

Senate Agenda
March 26, 2006
Academic Council Room- 4th Floor Green Hall
6:00 PM

I. Roll Call

II. Old Business

- A. Cortni Jones, Student Bursar – Lecture Funding #5 Vote (5 min)
- B. Yang Qiu, CGVP -Every Campus Nation Ministries Trial Org Vote (5 min)

III. Open Discussion

- A. Rachel Goldstein and Lindsey Silver – Student Representatives to CCI (8 min, 7 min ?s)
- B. Beth Pfeiffer – Wellesley College Trustee – SCBT Appointments (10 min, 5 min ?s)
- C. Yang Qiu and SOAC – SCBT Spring Appointment Opportunities (8 min, 7 min ?s)

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

V. Beyond the Bubble: Malina Swiatek – CPLA Chair. (5 min)

VI. Adjourn

Estimated Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Emily Oxford, CGP: I'm excited that we have a trustee here with us today – welcome! We do have quorum today – thanks so much – gold stars to all of you. Let's start with old business and Cortni Jones with lecture funding #5.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: Before spring break I presented on Lecture Funding # 5-- there will be a new funding in May for 2007-8 so we are done with lectures for the year. If people have questions about where to get money – you can fundraise, look for co-sponsorship, and plan ahead –that's the best way to have a good event on campus. Are there any questions or a motion?

Sabina Kahn, Stone: I move to approve Lecture Funding #5.

Emily Oxford, CGP: The motion carries. Thanks Cortni.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: A final note – remember when you see all these events coming up – there is one coming up tomorrow with a man who argued about Guantanamo Bay and Rumsfeld lecture – that is your student activity fee and you should go – you paid for it.

Emily Oxford, CGP: Now we have Yang.

Yang Qiu, CGVP: Last week Every Nation Campus Ministries came to Senate – they are at the final part of their trial period and senate is asked to approve the process they have followed so they can obtain their full constitutional status. Are there any questions?

Dana Montalto, Tower: I move to approve Every Nation Campus Ministries.

Emily Oxford, CGP: The motion carries.

Yang Qiu, CGVP: I just have one note – please send any comments, suggestions, or anything you want either my way or to Cordelia Chansler – we would really like to hear how the process is working for different organizations because we are going to review the process and we want to hear what people are thinking about it. If you have questions, please just ask us.

Emily Oxford, CGP: Thank you, Yang and SOAC. We don't have any new business today, but I'm going to pass this sign-up around – CG elections are coming up soon, and as senators, it is your duty to sit at least two one-hour shifts at the voting table on Wednesday –there are shifts from 8 AM to 10 PM and really, the only way you can get out of this is a religious conflict, like Passover, and other than that, this is a required activity for you guys as senators. Please sign-up for two shifts.

Victoria Charoonatana, Davis: Will voting be in the campus center all day?

Emily Oxford, CGP: Voting will be in the campus center in the east lobby, across from the CG board, and it is from 8AM – 10 PM. Voting will be followed by a party where the winners will be announced. Campaigning is not allowed at the tables – we'll talk more about that next week. If you have any more questions, contact Malina Swiatek or me, as we are the chairs of the election committee. On to Open Discussion – we have some more SOAC reps – Rachel Goldstein is here from CCI.

Rachel Goldstein, CCI Student Representative: Lindsey is stuck in Denver, Colorado and couldn't be here. I am a member of the class of 2008 and student representative to the committee on curriculum and instruction. It is an Academic Council Committee, and we approve changes to the curriculum – such as distribution requirements, grading policy, multicultural requirement, redoing the curriculum every year and putting out the course catalog. This year we have attempted to restructure the multicultural requirement. Last year, after many student opinions came out in the exit reviews, the committee decided to review it and attempt to restructure it. Lindsey and I have sought to involve students in this. In November, Lindsey organized a forum for students, with 40 students and 8 CCI faculty and administrators, and at the forum, students and faculty split into small groups and discussed how the requirement could be reformatted. Several cabinet members also attended. CCI has also consulted some professionals including the Claude Steele lecture on Stereotype Threat, and an educational consulting group was invited to give their opinion on how

the requirement can be changed. CCI has made a plan, it is still in Academic Council so I don't have specifics, but it does include an option for an experiential component because many students thought their experiences abroad or volunteering contributed to their learning. Are there any questions?

Yang Qiu, CGVP: Can students still contribute opinions, concerns, comments at this stage?

Rachel: I'm not 100% sure how much it could be restructured, but if students have concerns, they should email me and Lindsey with their ideas and suggestions. I can't guarantee how much influence they will have.

Emily Oxford, CGP: What is the next step in the timeline for the multicultural requirement?

Rachel: I'm not sure at this point because it's still in Academic Council. I think they had hoped that there could be a pilot program next year.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: Do you think your voice as a student on the committee is heard. Do you play a critical role in getting student feedback on the curriculum?

Rachel: It varies on what issues we are discussing. The faculty and administrators on the committee have a lot of experience at Wellesly so they have more experience and my involvement is often more asking questions and trying to understand how things work. There have been times when I felt strongly about as student perspective and I've had my voice heard.

