

Senate Agenda
February 12, 2006
Academic Council Room- 4th Floor Green Hall
6:00 PM

I. Roll Call

II. Old Business

A. Yang Qiu – CGVP: New Organizations (GLOW, Peace Coalition, CLIO) (5 min, 3 min ?s)

III. New Business

A. Yang Qiu – CGVP: New Organizations: CityLife and Fiddleheads. (10 min, 5 min ?s)

B. Cortni Jones – Student Bursar: Spring Emergency Funding (5 min, 5 min ?s)

IV. Open Discussion

A. Jeanne Amy, Paola Reyes, and Kristina Costa – CLCE Student Representatives (15 min, 15 min ?s)

B. Emily Oxford, Rakeen Mabud, Carly Fair, Beverly Steele, and Ashlee Chernee - SCBT Student Life Student Representatives (10 min, 5 min ?s)

C. Kris Niendorf and Pattie Orr – New Video Project in Residential Halls (10 min, 5 min ?s)

D. & nbsp; Cordelia Chansler –Student Representative to the Proxy Voting Committee of the Board of Trustees (10 min, 5 min ?s)

V. Dean's Corner: Dean Michelle Lepore and Dean Kim Goff-Crews (8 min, 5 min?s)

VI. Beyond the Bubble: Malina Swiatek – CPLA Chair. (8 min)

VII. Adjourn

Estimated Time: 2 hours 20 minutes

Emily Oxford, College Government President: It's so good to see everyone here! Thanks for showing up – today is going to be a long Senate but we have lots of exciting things to talk about! Let's start with Vice President Yang Qiu and some new organizations in Old Business.

Yang Qiu, College Government Vice President: If you recall, we've had a total of three organizations that have presented to us at Senate because they are at the end of their trial period and are asking for Senate approval. They have presented to us about the trial process and you have talked to your constituencies. Are there any questions before we vote?

Kelly Tialiou, Freeman: I move to approve the SOAC process of approving the organizations GLOW, Peace Coalition, and Clio.

Emily Oxford, CGP: Motion carries and we're on to New Business. Yang?

Yang Qiu, CGVP: Today we have two additional organizations that will present to us – they are also at the end of their trial period and would like to seek the full constitutional status, which will be decided by Senate. It is very important that these organizations present because it is required by the trial process, and it's important for the student body to see what organizations we have on campus and see how they are serving the campus community. I want you to learn about these organizations and talk to your constituencies about them and the process they go through. Please contact me or Cordelia Chansler or SOAC members to ask about the process. Here are two more organizations.

Pam Watts, Fiddleheads: I am the President of Fiddleheads. We are part of the world music umbrella on campus but we are closest to Yanvalou because we play a certain type of world music, namely, Celtic music. We basically bring Irish and Welsh and other music that isn't traditionally in our Music Department to campus. We have concerts on campus, we bring Celtic and folk music to campus, and

we have a lot of fun. We play the cup game at our concerts and provide an outlet for students to play whatever instruments they want to and have fun.

Grace Chung, City Life: I am the president of City Life. It is a Christian group on campus that started in fall 2003 by students who thought that spiritual care was best fostered in small groups. We have two weekly Bible studies and one-on-one staff meetings. We also have potlucks and concerts and other events on campus.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: This is to City Life. As Student Bursar, I know what organizations are on campus and there are quite a few Christian organizations. Why can't you be a part of a different organization?

Grace: City Life is unique because other organizations specialize in things like Bible study or fellowship and community, and we focus on community. We want to be inclusive and friendly and welcome anyone, not just people who are part of a church or another affiliated organization.

Emily, CGP: Is this organization different from Real Life?

Grace: We are affiliated with City Life church, and Real Life is not affiliated with a specific church.

Helen Pak, Student at Large: The purpose of multiple spiritual groups is that some people feel more comfortable in one group than another so they are valuable even if they don't serve a specific purpose.

Jeanne Amy, DOOCA: I am just curious that since you aren't fully constituted, how have you been funded in the past?

Pam: We've been an organization, not constituted, but an organization for about 20 years. Generally, we have a lot of different means. We made a CD last year that we've been selling and we get a lot of donations from off-campus groups. What we do doesn't require that much money but we're hoping to make our presence on campus a lot bigger because I think our campus lacks a lot of things that are just fun. We are trying to plan an Irish square dance for the students, so by becoming a funded organization we can bring in more musicians and guest teachers and host events for more fun outlets.

Yang: Just to remind you that the privilege of being a constituted organization includes being able to reserve space on campus and organizations that aren't constituted can not reserve space.

Kelly Tialiou, Freeman: Just out of curiosity, how many members do you have?

Grace: For City Life, we have about 20 members who are active.

Pam: We have about 15 members that are active, but we also have a wide fan base that is like a cult and they come to all our events. I consider them as active members and there are about 10-15 of them.

Tiffany Sirc, Chief Justice: What about City Life and funding?

Grace: We want to be constituted to reserve space on campus so we don't have meetings in our dorm rooms. In terms of funding, we haven't needed much, just snacks, and we've provided those

ourselves. We want to have a jazz concert on campus but we need funds to do that.

Yang: These organizations are at the end of their process. To refresh your memory, all organizations that want to be constituted will have to apply. I presented in the fall the list of new organizations that were just approved – all those new organizations will enter this trial process. Currently the trial process stands for two semesters, so these new organizations are considered partially constituted during a trial period – they can be active but operate on their own. At the end of the trial process, they present to Senate about their status and how active they are, and then Senate is the final body that will approve their constitution status. They are at the end of the trial process and are asking Senate for the final decision of their constitution status.

Emily Oxford, CGP: Thank you so much for coming. I saw the Fiddleheads somewhere... I don't know where. Y'all are really good – I really enjoy your music.

Pam: If anyone wants to play with the Fiddleheads, we have lots of fun!

