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SELF GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

AGENDA

1. Overview of Plenary (Welcome)
2. Approval of the Rules of Order and Agenda
3. Resolution 1: Effective Resignation Rules

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 Mawrter proud.

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Plenary uses a form of communication based on *Robert's Rules of Order*. This ensures that the will of the majority is done while protecting the voice of the minority. The rules of order may seem awkward and sometimes constraining, but they will limit chaos and personal attack. Please give your attention to the guidelines and follow them. In the long run, they will make Plenary run smoother and faster.

Quorum is essential and required. This means that everyone must enter and exit from the side door of Goodhart. **Votes are only valid if there is quorum.**

Order of Business:

Each resolution will be presented as follows:

- Reading of the resolution by the presenter(s)
- Explanation of the resolution by the presenter(s) - 3 minutes · Floor open to questions and Pro/Con statements - 12 minutes
(*questions are given priority during this time*)
(*If amendment is presented, it is given an additional 8 minutes*)
- Floor open to Pro/Con statements only - 7 minutes
- Rebuttal period for presenter(s) of the resolution - 3 minutes
- Voting on the resolution

If there is discussion occurring at the microphones, then discussion will occur for at least 12 minutes as outlined above, before the question may be called. This is to ensure that a minimum discussion is given to all resolutions, as the community has already warranted these resolutions worthy of discussion.

If there is no discussion at the microphone, the SGA Executive Board will give a 30 second time limit for those who wish to speak to identify themselves by either approaching the microphone or alerting their section counter. If after the 30 seconds no one has announced that they wish to speak, the amendment or resolution will be voted upon.

There will be a member of the SGA Executive Board moderating as well as another member keeping time for each resolution. One minute and 30 second warnings will be given for each timed period.

SPEAKING

If you wish to ask a **question, please line up at the middle yellow QUESTION microphone. **If you wish to make a statement **in favor** of a proposal, please use the green PRO microphone.

If you wish to make a statement **in opposition to a proposal, please use the red CON microphone.

There will be a moderator at each microphone who will limit the number of people standing in line. Please keep your statements to one minute, so that everyone may have time to speak. Please listen carefully to the speakers to avoid asking the same question or making the same basic point. If you have already spoken on an issue, you will not be allowed to speak again until everyone else who desires to speak has done so. If you must talk while in your seat, please be considerate of those around you who may be trying to listen to the discussion. Most importantly, **please be patient and respectful** of all other members. Even though you might not agree with an idea, everyone has the right to speak and be heard.

The President will call on microphones alternating Pro/Con. Only the people at microphones who are recognized by the President will be permitted to speak, and again, no person at the microphone will be allotted more than one minute to comment on the resolution.

VOTING

Voting is a right and privilege extended to all members of the Association. The options for exercising this right are pro, con, and abstain (no opinion, or you feel like you don't have enough information to provide an informed vote). For a motion to pass a majority of members present must vote pro.

Please raise hands high, and know who your counter is for your section. The President will ask that everyone return to their proper seat during a vote, so as to make sure everyone is counted accurately.

All votes will be done visually unless there the majority of the vote is unclear. If you believe you are not being counted, please see a counter or come to the front of the stage.

DEFINITIONS

AMENDMENT: An addition or change that is proposed to a resolution which is on the table for discussion. Please try to use language such as “strike,” “add,” and “replace with.” If the amendment strays too much from the original intent of the proposal, the President may declare the amendment to be out of SCOPE, or outside of the resolution’s jurisdiction or purpose. All amendments must be written down in advance of approaching the microphone and presented to the microphone moderator. All amendments must be presented and discussed as written.

After an amendment is presented, it must be seconded at a microphone by another member of the Association, and is then open for debate. At this time, all discussion regarding the original resolution ceases to allow adequate attention to be given to the amendment. If you are speaking to the main resolution during this time, the President may request you to come back to the microphone when debate on the main resolution resumes.

MOTION TO EXTEND TIME: This needs a simple majority for approval. When making the motion, please specify a length at which time shall be extended (4 more speakers/5 minutes, etc.). It must be made before time has expired, seconded, and then passed by a simple majority.

MOTION TO COMMIT/REFER: If you feel like more research needs to be done in order to support the motion you may move to refer to a committee (I move to refer to a committee/task force). Upon doing so please specify the size, responsibilities and composition of the committee.

POSTPONE INDEFINITELY: This may be done if you feel like there is inadequate information and you feel like the motion does not warrant discussion. The effect would be to postpone debate entirely and move on to the next order of business. If desired, it could then be brought up at Plenary the following year.

CALLING THE QUESTION: A request to stop all discussion IMMEDIATELY and put the resolution to a vote. This MUST be voted upon, and requires 2/3 support. It is basically a vote to vote. The first vote will be to close discussion and move to the final vote. If this fails discussion continues; if this passes then the presenter moves to the rebuttal period and then we vote on whatever debate is currently occurring—i.e. an amendment or the original resolution. If you CALL ALL PREVIOUS QUESTIONS, this would include the same premise as calling the question, only we would proceed to vote systematically on any amendment on the table and the original resolution. This motion may only be made after the original 10 minutes of discussion have elapsed, and must be recognized by the President.