Natalie Ross, Secretary/Treasurer: Now that the proposed changes have gone to Academic Council, will students have a chance to voice their opinion on what was finally proposed? I was at the meeting in November and there was a large range of student opinions on how the requirement should be changed, and I just didn't know what students can do to discuss how it is being proposed now in AC.

Rachel: I'm not sure how long it will stay in Academic Council and I'm not on council, so I don't know what was proposed, and I know on committee we have talked about it being in Academic Council.

Dean John O'Keefe: I serve as a non-voting member of CCI. It was discussed once briefly at Academic council because the discussions were short. The proposal included the idea of experiential component, and that is something the faculty at AC wanted to flush out, and that's what the facing history, facing ourselves helped us learn and we want to get more feedback on that. It also included focusing the requirement on understanding cross-cultural requirements. Right now it is about taking a course on non-western culture, on a minority group and we want it to focus more on multiculturalism. We need to chew on this because we need to figure out what courses can fit this – the committee is working on that. It is very much still a work in progress. And we don't know a timeline – there is a lot on AC's plate this semester.

Victoria Charoonaratana, Student At Large: After the new courses for 2007/2008 are approved, will these be publicized anyway as a list because they can sometimes get lost.

Rachel: To clarify, the committee approves courses and I know that some departments put that out individually and I don't know if the committee does, but I'll suggest that to the committee because that's a great idea. It would be good to have something out before registration for the fall.

Victoria Starrett, Severance: As it stands now, classes that are non-western are multicultural, but if I'm Jewish and in a Jewish class, it counts, so is there anything being done so someone is learning something from their own culture.

Rachel: Short of the problem being that the requirement is just a paragraph it is just what you said – it doesn't seem that it is reflective of many cultures. It doesn't seem like a requirement for people who come from those cultures and take those courses. I can't tell you right now how exactly we will solve that. It is hard to verify what cultures people identify with and what a new culture is for someone, and your concerns are definitely being represented on that issue.

Nadine Abraham, Student at Large: You talked about the experiential requirement and about going abroad counting as filling the requirement – I think that would also encourage more students to go abroad and since the college now covers students who go abroad and are on financial aid – so have you looked at how increases would affect the college's budget?

Rahcel: We aren't far enough ahead to have looked at the budget, but I will bring that concern to the committee as well.

Cortni Jones, Bursar: You mentioned how it is hard with institutional memory to catch up with the committee. First, if you're on a committee that is presenting at Academic Council, you are allowed to come and should when your committee is presenting. Also, how long is your tenure? Is it too short? Should it be longer – like three years? I've been mulling over that – a short time on the committee doesn't seem like it's worthwhile for anyone in the room.

Rachel: I think the student reps would benefit from having a sophomore, junior, and senior. In my experience, I came on not knowing how a lot of things work. There are certain procedures the committee does, certain rules, that I didn't know and I do think it would be helpful for students to have that experience. It has been helpful to attend and read the information, and the course catalog has a lot of information that has also helped.

Dean Kim: I've sat on the committee since I first came to Wellesley. Ever since I've been here and I do think it's helpful for students to be there, and you'll see the difference if students are there longer. Lindsey has grown a lot in the role and she has become an expert – they can know more than faculty on the board and it helps with longevity.

Yang Qiu, CGVP: Point of information. The length of the appointment for CCI is a two-year term – a junior and senior year. Only rising juniors can apply for the position and you stay for two years – you are not allowed to go abroad.

Rachel: That may be one reason why it might be hard to get applications because it's hard to decide in your first year to commit to not going abroad.

Emily: Thank you Rachel – and just to reiterate – you can attend AC when CCI information is being presented. Just so you know what went down in AC, it was kind of like John O’Keefe said – it was unsatisfying – more questions kept popping up from faculty regarding to the handout – even down to the language used in the handout so even naming it is a huge issue. We definitely heard that students felt their most valuable cross-cultural learning happened out of the classroom – in the dining hall or residential halls – and there is a lot to wrestle with and AC was all over the place that day. There is a lot more to be hashed out. And the list of new courses – that is approved through AC and at the last meeting it was presented and it will be approved at the next meeting – so it will be a few weeks but then I assume there will be documents – perhaps we who serve on AC can forward those to you guys after they’re approved. Next we have Beth Pfeiffer, a trustee. Thanks for coming!