Emily Oxford, CGP: This week at your House Council meetings, you will be voting to approve both the process of both organizations and we will vote in two Mondays on the 26th. Our next item is Cortni Jones and SOFC members to present about Emergency Funding.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: As we begin to hash things out, Emergency Funding happened also in the fall – there are two deadlines, one in Sept and one in Feb. Although not specified in the

constitution to exact meaning or purpose, it is set up in a way to fund new organizations or orgs that have no funds, and also orgs that need more funds. SOFC needed some intermediate deadlines to fund new orgs or orgs that have no funds, so the total is 8 % of total Student Activity Fee – does anybody know how much it is this year? This year it is \$212.00 and it increases at the same rate as tuition so when you add it all up, we take 8% for all Emergency Funding for the year. 5% in Fall, and 3% in Spring. Generally there are people who come back in the Fall and they missed the deadlines in the spring and have no money for the year. 3% is \$13,156.73. SOFC didn't allow late applications, but there weren't any, which is exciting. Also, you have to be SOAC constituted to receive SOFC funds and one org that was not constituted could not receive SOFC funds. We reviewed the SOFC constitution and it establishes a three-tier system. Tier one is orgs that are new or have not received SOFC money in three years. Tier Two are orgs with zero SOFC money – orgs that have failed to budget in the previous spring. Tier Three are orgs that have SOFC money but are asking for additional funds. We handed out budgets and chronologically within the tier system we followed the guidelines. This is a first come first serve deadline and we did have to check through applications because some people have designated themselves in the wrong tier. But tier one was read first, then tier two, then tier three, and then the last one we had money for got the remaining funds. This is for activities, entrance fees, tournament fees, retreat fees, not lecture or performance based.

Clair Lin, SOFC Member: Most orgs that applied this year received the money they asked for. Five orgs made mistakes – the first was Church of Latter Day Saints because they didn't justify why they needed food. The second was Cervantes House because they aren't SOAC constituted. Both of Counterpoint and Women for Caribbean Development exceeded the equations in the constitution. The last group was GenerAsians and that was because we didn't have enough funds to fully fund them.

Cortni: Be reminded that Tier One can only apply up to \$500 dollars so new orgs are asked to live within a lower means. Once you are constituted, there is no limit for how much you can apply for.

Hanna Heller, Hillel: Why are tier one orgs restricted?

Cortni: I believe it was established when I was a first year. The idea is that orgs are asked as a while to live on their own and work off their own fundraised money, and once they are allowed to first receive funds, they should only receive a small amount of funds to make sure that the SOFC budget isn't tied up in an inactive org of one with no members. So if an org has big plans but can't function, that could tie up the budget. I also think it teaches orgs how to fundraise effectively on their own and it's less of a written in stone kind of why, but a philosophy behind being independent. The Wellesley News didn't apply for SOFC funding until this year and they are self-sufficient and it teaches orgs what their budget is and how it is more about needs than wants. There are lots of purposes and it ensures the org has some money to keep going but doesn't tie up the budget as it continues to find more money, etc. This is the last kind of general funding for the rest of the year. There are two more lecture fundings for the rest of the year, and then there will be Spring Budgeting. Take this to your constituencies, discuss it, and please relay any questions to Student Bursar or the SOFC liaison. It is hard to discuss individual cases for you, so send them to me and we can talk about individual situations.

Emily Oxford: This is the second thing you'll be voting on this week and we'll finalize it on the 26th. This is a process vote that SOFC followed its constitution to make these decisions. Now we have the student representatives to CLCE with Paola, Jeanne Amy, and Kristina Costello.

Jeanne Amy, Student Representative to the Committee for Lectures and Cultural Events (CLCE): I am one of the student representatives for the Committee for Lectures and Cultural Events (CLCE) and it is part of my position as the DOOCA to sit on this committee. Our official purpose is stated on the CLCE conference and states: “The CLCE is a multidenominational, multiconstituency committee made up of faculty, staff, students and administration. The Committee sets policy and administers endowed funds to support lectures and cultural events that enhance the intellectual and cultural life of the Wellesley College community.” Basically, we have a bunch of gifts and funds that are compiled into one big pool and based on proposals and applications that we review monthly, we grant funds to these cultural and lecture events. We have funded events like Capital Steps, a WZLY concert, a cultural event like Shruti Laya. Many professors serve on this committee and also some members of administration. The people on the committee are: Jeanne Amy, '08; Robert Bossange, Administrative Director of the Committee; Angela C. Carpenter, Harambee House; Kate Durso, Student Activities; Charles Fisk, Music; Mary Ann Hill, Public Information; Marianne Moore, Biological Sciences; Mary Morris, Special Events; Paola P. Reyes, '09; Stacy E. Sneeringer, Economics; Lara G. Tohme, Art; Nina Tumarkin, Chair of the Committee. There are a few frequent concerns the committee has when applications come up. One of the first and biggest things we look at in an application is co-sponsorship – an application must have confirmed co-sponsors which is a gauge we use to see if the event has interest from departments and students.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: What kind of co-sponsorship do you look for?

Jeanne Amy, DOOCA: We look at monetary value as the definition of co-sponsorship. It's not uncommon to see advertising support but monetary value matters. There is an extensive budget section on the application and it's important that those numbers add up. This is a

reason the committee might choose not to fund your event if your numbers don't add up so do that correctly. Also an organization must justify its budget. Scheduling is also a large concern because if you don't have a date or space reserved, the committee won't grant you money to host an event in a non-existent space. The main function of CLCE is to bring cultural events and lectures to campus that enhance the Wellesley community.

Paola Reyes, CLCE Student Representative: How do you apply? The nice thing about CLCE is that you don't have to be a SOAC-constituted organization to apply – anyone can apply. You would do so through the CLCE conference- a folder has all the instructions to apply, and the general instructions and an abstract template. If you have any questions, contact any of us or Kate Durso. All applications are due the 1st of each month to the proposal drop on our conference. The committee reviews all the applications the following Wednesday. CLCE funding doesn't apply to closed events or fundraisers. Also, unlike other funding sources, sometimes after reading the application, CLCE will suggest changes and then ask you to reapply so try to apply as far in advance as possible. Once we are done reading the applications, we discuss different issues that we found in the applications. In order to get as much familiarity with the applications as we can so we try to review the applications before our meetings, which is a good reason to send in the application as soon as possible.

Kristina Costa, CLCE Student Representative: So you want to apply for CLCE funding. Who will read your application? We will – as student representatives our roles are pretty straight forward. During meetings, we try to provide a student perspective on all applications that come in – our votes are counted equally with all other members and our voices are heard. Outside of these meetings, we help students and organizations with their applications. We are friendly – we like questions! Our role historically has been to communicate feedback from students to the committee at meetings and on the conference.

