening sessions last year-

**Jai:** I know I took part in them. That's what I specified comprehensive ... like actually relevant student input. I do know what you're referring to.

**Lori:** Okay. I'm just saying that I would propose an amendment to remove that because I think it would weaken it just because they can say that we did this. I don't know if that's a hill we want to die on when really, we should be emphasizing that there is no Honor Code input, there's no, like, clear guide... like I just don't want them to get hung up on that.

**Esénia:** So remove the language that says there was no student input? Anybody else?

??: I didn't hear anything, so what are we amending?

**Esénia:** Oh, yeah, so it's removing the language that there was no student input.

**Jai:** It does not say there was no student input. It says comprehensive student input.

Esénia: Okay, then comprehensive student input. Maia?

**Maia:** Bryn Mawr slightly changed the protest guidelines on the website so it does no longer require that you schedule your protest in advance. Um, it does say prescheduling spaces is helpful, but they do understand that it's not possible in certain circumstances.

**Isabelle:** I actually- Oh, wait, sorry, go ahead. Are you finished?

**Maia:** Uh... No, Isabelle, please.

**Isabelle:** I actually think this is another huge area of concern because I could plan a protest today and follow the guidelines that are currently there. But then, if they just change them willy nilly whenever they want, like let's say I'm like, my protest is gonna include throwing rice or whatever. I'm doing a wedding protest. Two weeks later, they could be like, can't throw rice, bad for the birds. But then it's like, I followed the rules and I planned it around it. And that's why talking a lot about with Dean Denine, like, you need to have these things dated and clearly listed as what is the most recent update. They aren't doing that.

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...but it's like just horrible communication.

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**Jai:** Would you like to, uh, propose an amendment that we specify something about that?

**Isabelle:** No, it's just a bitch.

**Lori:** I think we should propose an amendment to have that every four years a comprehensive review to renew these guidelines to avoid the problem that... So, that, instead of they are set in stone or changed willy nilly throughout, there's like... I don't know if it's every four years, or two years, but there should be some kind of regular renewal process, perhaps every two years.

**Jai:** You can propose that and we can vote on that. I will say, I would not suggest that as an amendment because I think that having more opportunities for admin to completely change this policy puts students at risk in new ways, but you're welcome to propose that.

**Esénia:** Okay, so the amendment is every 4 years there is a review.

**Lori:** Yeah, that involves, like, all these mechanisms that Jai describes, such as an SGA passage through this student government. That kind of thing.

**Esénia:** Okay any other... go ahead?

**Gala:** Okay, so, maybe adding on to that, if there is any amendments that need to be made by the administration that they could go through plenary? Or just go through comprehensive student... what's the word?

Evan: Input.

**Gala:** Yeah, input as a way of including the student body in the decision of amending the, um... So, wait, the words are leaving my brain. The code of conduct, the protest... thing.

**Esénia:** So, all admin must use, if they're gonna add an update, a comprehensive student support mechanism.

**Isabelle:** I feel like that's shown through the last be it resolved.

Esénia: Yeah.

Jai: Yeah.

**Parker:** I just want to say that if we put in that comprehensive student input will be a deciding factor in that, they will use those BS, like, student, like...

Esénia: Student Advisory Board.

Parker: Yeah, like open house things, to pass new stuff.

**Jai:** Would you like to propose an amendment that, where we discuss the fact that those student advisory sessions had a completely different version of the policy than students were looking at?

**Esénia:** Would this just be an adjustment to the summary itself? Like an elaboration? So, in the summary section, an explanation that these town halls...

**Jai:** This might, I don't know how it would mesh with Lori's first amendment about taking out the language, but ...

**Parker:** I think just that one would be fine, as long as its specified that passing it through plenary is how we must implement this.

**Jai:** Yeah, that's the final whereas.

Esénia: Okay. Maia, go ahead?

**Maia:** I think that the ... somewhat ... the abrupt changing of not only these guidelines, but college rules as a whole speaks to a larger issue that could, I think, potentially be better addressed in a different plenary resolution that talks about the changing of guidelines that we

have not agreed to through either the ratification of the SGA Constitution or Honor Code in the

spring semester. I think that asking for periodic review of things is a very, like, large issue that I

worry cannot be fully addressed in one amendment.