Beth Pfeiffer, Trustee: I was in Freeman and I went to Morocco over Spring Break – you should all consider the Morocco program over Wintersession. I really appreciate the opportunity to come and talk to me tonight – I was so happy when Yang invited me, and I’m really impressed with what I’m hearing tonight, in terms of the discussion and the process that maybe puts the board of trustees to shame, and it is really terrific and amazing. I think I’m going to talk and then you can ask me all kinds of questions – you can just jump in afterwards. First, I want to say how much the trustees love having students involved on the board. I graduated in 1973, majored in history, went on to Business school, I am a post-baccalaureate student at Wellesley, and I have mostly taken courses in studio art – this last year I haven’t but as a trustee, and as a student, I had very different views of what’s going on on-campus and what you bring to the board is such an asset and is such a value to what we can do in deciding the policies that help Wellesley fulfill its mission and remain strong as we go forward. Go to your constituents and encourage them and you to be a part of the board because we really like it – if it works for college government, maybe a trustee could be here to hear from the students – there are about 32 trustees on the board, and a number of us are here in the Boston area and I think we would love it. First of all, I’ve been on the Board of trustees for 10 years. There is a handout with the committees and what they do, and the number of students on each committee, and what they do. I joined the board in 1997 and I’ve been involved in a lot of different capacities- I co-chaired the capital campaign and right now I’m on the pres search committee. I’ve chaired a development committee, the trustee academic affairs committee, and another one – but we rotate around and fulfill lots of functions, not taking on a particular specialty. So to talk about the different committees – Yang has this information for you and will discuss it after me, but in a sense, I think of the committees as the trenches – there are a variety of committees, like the landscape and buildings committee. You are all living with one of the wonderful outcomes of that – the Wang Campus Center. A lot of input and work by the committee formed the plan, approved the budgets, worked with the architects, worked with the administration who was involved with the planning, and took that all the way from the concept to its completion –there is a huge amount of rubber hits the road in the committees. But what you don’t see is what happens after you do all this work on the committee. Some boards make decisions at the board level and disseminate to the committees – but our work takes place in the committees and relies on that hard work. So when the Landscape and Building Committee came to us with the proposals for the campus center, there was discussion at the board level, and it was so well done by the committee that it was a helpful constructive dialogue that just supported the good work the committee had done. That is to say, the role of the committees is really integral to the board of trustees. The board of trustees – what do we do? How did we get here? We have an executive governance committee, which is not open to student membership, and it surveys the landscape of all the alums – where you all will be very soon. And

we are looking for trustees who will put heart and soul into what they do on the board. We are a hard-working, compared to other schools, Wellesley is a standard and other boards get tired of me saying "at Wellesley..." Wellesley really sets the standard and I think you see this at your level, in academics, here, and it really continues going forward. Seeking alums who have this desire in their hearts to put in the time and support the college in whatever it takes to ensure that we fulfill the mission – there is the aspect of needing to have trustees that ensure the financial stability of the college- this group was able to raise the money for the capital campaign through the trustees and the 35,000 alums world wide. We meet four times a year, the dates are in your packet for next year, we have two full days of meetings – once with all of our committees and once just as the board of trustees. At the board meeting, we hear from the diff committees according to their topics – we might have something on student life and hear from Dean Kim, or we might have an in-depth discussion about the rate of spending of our endowment. So we will be more strategically topical and not just hearing from every committee but it enables us to take the meaty topics and take them forward to put it together over the course of the year so that the topics, which some occur year after year, like the comprehensive fee that is looked at every year in the context of the costs, students needs, financial aid needs, the other colleges and universities, and more. Some of them are year by year decisions and some are more momentous – like the capital campaign, or particular restructuring to the curriculum, or other topics like that. I would love to hear your questions, but again, I am really grateful to be here and I encourage you to take back the word of how much your input is valued – what you bring as your own perspective and I really look forward to having your full engagement and participation on the board.

Sabina Khan, Stone: I was wondering – is there any particular financial contribution one has to give to the school to be a trustee and what does that say?

Beth: I didn't say anything and the reason is there is no quid pro for coming on the board of trustees – a trustee is not asked in any way, shape, or form to make a contribution as any kind of prerequisite. I have been on boards where at the meeting it has been discussed, that before they come on the board, they must make a seven figure gift, and others have said that isn't a good idea, and the worst thing is for a non-profit to be selling its board seats. So the answer is no and its true that the board of trustees does support the college and you'll hear things – give, get, or get off – which is crass and they talk about time, talent, and treasure. And no org can sustain itself without the time, talent, and treasure form the board – and the answer is, no, there doesn't have to be a huge donation. I feel very lucky as an alum – I was a full scholarship student all four years and couldn't have come without 100% support and I am very privileged that in my adult life I have the capacity to support Wellesley – and my mother went to Wellesley and she was a scholarship student, and lot of my support has been for financial aid in my mom's name. and you learn that a person's capacity to support an organization is really different form what they might or might not do – some can afford to be more generous than they are, and others give an amazing amount of time, talent, and treasure.

Rebecca Gold, Student at Large: You said the governance committee looks at alums, so are all trustees, alums? How many men are there?

Beth: All the men aren't alums – we are about 2/3 alums. All women are alums – about 20% are men, and quite frankly, we love all the alums on the board, and we have talked about a non-Wellesley woman, but the best are right in front of us.

Cortni Jones, Bursar: Thank you for extending your offer to get more student feedback – I was also interested in your talking about the experiences of students on the committee and has there been a discussion of changing the winter date to a time that isn't during Wintersession . I'm not sure what the percentage of students who can go to that meeting is. It's good to see trustees around on campus as well.

Beth: There hasn't been any discussion on that but I will raise that to the board and the governance committee and since there are just four meetings, to make one of them not possible for some students is a great point.

Amy Wang: Is there an age minimum for a trustee – and is there a young trustee position that might have closer ties to the school?