Jeanne Amy, DOOCA: Also, right now CLCE is in the process of re-evaluating our guidelines and procedures so we wanted to inform you about what we do on CLCE, but also to gauge your concerns about the process. We would love to hear questions about what we do and/or feedback on how we have done thus far.

Paola Reyes, CLCE Student Representative: Once these new guidelines and procedures are passed by the committee, they will be posted on the conference.

Shayla Adams, MAC: Is there a point deduction system that is a guideline for how deductions are made? And when you talk about the budget, when I fill it out, I feel like I'm giving out an estimation more than an exact budget, so I'm wondering about that. And also, can an organization appeal a decision?

Jeanne Amy, DOOCA: I have the decision section of our guidelines here. These are being reviewed. There is no formal deduction process that I've witnessed – it's just that if requested amounts are exorbitant, like if your organization wants to fly in people from around the world on first class. That would be exorbitant. The language is a little looser in the guidelines for what is exorbitant. If the proposed budget isn't outlined fully, the committee may make reductions. The estimations for the budget are along the same lines of looseness – the SOFC process requires an extensive printout of lowest airfares, but CLCE does not require that but we do request your research to be included.

Shayla Adams, MAC: I guess to me it seems more subjective than SOFC so I hope that is taken into consideration in the evaluation process.

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Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: I have a questions about the numbers for fully funded student applications versus fully funded faculty applications – do you publish how much is allocated, what is deducted and why, etc.

Jeanne Amy, DOOCA: Those figures to my knowledge are not published anywhere and I don't think we can express the actual amounts unless you are in an organization that requests funding.

Paola Reyes, CLCE Student Representative: Our discussions are confidential so unless you are the organization that applied, you wouldn't know about details.

Jeanne Amy, DOOCA: There is a folder on the conference that has a list of all the abstracts of approved events so that is a good gauge of what kind of events we do fund, but I don't have any idea about the breakdown.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: I am concerned because there are more faculty members on the committee than students but there are more students at Wellesley than faculty. I know CLCE uses endowment funds but it's not really fair for students to not have as many votes as the faculty, but I don't think it breaks down to represent the breakdown of the Wellesley body as a whole.

Sabina Khan, Stone: I have a concern that organizations in general have a hard time getting space if they don't know what kind of budget they have to work with. Have you thought of addressing this issue?

Jeanne Amy, DOOCA: Kate Durso and Mary Morris are members of the committee, and as far as scheduling goes, if your organization has space worked out with Kate Durso, we would have a good grasp on the process. But that is definitely something we'll take into account.

Kristina Costa, CLCE Student Representative: To have a good app, we like to see that you've started to do the work so we can see where you are in preparing for the event.

Tiffany Sirc, Chief Justice: One of the things you mentioned that you need to have the space reserved. So unless you are a constituted student organization or a department, you can't reserve space so these organizations can't get space and can't get funds if they aren't constituted.

Paola Reyes, CLCE Student Representative: That's a valid concern but I would recommend someone would talk to Kate Durso if they were in that situation.

Sara Dickhaus, Claflin: I'm wondering how subjective your process is. In SOFC we've talked about how subjective we should be when we evaluate applications. How have you thought about this and how do you go about it?

Jeanne Amy, DOOCA: There is a section on the application that allows you to elaborate on what type of event it should be and how it fits into your bigger picture of your event. It doesn't have to relate directly to your purpose so we don't have a good gauge on how to put a check on it whether this event fits what the org or academic department needs so it is more subjective.

Mona Minkara, Al-Muslimat: Cortni mentioned about something about endowment money. I am curious where CLCE gets its money and how much do you have?

Jeanne Amy, CLCE Student Representative: To my knowledge we cannot disclose either the monetary amounts of the overall fund and or how much money is left. But on the conference there is a list of other funds for lectures and cultural events one can apply to and where we do get the money from. Different alums or people affiliated with the college have donated in the past. The Wilson Lecture is a yearly occurrence based on the Wilson lecture fund and we work with that funding.

Emily Oxford, CGP: What do you think the reasoning is behind keeping your numbers so confidential?

Jeanne Amy, DOOCA: We don't really have an answer. I don't know.

Ni na Tumarkin, CLCE Chair: There is about \$300,000 for the year.

Emily Oxford, CGP: How much is left?

Nina Tumarkin, CLCE Chair: Very little. We have proposals for this semester that far outstrip what we have left, but Bob Bossange, who is a miracle worker, finds all kinds of funds no one has ever heard of.

Malina Swiatek, CPLA Chair: I love CLCE. They are responsible for bringing the Capitol Steps to Wellesley this past fall. On a related note, one thing about it is that faculty and students are working on different horizons when they plan events, and faculty know when they will be here and can plan a year in advance, while in student organizations the leadership changes year to year. As far as distribution of funds throughout the year, I am just wondering if there is consideration about divvying up the money throughout the year so organizations aren't disabled when applying for funding.

Jeanne Amy, DOOCA: For sure.

Nina Tumarkin, CLCE Chair: We frequently do find money. We do like people to make plans in advance and very few events we fund are planned over a year in advance. We don't have that many occasions to fund in the spring – we have one in February, one in March, and that's it because the March 1st deadline are for events after April 1st and our May deadline is for the next year. I also don't think anyone has ever asked about the allocation of money for student organization versus faculty. The number would not be a secret if we had compiled the data. The vast majority of funding comes from student organizations and the majority of funding goes to student organizations. As far as the exact amounts given out to organizations, a cultural show can ask for a lot of money, but some

ask for very little. We can ask for those numbers. There is certainly no bias towards events sponsored by faculty.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: My question was the percent fully funded by faculty compared to students. Could you find those numbers and send them to us and we'll publish them?

Tiffany Sirc, Chief Justice: I was wondering who is actually responsible for this body – what kind of oversight is there for the distribution of funds.

Jeanne Amy, DOOCA: We are responsible to allocate the funds. The committee belongs to Academic Council, if I'm not mistaken.

Kristina Costa, CLCE Student Representative: When we decide what to allocate, there's no one watching.

Jeanne Amy, DOOCA: If you are funded, you are responsible to report back to the committee in some fashion, through an email or something, if it was a big sum.