POINT OF ORDER: A motion made after an infraction of *Robert’s Rules of Order*. May be made from any place in the room. The Parliamentarian will confer with the President regarding the error and then will present a method of recovery to regain order.

*****IMPORTANT*****

These motions as well as the amendment process are serious procedures; which can, if abused, hinder the process or render it unfair. Please use them with discretion and allow the existing process to work as efficiently as possible. All motions must be presented at the microphone.

FOOD

All food must be consumed in the atrium and the lobby. In the case that food is consumed in the Auditorium, SGA will not be allowed to use Goodhart in the future. Please abide by and uphold the Social Honor Code by respecting this rule.

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF AND RECYCLE PLENARY PACKETS/BOOKLETS!

A special thank you to Bryn Mawr College for allowing us to use McPherson Auditorium and to our volunteers for your time and support!

Resolution #1: Reaffirmation of the SGA Constitution

Presented by: the 2017-2018 SGA Executive Board

Alisha Clark, Nanda Bhushan, Delia Landers, Anna Huang, Swati Shastry

Summary of Resolution: *The Bryn Mawr College Self-Governance Association -- the first collegiate student government in American history -- was established in 1892 as a way for the students to govern themselves. SGA is having the voice and the power to create positive change in our community through confrontation, discussion, and action. SGA also empowers us to create a community of mutual respect for all Mawrters. This resolution is to reaffirm our commitment to the spirit of self-governance, the Honor Code, and the SGA Constitution.*

Whereas, the Self-Government Association of the Undergraduate School of Bryn Mawr College is the first and oldest system of self-governance in the United States,

Whereas, the spirit of self-governance permeates almost every aspect of the Undergraduate Bryn Mawr College experience,

Whereas, the students of Bryn Mawr College have pledged to work together for the welfare, benefit, and preservation of the community as a whole,

Whereas, we recognize that to reach full potential of our community, we require a commitment on the part of each and every individual,

It is hereby resolved that we, the members of the Self-Government Association of the Undergraduate School of Bryn Mawr College present today, the 21st of February, 2016, on behalf of the entire Self Government Association, reaffirm our commitment to self-governance, the SGA Constitution, and the Honor Code.

Resolution #2: Recommitment to the Values of the Honor Code
Presented by: Swati Shastry

Summary of Resolution: *This Resolution serves to reaffirm our commitment as the Self-Government Association to the values of the Bryn Mawr College Honor Code. Confrontation is necessary for the Honor Code to work. The Honor Code calls for students to confront infractions of the Honor Code face to face and in a constructive manner. We acknowledge that active practice of confrontation is necessary to maintain the Honor Code as a contract between students, and a defining factor of the relationship between students and faculty, and reaffirm our commitment to practicing such confrontation.*

Whereas, the life of the Honor Code relies on community investment and engagement,

Whereas, all members of the undergraduate community have a responsibility to abide by the Honor Code,

Whereas, confrontation is the necessary first step toward bringing an infraction to the attention of the Honor Board, and is a responsibility listed in the Code (Article II, Section A),

Whereas, our bi-co partner, Haverford, lists a similar responsibility for individuals to the community in its Honor Code (Article 2, Section 3.06),

Be it resolved that, we, the undergraduate students of Bryn Mawr College, reaffirm our commitment to positive confrontation.

Resolution #3: Changing the Maximum Wait-Time for Quorum

Presented by: The 2016-17 SGA Executive Board

Rhea Manglani, Shaina Robinson, Rachel Bruce, Jocelyne Oliveros, Swati Shastry

Summary of Resolution: *This Resolution serves to shorten the maximum wait-time to reach quorum from three hours to one hour and fifteen minutes. This change is being proposed with the introduction of "Night Plenary" to respect members of SGA (the students') schedules, whereas Plenary had previously taken place during the afternoon when the three hour maximum was first proposed.*

Whereas, the current wait-time for Plenary is three hours,

Whereas, this is no longer necessary with the introduction of "Night Plenary",

Be it resolved, the Plenary wait-time will now be one hour and fifteen minutes.

Resolution #4: Regulating the Representative Council Attendance Policy to Five Unexcused Absences per Semester

Presented by: the 2016-17 SGA Executive Board

Rhea Manglani, Shaina Robinson, Rachel Bruce, Jocelyne Oliveros, Swati Shastry

Summary of Resolution: *This Resolution serves to formally institute the five unexcused absence limit for Representative Council members at weekly SGA meetings. The unofficial rule has existed for some time, however its lack of solidification has led to confusion. This Resolution serves to correct this lack of transparency.*

Whereas there is no formal written limit of unexcused absences for missing SGA meetings as a representative council member,

Whereas, it is important to uphold accountability in these elected positions
Be it resolved, in Article IV Section 3 Subsection B, will now read "Elected members of the Representative Council are allowed up to 5 unexcused absences from SGA meetings per semester; however, missing plenary counts as two (2) absences."