Beth: There is not an age minimum – there is no criteria that has to do with anything statistical – we look for balance. There is the young alumnae position – pay attention to when the opportunity to be up for election for that will come because that person, Heather Long right now, has a 3 year position and there is discussion about changing that.

Diane Correy: I work with the Board of Trustees. This is the year the new young alum is elected – in the past it has been that the person has to be in the class that is graduating, so the bylaws are changing to include the graduating class and two classes that graduated previously. Now all classes will be eligible to serve as a young alum trustee and more information will be coming out soon.

Beth: I can't mention enough how important that voice is on the Board of Trustees – and in 10 years, each of these young women have made such an amazing contribution to the board – pursue it if you're interested, encourage people who might be interested, and we do look for age balance, but because of the time that is required and it does help to have worked for awhile or have had an accumulation of experience doing all sorts of whatever else to make your effectiveness as good as it can be. We tend to think of young alums from the decade of the 80s and 90s but the young alum trustee is a crucial player on the board.

Emily: As far as the young trustee goes – the deadline has passed for '07, '06, and '05 to submit a statement of intent – there had to be 35 signatures for each – the statements of intent will be published in the Wellesley News next week and then the class of '07 will vote on the next alum trustee. And the younger ones will be voting in the spring of 2010. Following up on projects, like the placePlaceNameCampus PlaceTypeCenter, I have noticed some things that maybe weren't thought of before the building was done.

Beth: The answer is yes but I think you're driving at something more particular. There are two student reps on the landscape committee and I think that would most likely be the mechanism for raising those issues. I think it's very important because maybe it has to do with the long term usage issues which are essential.

Emily Oxford, CGP: I also noticed that the Board of Trustees is restoring Alumnae Hall in Diana Chapman Walsh's honor, and I'm so excited that it's getting attention. Thank you!

Beth: Thank you – we are also excited.

Aileen Hagerman, Beebe: I know this was brought up, but talking about diversity, I was wondering how it was addressed on racial, religious, and sexual orientation grounds and how it is addressed as you choose alums.

Beth: There is not a quota, but Wellesley is a diverse community, and if you walk around here, you see it, and our alums are diverse. My class was the first class when there was a push to broaden the number of African American students, and that was the tipping point for Wellesley with the student profile, and I can assure you that we are absolutely aware and looking and interested and seeking. We want our board of trustees to reflect the broad world of Wellesley and not just how Wellesley looked in the 1960s.

Emily Oxford, CGP: Next we have Yang Qiu.

Yang Qiu, CGVP: I really encourage you to post these handouts and pass them around in your constituency's meetings – I want to thank Beth and Diane again for coming today. Diane is the clerk for the trustees and she works with the students and the trustees – she helped to compile this information. I will forward the electronic version to Natalie. Following the SCBT presentation, we are going to give you another presentation that will give you lots of great information. SOAC is doing some very exciting things – we are doing Spring Appointments! We appoint student representatives to sit on many committees. We have a couple of handouts and during our presentation, follow the handout so that you can understand how the process works and so you can know what available positions there are for students to apply. Rakeen is our Appointments Coordinator and she is going to continue.

Rakeen Mabud, SOAC Appointments Coordinator: You have seen a lot of presentations over the year, and as spring appointments approaches, we wanted to give you a very clear outline of the positions and the interviews. Please contact me with any questions.

Kelly Tialiou, SOAC Member: If you are excited about what Beth said and you want to be on a SCBT committee, I am going to go through the categories and then you'll hear how you can apply. There are Academic Council committees, SCBT, random committees, and CG committees – SBOC, CPLA, and others. To be a representative you must follow the process – find the application on the spam, fill out three questions on the application that show your background, and come in for an interview. The interviews are conducted by three SOAC members and Rakeen – we look at experience, your enthusiasm for what you're applying for, and after the interview, you will be evaluated by the SOAC members and you will get your answer afterwards of whether you have received the position.

Rakeen: On the green sheet, there is a list of all the committees SOAC appoints – not all are spring appointments, some are fall. The SCBT committees are committees where students work with the Board of Trustees – these are board descriptions –there are student role descriptions on the job description conference. There are a lot of abbreviations that you can see on the handout. The random committees are not associated with AC or BT, and they include alcohol and drug, student health and advisory committee, and transportation committee. If you want to know more

about a specific committee – go to the job descriptions conference. You can also contact any representatives that are sitting on any of these committees.

Lena Glazer, SOAC Member: On the first page of the blue packet are all the SOAC standing committees with the contact and chair of each committee so if you have a question or want to raise a topic, go and contact the grown-up on the committee. And there are also the cabinet positions and appointment times. The next page is the SOAC appointment student representatives for 06/07 so on the left side are all the committees, and the types, and the student representatives. For ARB, Amy Wang is the rep. And PAC is suspended for this year as we transition. If you want to apply to any of these committees for Spring Appointments, feel free to email any student representative and they will give you a much more in-depth description of what they do.