**Esénia:** So, for example, this resolution, as in like, should continue, or should...

Maia: This resolution can continue in its call for, like, saying that this, these protest

guidelines are not good, but also that through some sort of thinking process until next spring

plenary we can think about what do we want to say about how rules are changed without our

consent.

**Esénia:** So, it doesn't have to be another amendment entirely, just for clarification, it

would be a new resolution.

**Lori:** I redact mine for that point.

**Esénia:** Redacting your removing language thing?

Lori: Yeah. And also the periodic renewal because I think that's also what Maia's

speaking to.

**Esénia:** Gabby, go ahead?

**Gabby:** My concern would be in regards to the language of the be it resolved. The way

it's written currently, it's vague and I recognize that later it would be set up properly later, but

right now they could just claim that ... I understand that plenary is kind of like supposed to deal

with that issue, but if... Do you want it to be more active input in the writing itself or just in the

passive? Because as of right now I can see them weasling themselves out of this because it's

vague enough that they can get away with it.

**Jai:** I hear what you're saying. I'm kind of modeling this off of the Honor Code Future Committee, where just like, it is a group of students in conversation with faculty and administration to write up new policy suggestions. Uh, do you...

**Gabby:** Would it be possible to do an amendment to specify in the form of that or like similar to that?

Jai: Sure, if you're okay with that.

**Isabelle:** Well, I'll just say that I don't think we should tie it up to the Honor Code

Futures Committee. Shoutout that committee. Love it. Those my peeps. But, I think if we want
this to be something that has more long lasting effect, our committee will probably end in the
next year or two just as the natural end of our work. I think we can add an amendment, but I
don't think we should use specific language around one committee that probably won't be around
for much longer.

**Jai:** I guess I meant more so framing whatever the description of that committee into the language of it.

**Esénia:** So like mentioning it?

Gabby: Mentioning a more specific with regards to how its being written itself.

**Esénia:** So, specifically naming the Honor Code Future Committee.

**Gabby:** I wouldn't name it per se, but I'm assuming there's a structure to the way it works. You can say structured like this, similar to the committee.

**Esénia:** Okay, so to continue that work in whatever capacity this work continues to be done in a similar fashion to how the Honor Code Futures Committee operates.

**Gabby:** I would specify that it's separate.

**Jai:** How about, such as through an opt in of a committee and students and faculty and administration.

Gabby: That's absolutely fine. As long as it's like, something.

**Jai:** So like, anyone who wants to be part of it can be.

Esénia: Any last questions? 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. We are voting on 2 amendments. The first one which is the language of these town halls cannot produce student quorum change. Um, one sec y'all, and now this one with the opt in committee for future use. Turn on your mentimeter. We are voting on amendment one, the summary section. These student town halls do not present student informed change. In the summary section. Okay. Still not at quorum, we need ten more people. Passes. 34 yes, 6 abstain, 1 no. The next thing we're voting on is the amendment on the opt-in committee that Gabby just proposed. It should say future use, but it says future you. Please vote on this one. This is just for the amendment. 10 more. Okay. Passes. 32 yes, 6 abstain, and 1 no. And now we are voting on the entire resolution itself with these amendments. Alright, go ahead. Voting to pass resolution whatever this is, number, repealing Bryn Mawr's protest guidelines represented at plenary. Okay, we still need 10 more. Who's not voting? Who's not voting? Passes. 37 yes, 3 abstain, 3 no. Alright, so second to last resolution. Alright, this one should be pretty quick. Treasurers, do you want to come up and present this one? We're saving the best for last, guys.

**Esénia:** Do you wanna alternate by... I can also... I can read be it resolved. Let's get started.

## **Resolution #13: 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

**Zoe:** 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.

Jet: 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.

**Zoe**: 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.

**Jet**: 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.

**Esenia:** We present the following precedent:

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).

We present the following resolution:

*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.

Discussion and questions period.

Esénia: Questions? 15.

**Isabelle:** Timer is already going. Alright, let's vote.

**Esénia:** You guys really want to get to the Fizz resolution, huh?

**Isabelle:** Let's go party, people. Alright, it passes. 38 yes, 2 abstain, 0 no.

**Esénia:** Alright, last resolution of the night. We're at 10:10pm. We're gonna finish before 11pm guys.

Applause.

**Isabelle:** I love the people who are abstaining, like you normally abstain if you're like, involved somehow, like it would be inappropriate to vote.

