

Attending SGA E-Board:

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Esénia Bañuelos '26: Alright everyone, we are gonna take a brief quorum check really quickly. Remember, our quorum is 37. We are gonna call campus safety to see about that noise, so at some point throughout this, it will go away, but we're imagining it's coming from over there where that door is. If there is any RepCo member that did not see the voting form, it will go back up very briefly. So, I'm just going to call out names of different members. Again, we need to hit 37. Alright. I'm going to do a brief quorum check if we can be quiet. Sisterhood. Julia, can I ask you for some help? Do you mind just holding... Can you underline when someone says their name? Mujeres?

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Esénia: ZAMI.

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Esénia: Control U, or command U, sorry. Just... Okay. Just, just... Do italics. BACaSO. Alright, Bacaso, MSA. No. ASA. No. Yes? FSA.

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Esénia: Awesome. Hillel.

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Esénia: SAS. KSA.

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Esénia: BSA. Yes. Mawrters for Immigrant Justice? MENA? MENA?

?: Here.

Esénia: JSA

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Esénia: AIS

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Esénia: Bryn Mawr Athletic Alliance. EnAble.

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Esénia: Chabad. Celebrating All Mixed People.

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Esénia: 2026 Class President.

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Esénia: 2027 Class President. 2028 Class President.

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Esénia: 2029 Class President.

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Esénia: Batten Dorm President. Brecon. Denbigh.

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Esénia: ECC. No ECC. Erdman.

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Esénia: ILLC.

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Esénia: Merion.

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Esénia: New Dorm. They don't have presidents. Pem East.

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Esénia: Pem West.

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Esénia: Radnor.

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Esénia: Rhoads North.

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Esénia: Rock. No more presidents. Okay. We're gonna give a count of how many we have so far.

We have 1, 2, 3. 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... alright, we're about eight away. Elections.

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Esénia: BOT Rep.

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Esénia: Rep to faculty. Institutional memory.

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Esénia: Alright, 32. Bear with us, y'all. Concert series. Okay. Conflict resolution. Constitution review.

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Esénia: Awesome. 33. Film series.

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Esénia: 34. Financial aid advisory board. Gender inclusion committee.

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Esénia: Awesome. 35. Green ambassadors.

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Esénia: 36. HCAB. 37. We're at quorum. Still gonna count the rest. Plenary committee.

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Esénia: 38. Seven siblings.

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Esénia: 39. Steam

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Esénia: 40. Student curriculum.

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Esénia: 41. Trads? No. Trads?

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Esénia: Students for disability justice. We are at 42, so we are 5 away from losing the quorum, so we want to do this as fast as we can. So, to begin, I want to talk a little bit about why this

RepCo budget is really important and also in particular some things that will change moving forward. If you are an AMO, just a reminder that February 18th is our very first AMO Advisory Board meeting. So, the budget processes are going to change and will be led by me and Zara, who is Social Justice and Equity Chair. Also, as you guys might have seen, the Office of the President did just broker a deal which allowed for 140,000 extra dollars to our budget for this semester alone. It's likely to double to \$280k for the 26-27 year. That's on top of our \$340,000 ish dollars because of our SGA due budget increase thing. We're probably looking at over 500k dollars that will be available to the SGA budget. As you may have seen, though, our budget for this semester is designed with some changes specifically for organizations in mind particularly those AMOs we were just talking about, but also our traditions and also our senior class presidents and also for... actually that's pretty much it only our AMOs, senior presidents, and trads. Bear in mind, this semester we have a Grand May day and we also have Hell Week that's happening literally this week. We have a lot of things going on. If you are a member of any of those organizations, we really invite you to reach out to us and connect to us really soon because that 140k can be used now. If you are a member of Sisterhood, Mujeres, any organization, that is, we're going to send you an email to get in contact with you to plan around your budget with the SGA increase in place. That's it for me, so the first thing I want to do, now that we have a quorum, is to look at the budgets for this year. Actually, do you guys want to do a little bit of a talk that you guys do before we go, or no? Sounds good, I will pass it on to you guys.