Blair Edwards, SOAC Member: Here are some important dates for the spring appointment process- the main thing is that this is a rough, tentative timeline – we will update this if any changes occur – this is subject to change, though. There are anywhere from 1 – 4 appointments made depending on the committee and where it says “application out” is the date it will be out to the student body, and the interviews are usually two weeks after that. The deadline for applications to be returned to SOAC is usually a week after it is released. Feel free to contact us if any changes are made.

Yang Qiu, CGVP: If you are interested, please go to First class, Wellesley conferences, student forums, SOAC applications, and sub-conference “job descriptions!” and under that is all the job descriptions that were written by previous student representatives. That gives you a better idea of what student jobs are like.

Rakeen: Just a disclaimer, some of the job descriptions are very bare bones--please contact the person on the sheet for more descriptions.

Emily Oxford, CGP: Is there a process by which the Administration or CG goes through to have a SOAC appointed committee – we do a ton of work and I would hate to see it multiplied without a check.

Yang Qiu, CGVP: Currently there is no process at all – if an administrator or student leader sees the need of certain committees, they contact us and we sit down and plan the committee – talk if it is necessary and look at what it hopes to accomplish. Three new committees were created – and these will be evaluated to see if the SOAC appointed process is necessary. There is no standard procedure for that and we can look into that to see if we can draw up a procedure for future reference.

Dean Kim Goff-Crews : From an administrator's standpoint, we assume that we have student on every committee and that they should go through the VP, so if you change that, we need to know so we can pass it along.

Yang Qiu: And it is between the VP and the Administration to see how students should be appointed.

Jeanne Amy, Student-at-Large: Having experience going through the appointment process, and also as part of the team for selecting reps, I was wondering if the process is being reviewed and what kind of measures will take effect through this term.

Rakeen Mabud: It is true that it is unclear what the interview committee is looking for – but with the amount of interviews we have to do, I don't think we'll see any changes for this year. Before, they didn't necessarily look at applications, and we are this year.

Dean Kim: We could start writing job descriptions for these committees – it wouldn't be hard for us.

Cortni Jones, Student-at-Large: While I feel I'm well represented on all these committees by the names, I do wonder if we're missing out on getting the strongest representatives possible – I have a lot of friends who don't have any knowledge about these positions – is there a recruitment chair within SOAC to have someone in charge of increasing the pool of applicants?

Yang Qiu: We have not thought about creating a position for that, but we have been trying to increase the student body's awareness of the position so people know there are opportunities to get involved. We had a couple of information sessions for students who are interested in being student reps and we are trying to make better spam as well so we can advertise positions and advertise in general for opportunities that are there. This year SOAC tried to educate campus about these opportunities, which wasn't done before and we are looking for different ways to get this information out there, so please let us know.

Rakeen Mabud: Also – there is a conference called "SOAC feedback" so please email that.

Yang Qiu: We also ask current representatives to help us recruit so we can get help screening for quality candidates to apply.

Emily Oxford: I know in the past, people could interview and freeze their scores. What can they do?

Rakeen Mabud: I can apply this year, interview this year, and be reevaluated next year with that pool since I'll be abroad.

Amy Wang, Beebe: I know you can apply for multiple positions, and can this hurt your chances? Are each committees interviewed and considered separately?

Rakeen Mabud: Each committee is evaluated separately.

Aysha Gregory, Ethos: I have a question about finance and tanner committees – the dates?

Rakeen Mabud: It should be 4/19.

Amy Wang: Do you have any statistics about your applicant pool so you know who to target?

Rakeen Mabud: I have a notebook of statistics that I can quantify. We have to look at it on a case by case basis per committee. Please contact Yang or I if you have questions.

Emily Oxford: I am very impressed with this presentation – very comprehensive. Dean Kim and Michelle Lepore are here.

Dean Kim: Welcome back from the break – I hope you had a great week. We have a number of announcements. First, during spring break, there were at least four or five teams competing – softball, tennis, lacrosse, golf, and the lacrosse team had season finals. And it was a 10-6 record overall. Wellesley hosted the 7 sisters lacrosse championship and lost by one point in finals to Vassar – they did a great job. Also, PERA has been working on a number of projects – one is a new intramural project – there will be “Night Kickball” in the Fieldhouse from 9-10 PM and there will be floor hockey from 9-10 in the multipurpose room. And also, after a lot of conversation and meetings, PERA has decided, with the support of President Walsh and Dean Shennan, to reinstate squash for 2007-2008 so we will be seeing our squash sisters as a varsity sport in the fall. The Pan-Asian Cultural show will be on Friday. Also, for seniors, they are trying to create a new Wellesley tradition – every year at commencement President Walsh honors teachers, so the senior class has put together a program on April 11th from 6-9 where seniors will come to Tishman and join Class Council and Diana to write letters and make scrapbook pages for their favorite teachers and they’ll get a copy of a book from the college – so make sure everyone knows about that. If you have any questions about that event for seniors, please contact Amy Wang. And in case you missed this – the speaker for graduation will be Madeline Albright – it will be a very exciting commencement.