Resolution #5: Paying the SGA Executive Board

Presented by the 2016-17 and 2017-18 SGA Executive Boards

Rhea Manglani, Shaina Robinson, Rachel Bruce, Jocelyne Oliveros, Swati Shastry, Alisha Clark, Nanda Bhushan, Delia Landers, Anna Huang

Summary: Executive Board positions on SGA are not currently paid. Due to the intensive number of hours necessary to fulfill the duties of these positions, those who cannot afford to spend unpaid hours of time on these positions cannot run for them. This means that the Executive Board positions are not accessible to the entire undergraduate student body. In an effort to make SGA an inclusive space that is representative of the Bryn Mawr community, we want to make the positions paid either through an SGA approved stipend or employment through the College.

Whereas, the fulfillment of the duties outlined for the members of the Executive Board in the Constitution is dependent upon the number of hours they can spend on SGA.

Whereas, each E-Board position spearheads a sub-committee, oversees its responsibilities, and trains its members, in addition to hosting individual office hours and attending various meetings.

Whereas, SGA positions require each Executive Board members to practice social and intellectual competency, requiring a certain level of leadership and transparency.

Whereas, in the past students have been unable to run for the Executive Board due to the number of hours the positions require from their position holders on a weekly basis.

Whereas, this has disproportionately affected students who depend on student employment, making the Executive Board only accessible to students who can afford to forgo pay.

Whereas, SGA is made inaccessible and not fully representative of the student body since only a subsection of the student body can afford to fully devote their time to an Executive Board position.

Whereas, for the following positions to be paid, the Executive Board is working with Marybeth Horvath and other members of staff and the administration, as deemed necessary, to ensure that correct steps are being taken to develop job descriptions and hourly rates for the Executive Board.

Whereas, if the College decides that SGA can use the SGA Budget to pay the Executive Board members, SGA will use the accumulated emergency pool from

the SGA Budget to fund stipends until active discussions regarding the administration's potential contribution to the budget have ended.

Be it resolved, that if the five Executive Board positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Head of the Honor Board) are paid through a stipend, the stipend amount shall come out of the SGA budget for next term. As per current policy, the budget will be approved at a Representative Council meeting. However, the proposed stipend amount of the Executive Board will not be enacted until the student body votes on it at Fall Plenary.

Be it resolved, that these are academic year only positions and any summer work is done on a volunteer basis.

Be it resolved, that if the stipend amount is reduced or rejected by the student body at Plenary, residual funds will enter the emergency pool.

Be it resolved, that if the College and Human Resources determines that the Executive Board members cannot be paid through a stipend and that they are employees of the College, the Executive Board positions will be paid through the Student Activities student employment line.

Be it resolved, that these will be considered Level IV positions under student-employment guidelines due to the expertise and highly technical tasks required for each position.

Appendix:

Job Descriptions

President:

On average, works 8 hours per week

1. Acts as a liaison between the undergraduate student body and the Bryn Mawr Administration.
2. Meets with President Cassidy once a month and Dean Walters twice a month to relay concerns of the student body.
3. Presides over weekly SGA meetings, meeting with the Representative Council, and meetings with the Executive Board.
4. Oversees the Executive Board and works with them to delegate tasks and set an agenda for SGA.
5. Attends various administrative meetings (including Board of Trustee meetings), and advises people on all matters related to SGA.
6. In charge of organizing Plenary and the Big Cheese Forum, ensuring that each event takes place once a semester respectively.
7. Holds office hours by appointment.

Vice President:

On average, works 7 hours per week

1. Presides over and trains the Appointments Committee.
2. Organizes and facilitates the September, November, and April Appointments Rounds in addition to any other special appointments rounds that are deemed necessary. Special appointments rounds are at the discretion of the Vice-President, the Bryn Mawr administration, and/or requests from various SGA committees.
3. Responsible for coordinating outreach and publicity for appointments rounds. Oversees and updates the SGA Appointments Blog.
4. Hosts workshops outlining the Appointments process before the April and/or the November Round.
5. Distributes midterm progress reports and/or hold meetings with committee heads.
6. Distributing exit surveys to committee heads.
7. Monitor and supports each group of appointed positions.
8. Towards the end of the Vice President's term, the Vice President will check in with the last and current appointed people for each position to determine if the position description needs to be updated.
9. Keeps appointed students aware of the resources they have at their disposal, including leadership workshops, on-campus resources, and SGA Budgeting.

Secretary

On average, works 7 hours per week

1. Responsible for giving notice of all SGA and open Assembly meetings.
2. Keeps minutes and attendance.
3. Keeps the necessary records of the Representative Council, correspondence as directed by the President.
4. Keeps a current list of Assembly members.
5. Sets the Agenda of the Representative Council meeting and distributes Representative Council minutes.
6. Keeps track and upholds the Attendance Policy.
7. Is expected to be an expert on the Constitution and meeting procedures.
8. Works closely with the Webmistress(es)/Master(s)/Mistex appointed by the Appointments Committee to keep the website or other means of distributing information up to date