Jet Taylor '27: Hi, I'm Jet.

Zoe Beer '26: Hello, I'm Zoe.

Jet: I'm class of 2027 and International Studies major and Music minor. This is my second year as co-treasurer.

Zoe: I'm class of 2026, Math major, French and Data Science major. This is my first year with Jet.

Jet: We will try to be quick and pause for the half time show. We will be going over budget cuts and a general data insight including the SGA budget over 10 years, a quick recap of last semester's budget crisis, and look at an overview of this semester's budget. We will discuss some changes we have in mind for moving forward, like our collaboration with the President's Office which we are very excited about, the introduction of a safety fund, and a Bi-Co club budget collaboration. All ideas we have in mind, with the exception of our Bi-Co collab, are for the purpose of keeping clubs at Bryn Mawr from facing another budgetary low like last semester's. We hope to introduce our ideas at Plenary to solidify these safeguards and mitigate careless management of our budget going forward.

Zoe: I'm going to walk us through a little bit of data insightSo, data insight. A lot of this may look familiar. As you can see, if you look at this chart here, the first thing you might notice is that 2020-2021 drop. That was during COVID. Unfortunately, the way we used our COVID surplus from 2020-2021 was unsustainable. We ran out just four years later. After that COVID period, we go up. Unfortunately, a rise in budgets in general is not inherently good because we will always inevitably hit a ceiling. You can't just keep going up and never go down. Budget requests and approvals fluctuate every year as you can see, it kind of goes up and then goes down and so forth, but because of that fluctuation, we cannot guarantee that our budgeting mentality will carry over from year to year. That's just unsustainable and not a good mentality to be in. For this reason, we want to introduce a safety fund that can act as a sort of buffer for club budgets in the future. We'll talk about that later on.

Jet: Ideally, with this safety fund, the blue line in the middle, the average, will be more horizontal going forward. And now, a recap on last semester... As expected, Traditions and campus-wide events took up the majority of the SGA budget, leaving other clubs and committees with what was leftover. However, this did not mean Traditions and the Senior class did not also get major cuts as well during that semester. However, last fall, we budgeted for the cost of lanterns which usually is split between both the fall and spring semester to move entirely to the Fall. We did this to ensure that we would have enough in our budget for a more expensive spring semester, with Grand May Day in mind. And we succeeded. We have a larger pool of funds than we would have otherwise which frees up some of our spring events, like the SAAC formal, Black Love Gala, and Mujeres culture show, and again, Grand May Day.

Zoe: Now some data insight... Okay, so, the total amount was over 400k. The SGA fund made up of our SGA dues and unspent funds from the fall has \$370,072.06. This semester, clubs and committees, though, as you can see, requested \$429,027.24, significantly more, and we gave them a total of \$341,665.46. This number also includes our \$15,000 remedial fund as usual and our newly introduced safety fund, but this does not include our \$140,000 collaboration with the President's Office. Until we figure out the logistics behind this collaboration, we've decided not to implement it during this budgeting period. Luckily, even without the 140k, we are in a stable spot, so that's great. For contestations tonight, we will be drawing from the \$28,406.60 left in our SGA account. Please, let's try not to spend all of that, because it rolls over to next semester, which can help greatly. Though we are in a good place financially, we ask that clubs remember to prioritize contesting for overall club needs rather than their wants. These slides are a bit out of date, but we hope you will bear with us through this information. After last fall, we suggested that clubs shift expectations going forward. And you did greatly, which we really appreciate. We

can tell many clubs put a lot more work into budgeting conservatively and with consideration to other clubs' needs, including especially our cultural, religious and seasonal events. Since we spent the rest of our budget surplus last year, club budgets have been considerably strained. Jet and I decided our goal for this year was to create and maintain a budget surplus going forward. Not only during a budget crisis, but just in general, we ask that clubs continue or hopefully start collaborating as much as possible and not waste items. Everything purchased is SGA property, as you know from our budget workshops, and therefore should be treated as such. We'd like to set a precedent of increasing collaborations with other clubs and decreasing overall waste. We highly encourage you guys to talk to each other. If you know someone who wants to start a club that's similar to yours, maybe start a collab. We also ask that clubs look into using supplies from Student Engagement. We were just up there. They have a ton of stuff. Most people want markers. Student Engagement has a ton of markers. So please, check them out. They have a lot more to offer than Zoe and I have used in the past. If you have any thoughts or ideas about this, feel free to email sgatreasurer@brynmawr.edu with any general comments.