Dean Michelle Leppopre: There were 64 students funded for internships around the world over spring break. Also, from the CWS, we still have 11 locations available for directed internship sites – applications are due April 6th and information is available on the CWS website and they are for sophomores and juniors. We have been updating you on our work relating to suicide and we have a speaker coming on Tuesday, April 10, Terry Wies, author of a book Waking Up about her suicide attempt and her recovery. She is an attorney but no longer practicing. Also, on April 12th, the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life is holding a spring bonfire at the fire pit – Release and Renewal – a chance to come together and celebrate the spring together.

Cortni Jones: I recently learned about this exciting priority budgeting that is going on with a small amount of money and I was wondering how the division of student life was working with students to establish what proposals would be submitted and what areas of student interest could be put in for requests.

Dean Kim: This is budgeting for divisions all over the college, and for the first time, we have a list of projects from the divisions, with requests for additional funds, and we don’t have any direct interaction with students – we are trying to do the business of the colleges more efficiently.

Dean Michelle: We also review capital requests and on both lists, there were initiatives that will help students, and we will let you know when we can what those are.

Dean Kim: We’ve talked to CG and attach those requests to our requests. It is a more informal process.

Emily: Thanks so much. Next we have Malina Swiatek and Beyond the Bubble.

Malina Swiatek: Here is today's Beyond the Bubble.

Iran Partly Suspends Nuclear Pledges

Move Follows Imposition of U.N. Sanctions

By Nasser Karimi

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TEHRAN, [Iran](#), March 25 -- The Iranian government announced Sunday that it was partially suspending cooperation with the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, citing the "illegal" sanctions the Security Council imposed on the country Saturday for its refusal to stop enriching uranium.

Gholam Hossein Elham, a government spokesman, said on state television that the suspension would "continue until Iran's nuclear case is referred back" to the International Atomic Energy Agency.

In New York, Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said, "A few select countries don't have the right to abuse the Security Council."

"The Security Council has to be aware of its own position and status," he added. "Actions that are illegal, unwarranted and unjustified will reduce the credibility of the Security Council."

Mottaki said Iran has repeatedly sought negotiations with the powers that drafted the resolution against the Islamic republic: the five permanent council members -- the United States, [Britain](#), [France](#), [Russia](#) and [China](#) -- and [Germany](#). But he accused those countries of lacking the political will to reach a breakthrough.

"If this political will existed, the other side wouldn't have imposed preconditions on the talks," Mottaki said, referring to declarations by the United States and its allies that Iran must halt enrichment before they will engage in negotiations on its nuclear program.

The world has two options on the nuclear issue, he said: continued negotiations or confrontation.

"Choosing the path of confrontation . . . will have its own consequences," he said without elaborating.

Elham said the Iranian cabinet decided Sunday to suspend "code 1-3 of minor arrangements of the safeguards" agreed to with the International Atomic Energy Agency in 2002.

Under Iran's Safeguards Agreements with the IAEA, part of its commitments under the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, the country is obligated to inform the agency six months before it introduces nuclear material of any kind into any facility.

Iran has also voluntarily committed to informing the agency of any planned new nuclear construction beforehand -- a commitment it has not always kept. For instance, in 2004 it delayed informing the agency that it was building tunnels in the central city of Isfahan to house some of its uranium enrichment activities.

Elham, the government spokesman, said Iran's decision Sunday was a response to the "illegal and bullying resolution by the Security Council."

Europeans Urge New Sanctions On Sudan

By Alfred De Montesquiou

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ES SALLAM, Sudan, March 25 -- European leaders called Sunday for new international sanctions against Sudan over its treatment of civilians in Darfur, where the new U.N. humanitarian chief warned that efforts to help refugees were at risk of collapse.

Speaking at a refugee camp on his first tour of Darfur since becoming the United Nations' top humanitarian official, John Holmes said such efforts could fail if the situation deteriorates and aid workers are prevented from doing their work. Some 45,000 people have taken refuge in the camp from the region's spiraling violence.

"This humanitarian effort is fragile," he said.

In Berlin, British Prime Minister Tony Blair called for a new U.N. resolution expanding sanctions against Sudan, and said a no-fly zone over the Darfur region should be considered.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, also in Berlin for a European Union summit, called the suffering of people in Darfur "unbearable" and recommended stronger sanctions against the Sudanese government for not stopping violence in the region.

"We need to get a new resolution in the United Nations which extends the sanctions regime," Blair said. "We need to consider, in my view, a no-fly zone," he said, adding that "the situation in Darfur is intolerable."

Holmes, who met with delegates of international aid groups during his weekend visit, said problems such as obstruction by Sudan's government and insecurity on the ground have created an environment where "morale is fragile" and could push aid workers to leave.

"The risk is high," he said. "It is not imminent, but if things deteriorate, people may not want to maintain their efforts."

U.N. officials say some 4 million people in Darfur have been caught in the midst of fighting among rebels, the government and the government-backed Janjaweed militia.

"The suffering there is unbearable," said Merkel, whose country holds the rotating presidency of the European Union. "And I say openly: We must consider stronger sanctions."

At least 450,000 people have died from disease and violence and more than 2.5 million have been displaced in four years of fighting in Darfur.

The United Nations says the conflict has driven 86,000 from their homes this year and attributes the displacement of the vast majority of the new refugees to violence by central Sudanese government forces and their Janjaweed allies. The Arab militia has been accused of atrocities against ethnic Africans.