Paola Reyes, CLCE Student Representative: If your event is over \$1,000 dollars, you have to say what you spent each dollar amount on. If you have any more suggestions, email us.

Emily Oxford, CGP: It would be nice to get some more information about the numbers, about organizations that aren't constituted and can't request space. Onto our next agenda item – we are the student reps to the Student Life Committee. I serve on this role as a part of my job as College Government President.

Carly Fair, SCBT Student Life Student Representative: I was appointed through SOAC.

Rakeen Mabud, SCBT Student Life Student Representative: I was also appointed through SOAC.

Beverly Steele, SCBT Student Life Student Representative: I was selected through House President's Council.

Rakeen: So basically we are a student committee to the Board of Trustees, so we report directly to the trustees. We get the trustees up to date with different issues on campus so they get a general sense for how the campus feels. We get to work with the deans and Kris Niendorf and we plan meetings to see what we want to discuss and then we present these to the trustees. Before, we've done presentations, but recently we've been saying a short thing at the beginning of the meeting and turning that into a discussion.

Carly: This information should be more exciting for you because we aren't confidential so you can find out what happens in our meetings. Our first meeting with the trustees, in October, we discussed the 2015 commission section about student learning. We talked about our learning experiences that often did not take place in the classroom – these experiences launched a discussion on how student learning

could be enhanced. Trustees thought students should be inspired to take academic risks – students should not be afraid of failing. Success should be redefined because trustees and students have different definitions of success – the real world doesn't really care about GPA. Trustees want to speak with current students about this. President Walsh thought success was ability to live in moment and not worry about future but women who will make a difference in the world is contrary to this belief and puts a lot of pressure on this. We had a great discussion for a long time after the meeting and we left with a lot more questions and answers but we had a good conversation.

Beverly: Our last meeting was during Wintersession – we discussed residential life and living on campus – they remembered where they lived. We saw we had continued traditions. We discussed student's choices about where they lived, about how house councils are part of residential life, the different dining options and how living at Wellesley is different than being at Wellesley – alums were fondly reminiscent.

Emily: One thing I enjoyed about the residential life discussion – one of our questions was about how fluid our dining is and it wasn't like that before, so they were impressed by that. So I would like to motion to suspend parliamentary procedure because the next part of our presentation is getting feedback about what our next topic would be so it would need to be a more freeform discussion. I move to suspend parliamentary procedure for no more than five minutes to discuss our next topic for student life. It passes – thanks. Our next meeting is in April and we have several planning meetings before that starts so we are a clean slate. What would you like to see us bring to the trustees?

Sabina Kahn, Stone: Social Life – the lack thereof on campus.

Emily: Speaking of social life, you should be getting a survey in your inbox soon, so we should have more info from the student body if that becomes our topic.

Amy Wang, Beebe: Athletics- we have a new director, so let's revamp that system.

Cortni: PE credit – why we should have it... or not.

Malina Swiatek, CPLA Chair: The connection between social life and mental health so we should focus on mental health stabilization for a balanced lifestyle.

Kelly Tialiou, Freeman: Multicultural requirement.

Emily: We talked about it last spring and it was one of the conversations that got the ball rolling this year but it was a great place to talk about it.

Shayla Adams, MAC: The minority student experience and the minority student achievement here at Wellesley.

Sabina: All so the student need for minority faculty.

Mona Minkara, Student at Large: From my experience, this might not be a wide student interest, but disability needs for mental and physical disabilities – what does the college offer and how are students dealing?

Cortni: I think it would be interesting to look at things like student work hours, student jobs, student mothers, the things about unpaid positions on campus, the whole idea of being as student and having to work – just talk about it maybe.

Flo Doo, Pomeroy: Is there a possibility of bringing other places like Starbucks on table?

Emily: I think we haven't contracted with outside companies because we have a connection with Sodexo and we have the student co-ops, and I think it would be interesting if we had the hoop or Starbucks and we can think about it – we're always thinking.

Amy Wang, Beebe: Something that is open and available for food 24 hours – it's hard to study at night.

Siobhan O'Keefe, Beebe: Environmental concerns on campus – especially after the grade C we recently got.

Shayla Adams, MAC: Security issues in future – how the college invests in future – more lighting, video cameras, it needs to be discussed.

Tiffany Sirc, Chief Justice: Also information security because we are put out on the Wellesley College website.

Flo Doo, Pomeroy: Also WZLY should be in the campus center, things like that.

Krystal Walker: The grade deflation policy and the Class of 2007 average GPA is 2.8 and there is a lot of concern and rumors are going around.

Emily Oxford: The average is probably about a 3.3-ish. I will try to find out about that and let's squash that rumor and I'll get back to you.

Yang Qiu, CGVP: I think alternative space on campus for student use – space utility overall to enhance student learning, activity, etc.

Nora Keller, Tower: I was wondering about work-study, if someone is on financial aid, you can work a lot, but if you work more than ten hours a week and I was wondering if there was some kind of way to receive the equivalent of work study for your work.

Jackie Moon, CCBC: Maybe transportation – can we have buses on 30 minutes basis instead of an hour basis? Can we go to different colleges?

Cassie Campbell, Student at Large: Can we just combine the faculty lack of diversity with the minority experience at Wellesley? And can we go to different places than MIT and Harvard?

Emily: We did get the Olin shuttle. I'm not surprised by what came up, but we will have to narrow this down. We will work within our committee but everything on this list has come up on cabinet and in committees this year, so there are people churning the wheels about a lot of these things and new things we will start thinking about.

Rakeen: If you have any ideas, please contact us – we want a big pool of ideas. Please contact Yang or me about positions.

Victoria Starret, Student At Large: I was wondering if you talked about academic resources with tutoring, PLTC and stuff like that?

Rakeen: It came up briefly but we talked about how students don't take risks academically.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: My suggestion is that since trustees want to meet students, you could take more time for trustees to meet students, I think students would appreciate that.

Emily: There is interest both ways –t here are trustees who are interested and we will take that back.

Yang Qiu, CGVP: So first of all, I think many of you are way ahead today in terms of thinking about suggestions or questions, just to address what Cortni said about trustees meeting students, I have been working with trustees and hopefully before the end of this year, we will make it happen. Secondly, I have no clue how to serve on this committee and how to you get this role, when do you apply, what do you do?