Jet: So tonight... Oops. Contestations will go in order by percentage decrease from budget requested to budget approved. When it is your turn, you will announce your club name and intended contestation amount. At that time, Zoe and I will double check that you are good to go, or we may give you a restriction reminder, as you cannot request more than your original budget request or beyond the 150% budget increase scheme. From there, you'll get one minute to appeal to Rep-Co.

Evan Pineo '28: Also, when you come up, you'll say your first name and your class year for the transcript. Thank you!

Jet: Could you raise your hand if you intend to contest tonight? So two. Okay, perfect. Thank you. Now we have a few big updates for you guys. First off, we have a collaboration with the President's Office. What we know is that \$140,000 from the President's Office will be used to fund lanterns for traditions, our ECC-affiliated AMOs (namely MSA, ASA, BACaSO, and Mujeres) and Senior Week for the senior class. We also know that the Dean's Office will be in charge of managing this fund. What we don't know is how the fund exchange process will logistically work. And, on top of that, we also don't know if this agreement will take effect to reimburse some of our expenses from last semester or be implemented starting this coming fall.

Zoe: Next up, as we mentioned, we also have our Safety Fund. Ideally, treasurers in the future going forward will always put 10% of what amount is available for that semester into this fund. And it would not be touched unless in the case of a huge emergency. We are testing this system out this semester by putting 10% of our total budget in, at the moment that's about \$37,000, but intend to make this one of our many SFC Bylaws edits during Plenary. Even with that fund being tested this semester, we're still in great shape. Last, for now, is the collaboration we have with the Haverford Co-Treasurers, Ben and Sophia. This semester, we are covering part of Bi-Co News, Chabad, and Lame Ducks, all clubs with many Bryn Mawr attendees and members falling under the Bi-Co designation. Our funding is broken down by the percentage of Bryn Mawr students in attendance. For now this is a trial run. We look forward to collaboration for years going forward. We highly encourage clubs to start taking attendance, even if you aren't a Bi-Co club, it's great practice. And now a few FAQs...

Jet: Guys, this is a scary slide. Please remember to always email sgatreasurer when you have an inquiry. If you reply to one of our emails, please remember then to hit reply all, or make sure you copy sgatreasurer on it so sgatreasurer will be included.

Zoe: After contestations, the next time clubs can submit is during MSR, Mid-Semester Review. If you are in need of funding before then, you can also look into fundraising with the Student Engagement Office. We cannot promise any MSR funding before the MSR period. SFC is starting this Saturday, February 14th. However, some members may be busy with Hell tasks and Valentines Day, so give them a little leeway. We will ensure that all introduction emails are sent by February 21st. If you have any inquiries before then, you may reach out to us at sgatreasurer@brynmawr.edu.

Jet: Going forward after this semester, the 50% increase rule will apply to the previous semester only, unless your club has seasonal budgeting needs. Some important dates for the semester are Mid-Semester Review and the final reimbursement submission deadline. Mid-Semester review deadline will be the week after spring break. It will open March 16th at 9am and close Friday, March 20th at 5pm. During this time, you can request more funds or ??? ... Also, we are implementing an end semester reimbursement submission deadline. We will not take submissions after this deadline, May 9th at 5pm, which is the Saturday after the first testing week. This timeline will ensure Zoe and I have time to collaborate with Student Engagement and make sure everything is accounted for and zero out all of the club's transactional accounts on Engage and ensure everything is ready for the fall before the end of the semester. If you have any questions or specific needs that conflict with us, just let us know in advance so we can talk about a good plan for you guys.