Treasurer

On average, works 10 hours per week

1. Represents student interests in multiple weekly and monthly meetings.

2. Attends Board of Trustees meetings and Financial Committee Meetings throughout the semester.
3. Likewise, the Treasurer attends weekly meetings for the SGA executive board, SGA meetings and student finance committee meetings.
4. Manages the Student Finance Committee which processes financial transactions for college clubs.
5. Manages the SFC includes training, supervision and administration of electronic platforms and instruments for payment procedures.
6. Formats and relays the processed transactions of the SFC to the controller's office for student payment. This involves meeting weekly with the Controller's Office to ensure the efficiency of processing student payments for club activities.
7. Composes a budget bi-annually to allocate funds to student organizations after budget reviews.
8. The Treasurer is responsible for insuring that SGA funded events are free to Association members.
9. Offers support, help, and advice to club leaders in dealing with financial matters.
10. Audits the budgets of every club or committee, which is receiving SGA Common Treasury Funds.
11. Responsible for assigning SGA budget to Student Activities, including reviewing and holding interviews to assign club budgets, special event budget, residential life budget, Plenary, etc.
12. The Treasurer may call a meeting of the financial officers of any and all campus organizations.

Head of the Honor Board:

On average, works 8 hours per week

1. The Head of the Honor Board shall call and preside at meetings of the Social and Academic Honor Boards. The Head of the Honor Board shall direct the consideration of cases arising from the possible violation of the Honor Code.
2. The Head of the Honor Board shall be responsible for coordinating with the Assistant to the Dean of the College in arranging schedules of professors and students on the Honor Board for hearings
3. The Head of the Honor Board shall administer an arbitrary selection of the four rotating members of the Social Honor Board.
4. The Head of the Honor Board organizes the Academic and Social Honor Code orientations for first-years during customs week.
5. The Head of the Honor Board shall, upon invitation, attend faculty meetings to discuss the Academic Honor Code and how it relates to professors.
6. The Head of the Honor Board shall, upon invitation, attend Residence Council meetings to discuss Social Honor Code concerns.
7. The Head of the Honor Board oversees a committee of 8 students that shall comprise the Honor Board.

8. The Head of the Honor Board shall have the responsibility of orienting new Honor Board members to the Honor Code and hearing procedures
9. The Head of the Honor Board shall have the responsibility to make known to SGA the procedures and decisions of the Honor Board, as well as the Academic and Social Resolutions, in the form of anonymous abstracts. These abstracts shall be written shortly after resolution is reached and shall be released as prescribed by the Honor Code.
10. The Head of the Honor Board is responsible for regular communication with the Honor Council at Haverford for Bryn Mawr students who have infringed the Haverford Honor Code
11. The Head of the Honor Board is required to meet with Haverford's Honor Council at least once a semester to talk about new ways to orient the Honor Code to students
12. The Head of the Honor Board attends regular (almost) weekly meetings with the Dean of the Undergraduate College to talk about any new case that comes to the Honor Board, whether it goes forward to a hearing or not.
13. The Head of the Honor Board meets with students with impending hearings and their deans to go through the process of an Honor Board hearing before the actual hearing takes place
14. The Head of the Honor Board is a member of the Executive Board.
15. The Head of the Honor Board shall make the PowerPoint slides accessible at weekly SGA meetings.

Resolution #6: Updating and Revisiting the Dorm President Position
Presented by: Bridget Murray, Kyra Sagal

Summary of the Resolution: *Basically, this resolution has two parts. First, we are cleaning up the parts of the Constitution that do not accurately reflect what DPs do, since a lot has changed in Res Life and DLTs but the Constitution has not been updated accordingly (because the other DLT positions are beyond the scope of SGA). We want to make sure that what is in the Constitution is actually accurate. Second, we want to add several clauses that will allow for greater flexibility. In our tenure as ResCo Heads and DPs, and in the years prior to us, the DP position has had a higher turnover and more difficulty in finding students to fill the role than most other DLT positions. Dorm presidency requires attendance at two meetings per week—SGA and ResCO—and these can become unwieldy for students who have other commitments and can't guarantee two nights free per week (e.g., due to work, TA sessions, film screenings, etc.). It is often difficult to recruit students to run because of this, and on multiple occasions this struggle has resulted in other DLT members running—and while the sentiment here is wonderful, ideally the position should not be joint because it may interfere with responsibilities and bias. These requisites have also forced presidents to step down mid-year, which disrupts the functions of the DLT. In the hopes of making the entire operation smoother, fairer, and less bureaucratic, we want to create the option to separate the two major components of this position—in the dorm and on the SGA RepCo—when there is a demonstrated need.*

Whereas, the Dorm President position requires representation at SGA, in the Residence Council, and on the Dorm Leadership Team;

Whereas, the position of Dorm President not accurately reflected in the constitution and, as determined by current guidelines, the position has been difficult to fill on a consistent basis;

Whereas, the clauses in the Constitution regarding the role and responsibilities of the Dorm President have not been revised in at least ten years;

Whereas, in that time, changes in residential life policy and DLT organization have resulted in a new scope of responsibilities for Dorm Presidents;

Whereas, the commitment necessitated by this position has historically presented a challenge in recruiting and retaining presidents;

Whereas, measured flexibility would enable a wider body of students to be eligible for the Dorm President position while allowing the elections process to run smoother and potentially reduce the number of mid-year changes in presidency;