Rakeen: This is a one-year position, there is CGP, and a HP rep, the other three positions are SOAC appointed and spring appointments are next month. SOAC members will pick the next student reps and applications will be out soon. Please spread the word to your constituencies – younger members are good.

Sabina Kahn, Stone: So we have provided you with lots of suggestions – my question is- do you actually make any decision or is it just talking about what we do here at Wellesley?

Emily: It is very much a discussion group – but after we had the multicultural discussion last year, with Shayla there to give input, and she took ideas that the trustees had, because they aren't supposed to make programs or policy changes even though they have good ideas, and we can incorporate them on campus. But yes, it is a discussion-oriented committee.

Dean Kim Goff-Crews: What happens is this committee. It gives the trustees background for the decisions they make in other committees so when we talk about the life of students, we talk about academic things, and all of a sudden we are talking about res life more. We talk about facility planning and res halls that are now more important based on what they learned from students. Conversations change

based on what they hear from students and they have a reference point for that year. Also, they had a conversation with athletes they were here in January because they had talked about athletics the year before. Every time they are here, they meet with other students to talk about what else is going on campus. They are making decisions in so many other meetings.

Emily Oxford, CGP: Next we have Kris Niendorf and Pattie Orr with a new technology project.

Kris Niendorf: We are going to pilot a project in the residence halls on the East Side in the next few months called IPTV. It is a program that I think will bring us to a different level of technology and help us make a decision about how we should proceed with technology in the future.

Pattie Orr: Well, thanks for having us tonight. I want to talk about our partnership with IPTV and residential life. I have lots to say about this exciting new program! Let's start by answering some questions that I think you will have.

What is IPTV?

IPTV stands for Internet Protocol Television - a system to deliver television and other video using the Internet Protocol over a network.

How will the Wellesley IPTV pilot work?

Wellesley will be doing a pilot starting in early March to test IPTV on our Wellesley College network by offering four channels of live TV

and video to the computer desktop for one segment of our network. The pilot will end May 21, 2007. Our IPTV vendor is Video Furnace. Our cable TV provider is Comcast. Our IPTV will feature four channels of live television, as well as some scheduled showings on a fifth channel (Blue TV). We also plan to test the concept of providing specific videos assigned by Wellesley courses over IPTV.

Who else offers IPTV using Video Furnace?

Northwestern, Dartmouth, UCLA, Brown, NYU, Occidental, and Brandeis are all using Video Furnace, as well as dozens of private companies and even a few federal agencies.

Who will be in the IPTV pilot?

One segment of our network has been selected for the pilot - Bates, Freeman, McAfee, Hemlock, and Cedar Lodge residential halls. The pilot will be provided primarily via wired connections to computers. Later this spring, we will test the wireless capability in the common rooms of the above-mentioned Res Halls.

Which types of computers can access IPTV?

The IPTV pilot will work on all recent Windows, Macintosh, and Linux computers. The only software required is a Java-enabled browser, such as recent versions of Internet Explorer, Safari, and Firefox.

What is the cost for the IPTV pilot?

There will be no charge for participating in the pilot. During the pilot, we will be determining what the costs will be to support IPTV and will

be developing a financial plan for how to provide this type of service in the future.

Which channels will be offered for live TV in the pilot?

MTV, BET, The Learning Channel, and Comedy Central. These channels were chosen by Res Life staff.

How will IPTV be supported during the pilot?

Each participating residence hall will have a link to the IPTV Pilot FirstClass conference. All participants are asked to post all of their questions there. RCCs will assist IS staff in helping residents with any IPTV problems.

What does IS hope to learn from the pilot?

Test the load that IPTV places on the network

Evaluate the costs to provide IPTV service

Determine the copyright issues involved to provide video content on our network

Learn how students use the product and determine interest in continuing the pilot

Determine what would be needed to provide video reserves to support courses through IPTV

Refine our documentation and support

How will the pilot be evaluated?

Kris Niendorf and Pattie Orr will conduct a comprehensive review with the students in the pilot and the IS staff members to evaluate the project make recommendations for the future.

Kenny Freundlich, Information Services: IPTV is a pilot program. This is not digital TV – high definition TV. Before the rumors start, we want to clarify that this is not HDTV – this is TV. We have four channels that Kris and the Res Life staff chose – MTV, Comedy Central, BET, and TLC. Before I came here, I watched *What Not To Wear*. Unfortunately, I couldn't change any of my clothes, so I still look the same. This is sort of what it looks like- you get these channels and a small box in the corner of the screen that shows you what you want. And then this is what the program looks like. You can make it take up your entire screen. Or you can make it small so you can watch it while you do your homework. You can mute it. Those are the four channels we have. Then these are wire connections. We will try to test wireless connections in the common rooms. The fifth channel we have is called Blue TV because that's all I could think of. So what time is it now? We had scheduled something for you to see on that channel at 7:15, but now you see the default tv program, three minutes of a CSPN show. So that is the schedule channel. We are most excited about the piece that requires the most testing and that is the Video-On-Demand piece, which is to say that we want to see what it would take (man hours, dollars, network traffic) to enable you to watch the videos your professors have assigned you for class on your computer – in order to do that, we have to have a scalable and automatic way to determine what class you are in. You are therefore privileged to watch this particular program for your class. So that is not here yet. Nor do we know the costs of how much content owners will charge us to make this available – it could be a lot or a little and we don't know. But the idea is that what you are assigned to watch will be there. And it is On-Demand so I can pause it, skip parts, etc. This is Chapter 8 of *A Bug's Life*. For the purposes of this pilot, one of our limitations is that only 10-15 folks can use Video-On-Demand at a time so we will see what happens with the pilot.

Pattie Orr, Information Services: One thing to mention is that live TV doesn't have as many options as video on demand – the IPTV is just tv and it's not like TIVO. So I guess we are open for questions.

Tiffany Sirc, Chief Justice: Thanks for choosing Cedar Lodge. I was wondering that sometimes there are problems with things like YouTube, will that happen now?

Pattie Orr: It isn't the same technology. Multicast is the opposite of water coming into the dorm showers. Even if everyone used IPTV at once, the quality would be the same for every individual using it.

Kenny Freundlich: We believe if you are watching Comedy Central live, we can all watch it.