**Esénia:** Nah, y'all got shit to say.

**Isabelle:** It's like, people don't wanna say no, so they're like, I'll just abstain, but I love it. It's awesome.

**Esénia:** Alright, Evan, do you want to read this one?

Evan: Sure.

**Esénia:** Unsubscribing Bryn Mawr as an institution that is available for Fizz.

Resolution #14: Unsubscribing Bryn Mawr as a partner institution to the Fizz application

Presented by: Presented by: The SGA Executive Board '25-26

**Evan:** 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." 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 Stanford University McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society. "Fizz: A Case

Study in Social Media Growth." April 2024. 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.

We present the following precedent:

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.

We present the following resolution:

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.

Discussion and questions period.

**Esénia:** Questions?

**Isabelle:** Well, wait. Before we get to the questions, I want a reminder: it's not about "I

love Fizz", it's about, do you think it is well written? It is. Um, well written enough that we can

vote on it. So, if you're like, I love Fizz, that's great, irrelevant for our purposes right now.

Esénia: Go ahead, Quinn.

Quinn: My question is how exactly do we terminate access, like, is that like the WiFi?

How does that work?

Evan: So-

Esénia: I can definitely answer this question. I've already had conversations with the

CIO, the Chief Internet Officer, on campus. Basically, how this would work, they would

eliminate it from campus WiFi or would just unsubscribe Bryn Mawr. So, brynmawr.edu emails

would no longer be recognized by the application. Therefore, access to Fizz would no longer be

available to brynmawr.edu emails. Go ahead.

**Amelia:** What's to stop students from returning to their previous use of Instagram

confessions pages which, as you stated, are equally harmful?

Evan: So-

**Isabelle:** Can I take this one? Because, my take... From an Honor Board perspective, the

Instagram pages, if you were like "Hey, this is against the Honor Code", because the person who

moderated it didn't really like, I don't think they really cared what they posted. They were like

"Oops, my bad," and delete the post. We've tried that on Fizz. If you're like, "Hey, this is against

the Honor Code, please delete this," they're like "fuck you", so, um, effectively, on one side,

Instagram is people are more likely to delete the stuff because it's not really their post. It's just

something they're moderating. Also, a huge problem is the comments and cesspool it creates on

Instagram, even if the post is anonymous. The comments, and the like, "oh yeah let's go beat that

person up" type stuff, which like literally happens on Fizz. Like, let's follow this person and take

pictures of them. That's not on Instagram.

**Esénia:** And also, Fizz is so much more accessible and brings so much more pool than

these Instagram pages ever did. These had like 900, maybe 1000 upvotes. You would be kind of

damned to find an Instagram post that has maybe more than 30 likes.

**Isabelle:** It's not that the Instagram posts are good. They're not, but it's like, a much

lesser evil

**Amelia:** Okay, I was really just curious.

**Isabelle:** No, that's fine. It was a very good question.

Evan: I would also say that with this being presented at plenary, I would hope that it

would discourage people from then creating those accounts, because especially with the events

that have happened in the past couple of weeks, they would see the very direct harm that people

can cause by posting anonymously.

**Esénia:** Yes. Any other questions? Caroline?

Caroline: This is so nitpicky and I apologize, but I don't think you guys are doing

yourselves any favors by calling it an application. Like, I think you can just call it an app.

**Esénia:** App is short from application.

Caroline: No, I know.

**Esénia:** So... I think we can leave it. I think it's fine.

People talk over each other.

**Esénia:** App is a recognized word in the Merriam Webster.

Evan: I understand where you're coming from, from a student perspective, but also, the

goal for this would ultimately be for it to go to administration to read, so I do want it to come off

as professional as possible.

Caroline: Got it.

**Esénia:** You're so good.

**Daiana:** I know you mentioned about how, other apps would also be prohibited or... how

are those, what is like, the ranking system or determinations? Criteria?

Esénia: Yeah, for sure, so, there's whisper, there's YikYak, there's Sideshadow, all these

other applications. They're all in the same vein. We can't regulate whether someone creates an

Instagram post or Instagram page, or not, right? But, we can regulate applications that like, Bryn

Mawr from affiliating themselves or having the brynmawr.edu recognized at these other

applications... should there be a proposition affiliated at any of these applications with Bryn

Mawr.

Quinn: This is purely out of curiosity. Is Haverford doing anything similar or no?