Esénia: We missed the half time show. Alrighty. So. Yeah, there was no way. We were trying to find it the whole time. Alrighty. So. Why does it sound like this actually? Okay, so as you know, there are only two contesting organizations. The only vote we have to do first is the blanket vote on all the budgets. Is that correct, Jet and Zoe? Yes. We're going to scroll very slowly through all

the budgets. I'm sure many of you guys closer to the back will not be able to see this. We're just going to go through, then we're going to do a vote using the link you scanned earlier in this meeting. On my count, you're going to refresh and then vote however you would like on whether you would like to accept those resolutions that are not going to be contested on. We're going to do a silent review altogether. We're gonna scroll through. We're almost more than half way through, well we are more than halfway through, so RepCo if you have your voting form link, just make sure you have it ready on your phone and you're ready to hit refresh on that tab. So, RepCo members. Get your phones out. We are about to vote on whether we will pass these budgets of which will not be contested upon. Alrighty. So... Please refresh and let me know that you see a link. You guys see a link? Alright. Awesome. Thank you guys. Alright. 10 people have not voted yet, so please, please, please make sure you do. We're at 29. We're at 30. 31. And... One more please. Awesome, thank you. Passes. Thank you so much everyone. Alright. Yes.

Applause.

Esénia: I'll pass it to Jet and Zoe for our first contesting organization.

Zoe: Okay, so we have two clubs contesting. The first one we'll have is Trail Running, if you guys want to come up. Oh yeah, just say your club and how much you are contesting for.

Evan: And your name and class year.

Alison '26: I'm Alison, class of 2026. I'm contesting for Trail Running Club. I'm contesting for the full amount I requested which was \$142 or \$143, I forget which. I'm requesting an additional \$80 of funding essentially so we can fund two van rentals to take us to nearby, uh, state parks. The van rentals are about \$45 each. We, um, overshot our budget last semester, and so we have to cover that overshooting and so really this just makes us square from last semester and lets us

do the two trips we need to offer also to make sure we can continue offering PE credit for our members. Our only expense is van rentals.

Esénia: Awesome. So, RepCo members, if you can open your app right now or open your tab and please vote on the Trail Running Club budget. It should be open right now. Increase to \$143, so that's an increase of \$80. We are 4 votes away from quorum. We're here. Thank you. That passes. 35 yes, 3 no, zero abstains. Thank you. We only have one contesting organization left and then we get you guys out of here. I know right, that's awesome. Alright, passing it back to you for our next contesting organization.

Zoe: Just remember to give us your name, club, and tell us the amount, but pause after the amount so we can double check.

Catherine '28: I'm a Representative of the ASA and I'm requesting \$350.

Zoe: That works.

Catherine: So in the past, ... wait what? Oh, okay. Um, my name is Catherine, and I'm representing the ASA and I'm requesting \$350 in response to, like, no funding for our snacks, which brings the total to \$350. In the past, ASA has used snack funding to provide culturally representative drinks and snacks at genbod meetings to promote both cultural exposure and student engagement. We already spent \$70 for snacks for our first few meetings which was following the example of previous snack fundings of \$350 that was approved. Our snack selection represents multiple Asian countries, some of which are Korea, Japan, China, Taiwan, and Singapore. Not only are our snacks an accessible way for students to experience Asian culture, but it helps Asian students feel represented and connected to ethnic identities on campus. The \$350 would allow us to provide snacks for our meetings-

Jet: Excuse me? Can you just finish that last thought?

Catherine: Yes. ... and important snacks that we need for our large and diverse student body.

Esénia: Alrighty. Alright, RepCo if you can open your voting form again and share your vote on ASA's budget. It's an increase by \$350. Four more. Two more. One more. Passes. 32 yes, 2 no, 4 abstains. And that concludes RepCo budget. Thank you.

Applause.