Pattie Orr: We think we can support 20 people using Video On-Demand at a time, so we may ask for volunteers for experiments throughout the semester. We want to do some load testing and we need your help to do that.

Sabina Khan, Student-at-large: What are the expected costs of implementing it?

Pattie Orr: The costs of the pilot program are zero other than the work and time that IS has put in, but we don't know the costs for actually implementing the program yet, so we'll determine that from

the pilot. We want this project to work because it has great features and it affordable –but we don't know for sure until we work this out .

Kenny Freundilch: And there are three kinds of costs to consider – the software, what Comcast will charge us, and what the folks with the videos will charge us.

Pattie Orr: We hope we'll learn this info during this semester. We are using the existing infrastructure of the network.

Aileen Hagerman, Student-at-large: Does this mean we can't access it off-campus?

Kenny Freundilch: For the pilot, the program will only work in five residence halls. It is not the person, but the connection within the res hall. If you aren't in the res hall, you can't use it.

Aileen Hagerman, Student-at-large: Are you thinking of making a fee in the future?

Patti Orr: We haven't gotten that far yet. We are gathering information. There are many other schools that use this, like Northwestern, Dartmouth, UCLA, and Brown. Some the colleges provide some of the costs, and students pay for the rest of the fee, but we haven't thought that far. We want input and want to know the value of it to you and how you feel about it. We could offer this many channels for a certain amount. We have to consider how many channels we need. There are about 25 or so in total.

Yang Qiu, Student-at-large: Thank you for working on this. You mentioned evaluating this program – do you have a timeline about the decision for expanding the program?

Pattie Orr: We aren't quite sure how the pilot will come out, but the pilot goes until the end of May. So by mid-spring, we'll try to get focus groups and get questions so we can produce a report in early summer. I would guess that if it goes well, I think it will be great for us to have, then we would see what can we do next year? It would probably be gradually brought into the school in phases, but we have so many unanswered questions. Technically, in the pilot, we're including you early, and we have to find out answers, and until we know them, it is hard to predict.

Kenny Freundlich: It will not be 50 channels to every dorm on September 1st. We can phase it in and roll it in and move as quickly as we can, but we must be realistic.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: I move to end the discussion in this room right now and ask that everyone left on the speakers' list email Pattie Orr and Kris Niendorf their questions.

Emily Oxford, CGP: That motion is that we end this conversation in this room right now. Motion passes. All who love this idea, say YEAHHH! Thank you so much! If you were on the speakers list, please contact these people with your questions. We are going to move on to the next item. We have Cordelia Chansler – a SOAC appointed rep to the Proxy Voting Committee to the Board of Trustees.

Cordelia Chansler, Student Representative to the Proxy Voting Committee of the Investment Committee to the Board of Trustees:

I will try to make this short and sweet. I sit on the Proxy Voting Committee to the Investment Committee to the Board of Trustees. Wellesley gets proposals from shareholders and fifty companies and student workers go through these applications. If there are unusual applications, that are different, they go to the Proxy Voting Committee. A past problem we have faced has been diversity on the Board of Directors. As a member of the committee, I work in the investment office and go through the proxies. I am informed. I attend the meetings. I want questions but I am on a confidential committee, so any questions would be welcome.

Dana Montalto, Student-at-large: I think I remember reading in the *Boston Globe* about different colleges and how their investments grew, but I thought we were lower on the list than other colleges in the area.

Cordelia Chansler: I don't deal with this specifically. We do not work on this in my committee. I'm not sure who you could ask.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: Email Andy Evans for that. I am wondering if there is a proxy template on governmental genocide or a crisis like Darfur – does the college have an established policy?

Cordelia Chansler: We discussed that at the last meeting, but I can't talk about the template because it is confidential. Wellesley does not hold any direct investments in companies that have been cited by any endowments that have made divestment statements. We don't have

any companies that do business in the Sudan. The committee was very impressed with students working towards that end, but Wellesley doesn't hold any investments in us companies investing in the Sudan. I feel really frustrated when people talk about confidential committees but if you have questions, email me. If you're interested in proxy voting, please apply and you can talk to Yang or Rakeen about that.

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Emily Oxford, CGP: Now we have the Dean's Corner.

Dean Kim: First of all, I'm sure you've heard that PERA has expanded their hours from 7:30 in the morning to 11:30 at night at the sports center, starting today until spring break. And please send thanks to the IS department for the work they have done on the IPTV project, and they also did a lot to get PE registration online. Also, PERA is partnering with res life to offer recreational aerobics on the east side - starting today - Tuesday and Thursday classes from 7:30 – 8:30. Also, about the transition we're in right now, just so you're clear, the division is not conducting a search for a dean of students right now. The new president should search for the new dean, so the division itself will continue to run and function the way it did during the transition. Michelle and I partner on everything we do in the division, and Michelle and the partner's group dealt with the previous transitions, so they are good at it. We are working on Michelle shadowing meetings with me so there is continuity when I leave. We also came up with new priorities in the next 3-5 years and we are going to establish a work-plan within the division so you can see what it looks like – it may take two to three weeks or more. I will be here until June 1 and I have lots of reports to do, but I'm here working away.

Dean Michelle: Another candidate for director of counseling is at the stone center at 1:00 so if you know students with interest, send them along. Wellness committee is doing a study on suicide with three videos on suicide in the res hall with faculty. The next one is

Wednesday the 21st at 7:00PM. Thursday – Quintessence – 28th lecture by Charlene Hunter-Gault at 7:00 in Tishman. On Feb 22nd, there are two parents of a young woman with an eating disorder are coming to talk about recognizing the disease. The president's office hours will be posted and finally, we are looking for students to help plan DCW's party – let Emily and I know as soon as possible so we can get two students on this committee.

Helen Park: It just seems that the college is going through major changes and I don't know that I know what to expect in the future. I was wondering what steps are going to be made. I understand not hiring a dean right away, and I am just wondering what else will happen to make sure there is some kind of continuity without you here.

Dean Kim: We haven't confirmed who it will be and what their job will be. It will probably be someone in the department and changing everyone else's job description – there won't be a gap, but there will be a continuation with each person having an exact job description.

Dean Michelle: Even with the presidential search, we might have an interim president for many reasons – a lot of things are up in the air but we'll keep you aware of what is going on.