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Evan: And I think it also speaks to the power of an anonymous posting platform because

they chickened out after it had become public that we were going to be doing a banning Fizz

resolution and it received backlash on fizz, and Student Council pulling out after the fact shows

that this resolution needs to happen because people are listening to anonymous strange people

with upvotes and downvotes and it's not good. No good.

**Esénia:** Also, SGA supremacy, so...

**Isabelle:** I think we can be first.

**Esénia:** Let's wake that up. Making herstory. Hahaha. Srijanee, go ahead.

**Srijanee:** I'm not super into the Fizz stuff, like, did something crazy happen?

Isabelle: Yes.

**Esénia:** You're talking to... there are multiple people in this room that have faced

extreme harassment.

**Evan:** I can speak for myself. I'm part of the Bryn Mawr College Night Owls. A couple

of weeks ago, there were some crazy anonymous posts about us saying some very horrible things

which, from my knowledge as a sophomore, have no truth anymore and are not relevant. That, at

least personally, really damaged my mental health. Made me really scared to walk on campus, go

to class, made me terribly anxious. And so, there's multiple other people who have shared that

experience. I encourage you to go ask around outside of this forum because I don't want to dish

out other people's experience, but it's a common experience. It's not fun. It's traumatizing, and I

don't want it to happen to anyone else ever again.

**Esénia:** Also, who remembers email gate? As in, when I sent six emails in one day? I

got, I was harassed for one week straight. I could not escape it, even in person. I know it's like

the Tyler the Creator tweet, which is like "how is cyberbullying real? Just close your eyes." No

actually, that's not what's happening. It's weighing on your brain the entire time you're walking

around and saying "I fucking hate you" on their phones. It's genuinely crazy levels. And now, I

mean, in the last year, how much like, how it has shifted to what people are saying.

**Isabelle:** It's like, sure, "How is cyberbullying real? Just close your eyes." We don't want

our community members to have their eyes closed. We want them to not get cyberbullied on their

campus.

**Esénia:** Any other questions?

Caroline: And on top of that, even if you're not getting harassed in the real world, just

having that knowledge that people are talking negatively about you and not wanting to look at it,

but knowing that it's later also causes a lot of mental distress even if it doesn't get to the point of

what you're describing.

**Esénia:** I hadn't even had this stupid ass app in my phone for months and people are just

like, Esénia, look at this crazy message. I think the things that people have been saying in the last

72 hours is, like, ridiculous. We are beyond Honor Board violations. So, Fizz ban.

**Isabelle:** Voting, are we voting?

**Esénia:** Yes, go ahead?

??: I just had a question. This is nothing related to the potentially, like, I don't know,

creating specific, just to clarify, cause, bringing like specific things that people may have said

onto the Honor Board. There would be no penalty for it, right?

**Isabelle:** No, we can't. We say, "hey, please delete this", they literally say fuck you.

**Esénia:** Fizz's policy is that only they know who posts what.

**Isabelle:** No. We don't wanna narc it. It's just like, let's cut it in the butt. But, I will also

say, I was talking with Dean Denine about this. They are actually not that anonymous.

**Evan:** In no capacity are they truly anonymous. Your email is attached to every single

thing you say. If someone wanted to sue Fizz and see what you posted, they could. If someone

wanted to hack fizz and see what you posted, they could.

**Isabelle:** Yeah, someone made a joke about bringing a weapon. So, they just like her old

school, Bridgewater State, they just asked them for the IP Address. And they were like, oh sure!

It's not, like ... we are normal. I don't think Dean Denine would be like, we need to find out who

said "fuck Esénia", but it's not anonymous enough where we can be like "and this is gonna be

great for organizing against administration". They'll just find out who it is! They have that

power!

**Esénia:** Also, Stanford University is mentioned a lot in this because, actually, there was a

leak, there was a hack because the security is so shit. All of the, like, there was a leak where all

emails associated with posts are shown. Yes, alright. Are we done?

**Isabelle:** Final questions?

Esénia: Yes!

Isabelle: Vote on the mentimeter. Vote. Vote, please. We need like, 5 more people. Whoa,

whoa, whoa. Don't look at what they voted.

Esénia: This isn't your boring ass class. I shouldn't see you packing up.

Isabelle: This passes with 38 yes, 1 abstain, and 3 no.

**Esénia:** RepCo Plenary is done!

Isabelle: Please recycle your paper. Be woke. Be nice.

**Evan:** Meeting is adjourned.