Be it resolved that Subsection C be amended to reflect the current modes of communication between presidents and their residents;

Be it resolved that Subsection D, E, F, and K be amended to reflect the current Dorm Leadership Team structure and the role of the Dorm President on the DLT and the Residence Council;

Be it resolved that Subsection I be amended to be consistent with last year's changes to the Board of Social Life Orientation and Wellness;

Be it resolved that Subsections B, G, H, and I be stricken, as they are now obsolete;

Be it resolved that the new Subsections F and G be added to demonstrate the current Room Draw and operating procedures and Dorm President election processes;

Be it resolved that the new Subsections H and I be added to provide protocol for making the position more accessible to students and less rigid in its demands and allowing for smoother and more timely elections processes.

Appendix:

i. Current and Proposed Update to the SGA Constitution:

Section IV: The Residence Council

Subsection A: The office of Dorm President may be held by two people.

Subsection B: *Dorm Presidents shall oversee the implementation of the Honor System at the dorm level as specified in that document.*

Subsection C: The Dorm Presidents may call and shall preside over dorm meetings. They must call meetings in their dorms at least two times each semester. It is the responsibility of the Dorm President to make sure the Dorm Officers (especially the SGA representative) give regular reports at these meetings. The dorm Presidents shall also oversee party forms.

New Subsection B (formerly C): It is the responsibility of the Dorm President(s) to communicate information from Residence Council meetings and SGA meetings to their constituents in manners agreed upon by residents at the start of the academic year (e.g., emails, SGA bulletin board postings, dorm meetings). The dorm Presidents shall also oversee party forms.

Subsection D: The Dorm Presidents may call and shall preside over dorm steering committee meetings comprised of all Dorm Officers including Hall Advisers.

New Subsection C: The Dorm President(s) shall serve as members of the Dorm Leadership Team: they shall attend DLT fall training, serve as liaisons to the Residence Council, and call for and facilitate one DLT meeting per month.

Subsection-E D: The Dorm Presidents shall be eligible for the Bryn Mawr A.B. degree and shall be residents of their respective halls. Customs people and Hall Advisers shall not be eligible for the position of Dorm President, as these positions interfere with the President's **ability to mediate**. They shall be elected by their respective halls each spring for a term of one year beginning the in the fall **and/or until their successors takes office**. [and terminating at the end of the academic year.] [change; reword 'mediate'?]

Subsection-F E: The Residence Council shall consist of the Head(s) of the Residence Council, the Dorm Presidents, **and the Head of the Committee on Campus Safety**. (added)

New subsection F: The Dorm Presidents, led by the Residence Council Head(s), shall lead Room Draw and Room Selection, and shall hold the election of the new dorm presidents by dorm at Room Selection. This election may be held by visual ballot or virtually at the discretion of the Residence Council.

New subsection G: In the event that an elected president steps down between their election and the start of their term (i.e. over the summer), a new election shall be run at the start of the academic year. This may be done at the initial dorm meeting if quorum is reached, or virtually if it is not. It may be overseen by the Head(s) of Elections and/or the Residence Council Head(s).

New subsection H: If no president is elected for a dorm following the full elections cycle, the position may be divided into Dorm President and Dorm SGA Representative to fairly accommodate the needs of parties interested in involvement in either position but unable to attend both SGA and Residence Council Meetings. Final judgment on this course of action shall be decided upon by the Residence Council Heads and SGA Executive Board. Both positions shall be elected *by simple majority of an online ballot of future dorm residents*.

Subsubsection: Any resident, including other DLT members, may serve as the SGA Representative.

New subsection I: In the event that a president must step down mid-year due to inability to attend SGA meetings, the position may be divided into Dorm President and Dorm SGA Representative. If able, the incumbent shall retain office as president and a new SGA representative shall be elected by *simple majority of an online ballot*. Final judgment on this course of action shall be decided upon by the Residence Council Heads, Executive Board, and incumbent president.

Subsection G: The Residence Council shall deal with all residential aspects of the community.

Strike subsection G- ambiguous.

Subsection H: The Residence Council is responsible for overseeing the Alcohol Policy and Party Policy. Members shall come from among the Dorm Presidents, as decided by its members at the beginning of each semester.

Strike subsection H

Subsection I: The Residence Council shall establish standing committees to consider and act on the following matters concerning:

1. Buildings and Grounds
2. Special Case Procedure for Room Changes
3. Room Draw

Strike Subsection I

Subsection J: Three Dorm Presidents, specifically the President(s) of Rhoads, President(s) of Radnor, and one other to be elected by the members of the Residents Council, shall serve on The Alcohol and Party Review Board.

Subsection J: One Dorm President, elected by the Residence Council, shall serve on the Board of Social Life Orientation and Wellness.

Subsection K: Dorm Presidents shall *two* coordinate social activities *per semester* inside and among the dorms.

Subsection L: Dorm Presidents shall distribute of the Dorm Discretionary Funds in cooperation with the Student Finance Committee.

Subsection M: The Residence Council shall preside over the Residential Council Fund.