Cortni Jones : I was wondering how the labyrinth is going – I've had friends who asked.

Dean Michelle: The kick-off was today – did anyone go?

Dean Kim: You can't get lost. There was a huge kick-off today.

Emily Oxford: I haven't seen any publicity for the suicide videos so can we help forward those around?

Dean Michelle: We thought we had a student who would do publicity, but it didn't work out, so if anyone has creativity, we would love it. Get in touch with Kris – she would love some help.

Emily Oxford: Thanks for planning these events. Next we have "Beyond the Bubble".

Malina Swiatek: Let's make this super quick.

In International News This Week...

Putin Hits U.S. Over Unilateral Approach

Rebuke Is Called Unusually Hostile

By Thomas E. Ricks and Craig Whitlock

Washington Post Staff Writers

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MUNICH, Feb. 10 -- Russian President Vladimir Putin, in some of his harshest criticism of the United States since he took office seven years ago, said Saturday that Washington's unilateral, militaristic approach had made the world a more dangerous place than at any time during the Cold War.

"The United States has overstepped its national borders in every way," he said in an address at an annual international security conference here. "Nobody feels secure anymore, because nobody can take safety behind the stone wall of international law."

Putin criticized the expansion of NATO, saying the alliance's placement of military forces on Russia's borders reduces "the level of mutual trust." He said the U.S. desire to place antimissile systems in Eastern Europe could further upset the international balance of power and embolden the United States in its foreign policy decisions.

The Russian president defended his country's arms sales to Iran as a way of reaching out to that Middle Eastern power, which is under pressure from the United States and Europe to curtail its nuclear program. Russia has supplied some air defense weapons to Iran because, he said, "we don't want Iran to feel cornered."

Dozens of foreign and defense ministers and other officials, including U.S. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and an American congressional delegation, attended the meeting. An Iranian nuclear negotiator, Ali Larijani, also was present and is scheduled to address the conference Sunday after Gates speaks.

Several U.S. politicians in attendance sharply criticized Putin's remarks, which Russia specialists said were familiar in their assertiveness but unusual in their hostility toward the United States.

The White House also reacted strongly. "We are surprised and disappointed with President Putin's comments," spokesman Gordon Johndroe said in a statement. "His accusations are wrong. We expect to continue cooperation with Russia in areas important to the international community such as counterterrorism and reducing the spread and threat of weapons of mass destruction."

The back-and-forth underscored the recent stark changes in U.S.-Russian relations. The friendship that was struck when President Bush first met Putin and said he had looked into the former KGB colonel's soul in 2001 has soured as the Kremlin suppressed political opposition at home, used its energy resources to pressure its neighbors and split with the White House over Iraq, Iran and other issues.

Bush has grown increasingly disaffected with Putin and occasionally tried to prod him to recommit to democracy and better relations with his neighbors, only to be rebuffed. Bush has been reluctant to force a more direct confrontation out of worry that it would push Putin further from the West and because he needs Russia's help to pressure Iran to abandon its nuclear program.

Bird Flu Found at Farm in S. Korea

Associated Press

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SEOUL, Feb. 10 -- South Korean quarantine officials began slaughtering hundreds of thousands of domestic birds after a fresh outbreak of bird flu in a province near the South Korean capital, the Agriculture Ministry said Saturday.

The outbreak, the sixth in South Korea in recent months, was caused by the H5 strain of the virus, but further tests were needed to determine whether it was caused by the deadly H5N1 type, said Kim Chang Seob, the ministry's chief veterinary officer.

Quarantine officials will kill 240,000 domestic birds within a two-mile radius of the outbreak site at a chicken farm in Anseong, about 50 miles south of Seoul, Kim said.

That would bring the total number of birds culled in the six outbreaks to more than 2 million since November. All the previous cases involved the H5N1 virus.

South Korea culled 5.3 million birds during an outbreak of bird flu in 2003. The H5N1 virus began ravaging Asian poultry stocks in late 2003 and has killed more than 160 people worldwide.

In January, South Korean officials said that the H5N1 strain of the virus had been transmitted to a human during a recent outbreak among poultry, but that the person showed no symptoms of the disease because the poultry farm worker had developed natural immunity.

Most human cases have resulted from contact with infected birds. Scientists fear the virus could mutate into a form that is easily transmitted between people, possibly creating a pandemic that could kill millions.

Meanwhile in Pakistan, the H5N1 strain has been confirmed among domestic birds at a home in the capital, Islamabad, the third such case in about a week. The virus, which badly affected Pakistan's poultry industry last year, was found in a chicken flock and peacocks at the home, said Mohammed Afzal, spokesman for Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock statement.

In National News This Week...

Obama Formally Enters Presidential Race

By ADAM NAGOURNEY and JEFF ZELNY—NY TIMES

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 10 — Senator Barack Obama of Illinois, standing before the Old State Capitol where Abraham Lincoln began his political career, announced his candidacy for the White House on Saturday by presenting himself as an agent of generational change who could transform a government hobbled by cynicism, petty corruption and “a smallness of our politics.”

“The time for that politics is over,” Mr. Obama said. “It is through. It’s time to turn the page.”

Wearing an overcoat but gloveless on a frigid morning, Mr. Obama invoked a speech Lincoln gave here in 1858 condemning slavery — “a house divided against itself cannot stand” — as he started his campaign to become the nation’s first black president.

Speaking smoothly and comfortably, Mr. Obama offered a generational call to arms, portraying his campaign less as a candidacy and more as a movement. “Each and every time, a new generation has risen up and done what’s needed to be done,” he said. “Today we are called once more, and it is time for our generation to answer that call.”

It was the latest step in a journey rich with historic possibilities and symbolism. Thousands of people packed the town square to witness it, shivering in the single-digit frostiness until Mr. Obama appeared, trailed by his wife, Michelle, and two young daughters. (“I wasn’t too cold,” Mr. Obama said later, grinning as he acknowledged a heating device had been positioned at his feet, out of the audience’s view.)

Still, for all the excitement on display, Mr. Obama’s speech also marked the start of a tough new phase in what until now has been a charmed introduction to national politics. Democrats and Mr. Obama’s aides said they were girding for questions about his experience in national politics, his command of policy, a past that has gone largely unexamined by rivals and the news media, and a public persona defined more by his biography and charisma than by how he would seek to use the powers of the presidency.