Former rebels aligned with Minni Minawi, who signed a peace deal with the government last May and has joined forces with Sudan's government, are also blamed for the violence.

Es Sallam, the refugee camp visited by Holmes, is one of three camps near the town of El Fasher in North Darfur state. Aid workers are negotiating for space for a fourth camp to accommodate the influx of refugees.

Ex-Prosecutor Says He Faced Partisan Questions Before Firing

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One of the eight former U.S. attorneys fired by the Bush administration said yesterday that White House officials questioned his performance in highly partisan political terms at a meeting in Washington in September, three months before his dismissal.

John McKay of Washington state, who had decided two years earlier not to bring voter fraud charges that could have undermined a Democratic victory in a closely fought gubernatorial race, said White House counsel Harriet Miers and her deputy, William Kelley, "asked me why Republicans in the state of Washington would be angry with me."

McKay said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that the question -- which he took as a challenge to his 2004 decision -- surprised him because the issue had been carefully reviewed by his office and the decision was supported by the FBI's office in Seattle. "We expected to be supported by people in Washington, D.C., when we make tough decisions like that," McKay said.

He added that he took umbrage at the idea that he had other responsibilities beyond focusing "on the evidence and not allow[ing] politics into the work that we do in criminal prosecutions." Those involved in the scandal over the firings who acted unprofessionally "or even illegally" must be held accountable for what they did, he said.

McKay's disclosure of an explicit White House question about the damage his decision caused to his standing among party loyalists added new detail to his previous statement that Miers accused him of having "mishandled" the voter fraud inquiry.

The use of the word "mishandled" left open the possibility that White House officials -- who in September were weighing whether to recommend McKay for a federal judgeship -- merely disputed McKay's professional judgment. But his statement yesterday lent new credence to suspicions that partisan political concerns weighed heavily in his firing.

His remarks came amid increasing criticism of the administration by other fired prosecutors. Bud Cummins, who was dismissed last year to make way for a protege of Karl Rove, noted on CBS's "Face the Nation" that among the documents released by the administration, "there is no evidence of a credible performance-review process as the attorney general has described."

Former prosecutor David C. Iglesias of New Mexico, asked on "Meet the Press" if he believes he was removed for political reasons, said, "Absolutely, yes." Iglesias, a Republican, also said that "right now, I've got serious doubts" about the integrity and leadership of Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales.

Iglesias also challenged a recent statement by White House counselor Dan Bartlett that Iglesias was fired in part because of frustration that his prosecution of a former New Mexico state treasurer had produced a conviction on only one of 23 counts.

Iglesias said Bartlett is "out of touch" and "looking at talking points" because "he doesn't know the facts underlying what we do as U.S. attorneys." He said that the former state treasurer was sentenced to three years in prison and that "had he been convicted of 10 out of 23 counts, I doubt he would have done a lot more time."

Although President Bush said Saturday that he wants Gonzales to remain in his post, political support for that position continued to erode yesterday because of the disclosure Friday that

Gonzales had chaired a November meeting where the firings were discussed -- contrary to Gonzales's past assertion that he was "not involved in any discussions about what was going on." [Sen. Arlen Specter](#) (Pa.), the Judiciary Committee's senior Republican, said on "Meet the Press" that "we have to have an attorney general who is candid, truthful, and if we find he has not been candid and truthful, that's a very compelling reason for him not to stay on."

The Justice Department's effort to portray the new disclosure as consistent with Gonzales's depiction of his role did not appear to be getting much traction on Capitol Hill. [Sen. Chuck Hagel](#) (R-Neb.) said on ABC's "This Week" that Gonzales has "a problem. You cannot have the nation's chief law enforcement officer with a cloud hanging over his credibility."

[Sen. Trent Lott](#) (R-Miss.), the minority whip, said on "Fox News Sunday:" "I think it is a fact that it hasn't been handled well. . . . There needs to be a way to find out exactly what went on and why this was done."

Democratic lawmakers were more scathing. [Sen. Dianne Feinstein](#) (Calif.), on the Fox program, accused Gonzales of lying to her about his role at the outset of the scandal. "I think he's been damaged very badly," she said, and called for Gonzales to resign.

Edwardses Reject Sympathy Votes, Defend His Decision to Stay in Race

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John Edwards says voters should not throw him their support just because his wife has cancer.

"Do not vote for us because you feel some sympathy or compassion for us. That would be an enormous mistake," Edwards said on CBS's "60 Minutes" in an interview that aired last night. "The vote for the presidency is far too important for any of those things to influence it."

Edwards and his wife, Elizabeth, who has been diagnosed with a recurrence of breast cancer, defended his decision to continue pursuing the Democratic nomination. She said she could not live with denying him the chance to be president.

"That would be my legacy, wouldn't it, Katie?" according to a transcript of the interview with Katie Couric, which was taped Saturday in Las Vegas; the transcript was released Sunday before broadcast.

"That I'd taken out this fine man from -- from the possibility of -- of giving a great service. I mean, I don't want that to be my legacy," Elizabeth Edwards said.