1. The Purpose of the fund shall be to cover lasting improvements, replacements or repairs to dorm common spaces beyond what Facilities is able to provide.
2. The Residence Council Head(s) shall communicate and work with Facilities on all appropriate projects.
3. Proposals for spending from the fund shall be brought forward to the residence council by students, Dorm Presidents or the Residential Council Head(s).
4. Approval for spending from the fund must be voted on by the Dorm Presidents, one vote per residence, and shall require a two-thirds majority of quorum.
5. The Residence Council Fund shall be allotted \$1,000 each semester by the Student Finance Committee and be collective.
6. This Fund shall be capped at \$8,000.
7. When money is expended from this fund, the Residence Council Head(s) must make an announcement about the decision at the next Assembly meeting.

Resolution #7: Updating Part of SGA’s Statement of Purpose

Presented by: the 2017-18 SGA Executive Board

Alisha Clark, Nanda Bhushan, Delia Landers, Anna Huang, Swati Shastry

Summary of the Resolution: *This Resolution serves to update part of the Bryn Mawr College Self-Government Association to ensure the uplifting of historically and currently marginalized voices on campus.*

Whereas Article I, Section I, Subsection A the mission of Bryn Mawr’s Self Government Association reads, “...the purpose of SGA shall be the governance of the undergraduate student body”;

Whereas the student body is not being currently represented wholly by the constitution or the association as it is now written.

Whereas the previous mission statement only encapsulated the most basic of function and did not consider inclusivity and continuous change.

Whereas the voices of marginalized communities on campus have been historically and are currently silenced.

Whereas SGA is not being properly used to address the concerns and demands of students,

Whereas SGA has the potential to be a representative voice for all students on campus in every of aspect of college life and this platform needs to be utilized fully in order to enact the change that students deem necessary,

Be it resolved that Article I, Section I, Subsection A read “...the purpose of SGA shall be the governance of the undergraduate student body and in order to effectively perform this duty, SGA pledges act on the needs of the students and to uplift the voices of marginalized communities.”

Resolution #8: Adapting the Social Honor Code into SGA Meeting Procedures
Presented by: the 2017-18 SGA Executive Board
Alisha Clark, Nanda Bhushan, Delia Landers, Anna Huang, and Swati Shastry

Summary: This Resolution serves to adapt the values outlined by the Social Honor Code into weekly SGA meeting procedures. The current method, Roberts' Rules of Order, has the tendency to be inaccessible for students. This is a suggestion to students to use the Social Honor Code instead of Roberts' Rules of Order; the old system can still be used in meetings for the time being.

Whereas II, Section 2 reads "The Assembly may adopt as its parliamentary authority the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised".

Whereas the rhetoric of Robert's Rules of Order is inaccessible and does not allow for fluid discourse and productive decision making,

Whereas the nature of Robert's Rules of Order does not allow for the student body to fully understand the amendments being proposed or the issues being discussed,

Whereas the terminology used during Plenary and other SGA meetings is antiquated,

Whereas Section IV, Section 3 Subsection D states "at the beginning of each semester the rep-co shall vote on an established meeting procedure to be followed for the duration of the executive board" creates a precedent for the meeting structure to be reviewed alongside the structure of Plenary

Be it resolved that Article II, Section 2 now read "The Assembly may adopt as its parliamentary authority the Social Honor Code".

Resolution #9: Creating the New E-Board Position “Chair of the Social Justice and Equity”

Presented by: the 2017-18 SGA Executive Board

Alisha Clark, Nanda Bhushan, Delia Landers, Anna Huang, Swati Shastry

Summary: This Resolution serves to create a sixth Executive Board Position, Chair of the Social Justice and Equity, to ensure that the voices of all students (specifically marginalized groups on campus) are effectively been heard through SGA. This position will be tasked with overseeing the Chair of the Social Justice and Equity Committee.

Whereas there are currently only five Executive Board positions, and there is no specific position for ensuring all students are being represented and all voices, specifically those of color, are being heard.

Whereas many communities have not been represented on this campus,

Whereas the Alliance of Multicultural Organizations has not been incorporated into the governing operations,

Whereas issues of equality and social justice have not been consistently considered in the SGA procedure,

Whereas SGA as a historically white institution needs a fixed position that works with the rest of the E-Board to correct the inter-generational formation of ignorance

Be it resolved that Article IV, Section 3, Subsection 3, read
“F. Chair of the Social Justice and Equity.

1. The Chair of the Social Justice and Equity Committee shall be held by only one person at any one time.
2. The Chair of the Social Justice and Equity Committee should serve as a liaison between the Pensby Center and the Representative Council.
3. One of the primary functions of the Chair of the Social Justice and Equity Committee is to vote in the Representative Council meetings and to participate in achieving Representative Council’s long and short-term goals.
4. In order to accurately represent the Pensby Center, the representative must spend at least one hour every two weeks in conversation with the full time and/or student staff of the Pensby Center.
5. In addition to this, the representative acts as a liaison between the Diversity and Leadership Group and the assembly

6. The Chair of the Social Justice and Equity Committee is responsible for guiding the Executive Board and the Representative Council towards wider goals of diversity and inclusion.
7. Every semester the Chair of the Social Justice and Equity Committee will briefly present on the various talks, panels, and discussion groups that they convened including topic, number of participants, and ideas on how to build on this work in the years to come.”