In State News This Week...

Woman Chosen to Lead Harvard

Collegial Historian to Follow Summers's Stormy Tenure

By Valerie Strauss and Susan Kinzie

Washington Post Staff Writers

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Harvard University is about to name its first woman president since its founding in 1636, tapping a Civil War historian to succeed Lawrence Summers, whose tumultuous tenure was marked by controversial remarks about women and clashes with faculty members.

Drew Gilpin Faust, 59, dean of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study and a leading historian on the American South, will be formally appointed president as early as this weekend, according to a source with knowledge of the decision.

With Faust's selection, half of the eight Ivy League schools will be run by women: Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University and Brown University.

Faust, a popular figure on campus known for her collegiality, will succeed the blunt Summers, an economist and former U.S. treasury secretary whose combative five-year tenure as president ended last year. His departure followed a faculty revolt after he suggested that the shortage of elite female scientists may stem in part from "innate" differences between men and women.

Many educators said Harvard's decision would send a message to other major research universities in the country -- 14 percent of which are headed by women.

"Harvard is making a statement at a critical time when we are seeing student bodies [at many schools] that are well over 50 percent women," said Claire van Ummersen, director of the Office of Women in Higher Education at the American Council on Education. "We see women faculty increasing in number, and the place where we have lagged most is in research institutions having women at the executive level. . . . Hopefully, this will have some influence on boards of trustees or overseers of other institutions."

In Strange News This Week...

Truck Spills 165,000 Eggs on Va. Highway

By LUBNA TAKRURI

The Associated Press

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WASHINGTON -- Drivers on their way to breakfast in northern Virginia on Saturday found it all over the road after nearly 165,000 eggs spilled out of an overturned tractor-trailer on the Capital Beltway.

"It looked like a large omelet," said Michael Karbonski, of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The tractor-trailer crashed into a guard rail just after midnight Saturday, spilling its runny load and forcing officials to close an exit ramp to Interstate 66 and the far left lane of Interstate 495 north for several hours. Everything reopened just after 11 a.m.

The truck driver fled the scene before police arrived and had not been located by Saturday afternoon, said state police spokesman Sgt. Terry Licklider. He said the driver would likely face charges for fleeing and possibly other offenses.

"For him to just up and leave like that, that's kinda odd," Licklider said.

The truck and trailer are owned by H.L.W. Inc. in Moorefield, W.Va., Licklider said. The owner of the company, H.L. Wilson, told The Associated Press he hadn't heard from the driver either.

"Don't know where he's at," Wilson said. "Don't know what the deal is."

Fairfax County police used a helicopter to search for the missing driver.

VDOT spokeswoman Joan Morris said the eggs made their way to a drainage ditch, where they created "a river of yellow yolk."

It's a good thing it wasn't summer, officials said, because the mess could have been worse. But cold temperatures prevented workers from using any water to clean the road for fear of freezing the eggs and the roadway.

Instead, the cleaning crew used kitty litter _ 250 pounds of it _ to absorb the highway omelet then swept it up and took it away in three trash bins, Morris said.

Wilson, 60, said the eggs were destined for a hatchery in Salisbury, Md., where they would have become chickens to be eaten at fast food restaurants.

Yang Qiu: You have heard about student rep presentations, so if you are interested or have friends who want to be representatives. I want to let you know that on February 27th from 6-8 PM in Freeman living room and Feb 28th from 1-2 PM in Tower, SOAC will be holding a workshop called "How to become a student representative" and there will be info about all the positions that are open and how you can go through the process to become a rep. If you are interested or your constituency is, please inform your constituency. Spam will go out soon. If you are in an org or have friends who are heads, they should have been invited to President Tea on Feb 24th so ask them to RSVP so we can have a food head count.

Tiffany Sirc: Please mark your calendars, General Judiciary will have lecture on March 5 from 12:30 – 1:30 PM but the better part is we have a 1971 alum judge to talk about her experience in the community court and how sanctioning is educational, not punitive.

Cortni Jones: There is one more lecture funding on March 4 at 5:00 PM. Amy will be sending out some spam. We will have tons of stuff coming up and we're excited. Also, we will be announcing the new bookkeeper at next senate, we'll interview, and if people are concerned that our office isn't as open as it used to be, tell them to calm down and that we're hiring a new person.

Shayla Adams: I have the CWDI newsletter for y'all – there is one per res hall but there are more at the mail center in the Wang. We meet every Wednesday in the library lecture room at 5:30.

Malina Swiatek: CPLA is up to exciting things but they aren't happening this week. Our general meeting is tomorrow at 5:30 in the

PNE well and I have cookies. So basically, y'all get emails about election committee – aka AFT – Amazingly Fun Time. Basically, y'all should be on Elections Committee, it's fun. It was a 10+ on a 1-10 scale – it will be planning the election party – it will be like the election party in November, you'll be a force for change and I'll be there. We will be extending the deadline on that because we know it is short notice but we'll let you know about the extended deadline.

Emily Oxford: Election committee statements – we already have two but we want more senators. If you are interested, Wednesday by midnight on February 21st, send them to CGP and Yang will do SOAC reps for election committee. We have three to four positions and we will let you know the deadline – tell your friends. The SOAC re ps are not for senators – but there are senator seats also available.

Helen Park: Can you give us a brief outline of how much time commitment it will be?

Emily Oxford: We have meetings on Thursday from 12:30 – 1:30 and then there are lots of events – prospective candidates meeting, college government candidate debates, committee members w ill help do publicity, decorate, etc. Also a member of the committee will be in charge of candidates being within guidelines – there will be delegations. And on the day of the elections, we will be at the polls and help count ballots.

Dana: If anyone has questions about senators on Elections Committee, you can ask Victoria or I because we were reps last year.

Jeanne Amy: We have lots of fun stuff coming up and it is a big surprise – it is a long weekend – so have fun, enjoy President’s Day and Chinese New Year.

Emily Oxford: My main announcement was elections committee – I’ll email you again. Thanks for sticking in there and senates this length were not unusual in the past three years so not that I want this to be regular, I love short senates, but thanks for staying in there, and we’ll try to keep them short. The video was worth it!!! I move we adjourn this meeting, with no objections, we are adjourned.