John Edwards, a lawyer and former U.S. senator from North Carolina, said this was a chance to give public service to "a country that I love -- both of us love, as much as we love our lives."

They announced Thursday that she was once again facing cancer, only this time it was incurable and had spread to the bone. Despite the prognosis, John Edwards said he would forge ahead with his second bid for the presidency.

Anticipating the demands of the campaign trail, Elizabeth Edwards said her options were clear. "Either you push forward with the things that you were doing yesterday or you start dying. That seems to be your only two choices," she said.

"If I had given up everything that my life was about -- first of all, I'd let cancer win before it needed to."

'Trapped' train tests rescue response

Drill simulates a tunnel scare

By Sean P. Murphy, Globe Staff ~|~ March 26, 2007

The call was enough to start the adrenaline pumping, even though all concerned knew it was a mere simulation, an elaborate drill sprawling over five city blocks and involving dozens, meant to test readiness for the real thing.

According to the scenario, an MBTA train was stuck in the darkened tunnel between Andrew station and Broadway station in South Boston. More than 40 people were aboard, some reporting injuries, all terrified of the enveloping smoke. How to get them to safety?

MBTA personnel aboard the stricken train urgently radioed MBTA police. In a flash, dispatchers were calling over the airwaves for a fleet of vehicles from police, fire, and emergency medical service.

Within minutes, men and women in various uniforms overran the neighborhood, filling the air with the crackling sound of broadcasted commands and bathing it in flashing red and blue lights.

At the corner of Dorchester and D streets, a previously unnoticed steel grate in the sidewalk became the route of rescue. The 6-by-4-foot grate is the surface opening of an emergency passage to the MBTA tunnel, about 35 feet below.

Emergency personnel pulled the heavy grate away and a cadre of MBTA and Boston police, firefighters, and Emergency Medical Services workers disappeared down the long stairway to the trapped passengers.

Minutes later they surfaced, toting with them the injured and the merely frightened. All were accounted for; disaster had been averted.

"It keeps everyone on their toes," Gary Fredericks, an MBTA police lieutenant, said of the drill.

"We do it two or three times a year. Today, it went smoothly."

Robert Y. Haley, an EMS captain, said his agency alone had 17 vehicles on scene. "This is a pretty significant drill for us," he said. "We actually found some issues. We'll work on them. That's why we do this."

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Emily: And now we have Cabinet Announcements.

Yang Qiu, CGVP: SOAC is going to have a short meeting – please post your handouts. Please try to help SOAC to forward this information as well.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: SOFC won't be having a meeting tonight because we are resting up for our eight hour spring budgeting extravaganza on Saturday – in the campus center. We are meeting behind the fireplace room 210; bring your one card, your calculator, your red pen.

Malina Swiatek, CPLA Chair: I've solved your problem with food – on April 27th. I told you about CPLA's Spring Sparkling Glitter Lecture, our extravaganza, and we have pizza lunches, but our speaker will be the Chris Hill, who is the Assistant Secretary of State and also chief negotiator for

the six party talks on nuclear weapons and North Korea. It will be around lunchtime and there will be a delicious lunch before. I will be using my uniquely compelling megaphone.

Jeanne Amy, DOOCA: The first announcement is that all of you, who requested tickets, please go to the campus center between 9 am and 10 pm to pick up your ticket. The door is at 7 and the show is at 8. If you still want to go, you can show up at the door. And if you want an off campus ticket, tell your friends to go to Ticket Master because the show is sold-out. Our place Citybig spring week event is Lupe Fiasco in the sports center and there will be more news coming up. My third announcement is on the purple sheet and you can see that SBOG has a lot of positions – about 16 positions that are open. This app will come out at the end of the week and we will be interviewing in the next couple weeks – I encourage you all to apply – it's a good time and a great way to get involved. If you are interested, please email me or any other SBOG member. I look forward to your interviews.

Elaine Skowronski, CG/HPC Liaison: As housing comes up, you might have questions about housing – talk to your RD and HP and contact me if you have questions.

Emily Oxford, CGP: There are still some open contact senator positions so we hope that you are interested in serving on senate next year – y'all did a great job. Also, we only have one more normal senate with this cabinet which is next Monday, and then April 9th is turnover – we'll do business and then turnover to those who were elected on April 4th. Also, I just wanted to remind you, that senate is not turning over, so keep your Mondays free. And I know you are dying to know who is running for cabinet positions and it will be announced on Wednesday. And Wednesday there is an Ethos Debate at Harambee house, in conjunction with their open meeting. On Saturday we are having the CG Elections Committee sponsored debate and for the first time, the presidential candidates will have their own 15 minute section before the rest of the debate, and just so you know, Saturday will be super exciting, in PNE Atrium 1:00 with food. And the last debate will be on Monday in MacAfee about 8:00 – 10:00 – during that time. I hope to see a lot of you at the debates – you probably have the best questions for the candidates – so if you can't come for anything else, come to the debate on Saturday and bring your friends – it is so important that you remind your senior friends that they are also eligible to vote even though they are graduating. And if there are no objections, by general consent I move that we are adjourned.