Resolution #10: Making Heads of Committees Representative Council Positions
Presented by: the 2017-18 SGA Executive Board
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Summary: This Resolution serves to make all heads of committees Representative Council positions in order to improve committee accountability.

Whereas currently all representative council members are chosen by election.

Whereas each committee appointed by the Appointments Committee has a head that has not been held accountable for the role of their respective committee.

Whereas incorporating these heads into rep-co will allow for more dedication action of representing the multifaceted nature of the student body.

Whereas there needs to be more transparency with the committees so that students can use them as resources and understand the purpose of each committee.

Whereas the involvement in SGA does not encompass a large number of standpoints that come from the many committees that facilitate student involvement.

Whereas the Appointments Committee is comprised of elected members who are entrusted with appointing the most qualified candidates.

Be it resolved that Article II, Section 1, Subsections T-FF read:

“Subsection T: SGA Access Service Coordinator(s)

- The position of SGA Access Service Coordinator(s) shall be an appointed position, held by one or two people.
- The SGA Access Service Coordinator(s) shall have one vote if co-held.
- The SGA Access Service Coordinator(s) shall serve the interests of their respective committee.
- The SGA Access Service Coordinator(s) shall provide reports for the Appointments Committee regarding their progress every semester.
- The SGA Access Service Coordinator(s) shall attend meetings of the Representative Council.

Subsection U: Bryn Mawr College Concert Series Co-Heads

- The position of the Bryn Mawr College Concert Series Co- Heads shall be an appointed position.
- The Bryn Mawr College Concert Series Co-Heads shall have one vote.
- The Bryn Mawr College Concert Series Co-Heads shall serve the interests of their respective committee.

- The Bryn Mawr College Concert Series Co-Heads shall provide reports for the Appointments Committee regarding their progress every semester.
- The Bryn Mawr College Concert Series Co-Heads shall attend meetings of the Representative Council.

Subsection V: Board of Trustees Representative Head(s)

- The position of Board of Trustees Representative Head(s) shall be an appointed position held by one of two people.
- The Board of Trustees Representative Head(s) shall have one vote if co-held.
- The Board of Trustees Representative Head(s) shall serve the interests of the committee and attend the meetings of the Board of Trustees.
- The Board of Trustees Representative Head(s) shall provide reports for the Appointments Committee regarding their progress every semester.
- The Board of Trustees Representative Head(s) shall attend meetings of the Representative Council.

Subsection W: Campus Greening Representative Head(s)

- The Campus Greening Representative Head(s) shall be an appointed position held by one or two people.
- The Campus Greening Representative Head(s) shall have one vote if co-held.
- The Campus Greening Representative Head(s) shall serve the interests of the committee and meet regularly with the facilities head of grounds.
- The Campus Greening Representative Head(s) shall provide reports for the Appointments Committee regarding their progress every semester.
- The Campus Greening Representative Head(s) shall attend meetings of the Representative Council.

Subsection X: Green Ambassadors Head(s)

- The Green Ambassadors Head(s) shall be an appointed position held by one or two people.
- The Green Ambassadors Head(s) shall have one vote if co-held.
- The Green Ambassadors Head(s) shall serve the interests of the committee and meet regularly with the dorm green ambassadors.
- The Green Ambassadors Head(s) shall provide reports for the Appointments committee regarding their progress every semester.
- The Green Ambassadors Head(s) shall attend meetings of the Representative Council.

Subsection Y: Customs Committee Head(s)

- The Customs Committee Head(s) shall be an appointed position held by one or two people.
- The Customs Committee Head(s) shall have one vote if co-held.
- The Customs Committee Head(s) shall serve the interests of the committee and be present for the customs committee and customs people during customs week and throughout the entire year.

- The Customs Committee Head(s) shall provide reports for the Appointments committee regarding their progress every semester.
- The Customs Committee Head(s) shall attend meetings of the Representative Council.

Subsection Z: Financial Aid Advisory Head(s)

- The Financial Aid Advisory Head(s) shall be an appointed position held by one or two people.
- The Financial Aid Advisory Head(s) shall have one vote if co-held.
- The Financial Aid Advisory Head(s) shall serve the interests of the committee and work with the office of financial aid.
- The Financial Aid Advisory Head(s) shall provide reports for the Appointments Committee regarding their progress every semester.
- The Financial Aid Advisory Head(s) shall attend meetings of the Representative Council.

Subsection AA: Health Center Advisory Board Head(s)

- The Health Center Advisory Board Head(s) shall be an appointed position held by one or two people.
- The Health Center Advisory Board Head(s) shall have one vote if co-held.
- The Health Center Advisory Board Head(s) shall serve the interests of the committee and work closely with the health center.
- The Health Center Advisory Board Head(s) shall provide reports for the Appointments Committee regarding their progress every semester.
- The Health Center Advisory Board Head(s) shall attend meetings of the Representative Council.

Subsection BB: Communications Committee Head(s)

- The Communication Committee Head(s) shall be an appointed held by one or two people.
- The Communication Committee Head(s) shall have one vote if co-held.
- The Communication Committee Head(s) shall serve the interests of the committee.
- The Communication Committee Head(s) shall provide reports for the Appointments Committee regarding their progress every semester.
- The Communication Committee Head(s) shall attend meetings of the Representative Council.

Subsection CC: Plenary Committee Head(s)

- Plenary Committee Head(s) shall be an appointed position held by one or two people.
- Plenary Committee Head(s) shall have one vote if co-held.
- Plenary Committee Head(s) shall serve the interests of the committee and organize plenary.
- Plenary Committee Head(s) shall provide reports for the Appointments Committee regarding their progress every semester.

- Plenary Committee Head(s) shall attend meetings of the Representative Council.

Subsection DD: Seven Sisters Council Head(s)

- The Seven Sisters Council Head(s) shall be an appointed position held by one or two people.
- The Seven Sisters Council Head(s) shall have one vote if co-held.
- The Seven Sisters Council Head(s) shall serve the interests of the committee and plan for the Seven Sisters Conference.
- The Seven Sisters Council Head(s) shall provide reports for the Appointments Committee regarding their progress every semester.
- The Seven Sisters Council Head(s) shall attend meetings of the Representative Council.

Subsection EE: S.TEAM Committee Head(s)

- S.TEAM Committee Head(s) shall be an appointed position held by one or two people.
- S.TEAM Committee Head(s) shall have one vote if co-held.
- S.TEAM Committee Head(s) shall serve the interests of the committee and students pursuing STEM field major or minors.
- S.TEAM Committee Head(s) shall provide reports for the Appointments Committee regarding their progress every semester.
- S.TEAM Committee Head(s) shall attend meetings of the Representative Council.

Subsection FF: SGA Webmistress/Webmaster/Webmistex(s)

- SGA WebmX shall be an appointed position held by one or two people.
- SGA WebmX shall have one vote if co-held.
- SGA WebmX shall serve the interests of the committee and work with the Secretary on weekly updating SGA blogs.
- SGA WebmX shall provide reports for the Appointments Committee regarding their progress every semester.
- SGA WebmX shall attend meetings of the Representative Council.

Resolution #11: Resolution to amend Student Athlete Advisory Committee Representative Position in the Representative Council
Presented by: Samantha Heyrich

Summary: This Resolution serves to make the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Representative a co-held Representative Council Position.

Whereas, the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (here in after referred to as SAAC) Representative serves as a member of the Representative Council.

Whereas, the SAAC Representative position currently may only be held by one individual.

Whereas conflicts with athletics, extracurricular activities and other obligations may prevent the SAAC Representative from attending SGA meetings.

Be it resolved, that the SAAC Representative position be co-held by two members of the SAAC Executive Board.

Resolution #12: Getting Student Support for Emotional Support Animals (Dogs)
in Counseling Center Sessions
Presented by: Sophia Bokhari

Summary: This Resolution serves to gain student support for the Bryn Mawr College Counseling Center to provide access to emotional support animals, specifically dogs, during counseling sessions.

Whereas, it is important that the college prioritizes mental health of students.

Whereas, many students do not utilize counseling services on account of lack of perceived effectiveness.

Whereas, emotional support animals are found to make therapy processes more enjoyable and helpful.

Whereas, the head of counseling services is working to bring in therapy dogs because she believes it will be helpful.

Be it Resolved, counseling services may provide a dog during counseling sessions in the counseling center.

Resolution #13: Funding to Improve Mental Health Services on Campus
Presented by: Maura Fitzpatrick

Summary of Resolution: *The counseling center does not provide adequate resources and time for students struggling with mental illness. Many students of color have expressed that they would feel more comfortable receiving care from a person of color. Thus, many students do not receive appropriate attention from the counseling center until they are in a crisis. Students who are hospitalized for mental health reasons are required to take expensive medical leave. This resolution asks that the college improves its approach to mental health on campus by hiring more fulltime counselors and providing financial aid for those who need care while on leave, but who cannot afford it, so that they may return to Bryn Mawr when they recover.*

Whereas, there are only two fulltime counselors and no fulltime psychiatrists,
Whereas, students struggling with mental health are not given appropriate on-campus care until their health is in jeopardy,

Whereas, students in crisis are sent to a psychiatric ward in a hospital,

Whereas, it is often that students, who are hospitalized for mental health reasons, are asked to take medical leave,

Whereas, students are required to seek professional attention before being allowed to return,

Whereas, not all students can afford to receive appropriate care while on medical leave,

Be it resolved, that the counseling center hires more full-time employees to better handle the traffic of students in need of care,

Be it resolved, that the counseling center hires more people of color to better accommodate students who would feel more comfortable seeking care from a person of color,

Be it resolved, that the counseling center further explores, with students, improved preventative measures to mental health issues,

Be it resolved, that students who are asked to take medical leave, but who cannot afford the appropriate care that is required to return to Bryn Mawr, are given a stipend by the college to receive that care so that they may return.