

Senate Agenda
April 9, 2007
Academic Council Room- 4th Floor Green Hall
6:00 PM

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Senator Presentation (10 min)**
- III. Dean's Corner:** Dean Michelle Lepore and Dean Kim Goff-Crews (5 min, 5 min?s)
- IV. Turnover Slideshow, Song, and Gifts (45 min)**
- V. Beyond the Bubble:** Rose-Ellen El Khoury – CPLA Chair. (5 min)
- VI. Adjourn**

Estimated Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

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- I. Roll Call**
- II. Open Discussion**
 - A. Melanie Carter, Bai Kamara: Ethos (15 min, 15 min~?s)
 - B. Lauren Lewis, Office of Student Activities: Student Organization Leadership Awards (5 min, 5 min?s)
- III. Dean's Corner:** Dean Michelle Lepore and Dean Kim Goff-Crews (5 min, 5 min?s)
- IV. Beyond the Bubble:** Malina Swiatek – CPLA Chair. (5 min)

V. Adjourn

Emily Oxford, College Government President: Thanks for coming. As you know, next week is Turnover Senate, and it's a little bittersweet, because it is our last Senate. But let's get to our official business – Ethos is here to present about diverse faculty recruitment. I know a few years ago a few of you presented and it was really interesting and thorough and we're glad to have you here. So, we have Melanie Carter, Bai Kamara, and Monica Ortiz.

Melanie Carter, Ethos President: Good evening, ladies. My name is Melanie Carter, this year's current Ethos president. On behalf of Ethos, WCD, and WASA, I would like to bring to your attention the state of Wellesley's faculty's diversification effort. Joining me today is Women for Caribbean Development President Bai Kamara, Wellesley African Student Association president Hiywete Solomon and Rhobyi Matinyi regret that they are unable to join us today. It is difficult to convey the importance of diversity to a college like Wellesley. The institution prides itself on creating women who will make a difference in the world. It is important that we have a learning environment as diverse as our nation and our world.

Many student groups have long recognized the lack of diversity within the faculty and specifically the lack of Black faculty on campus. At its inception Ethos recognized the need for and demanded the college do more to increase the number of Black faculty at Wellesley. Early Ethos leaders wrote: "Wellesley College should make a concerted effort to employ Black people in all phases of the college work force, on the faculty and in the administration."

Though initial progress was made, especially with the creation of the African studies department, the number of Black faculty has declined in the last two decades. Writing in 1994 one former Ethos president recognized that "Over the past twenty-six years [since the founding of Harambee House and Ethos] Wellesley has made strides towards creating a healthy environment for all of its students...However there is room for improvement. Although demands were made in 1968 for a more diverse faculty and student body, these demands still hold relevant today."

In the last three years, three tenure/tenure track Black faculty have been hired and there is notable diversity among Post Doc hires as well. The college, specifically the Dean of the College's office and the Minority Recruitment Hiring and Retention Committee, has been making an effort to increase the diversity of its entire faculty by expanding outreach for faculty positions, and sponsoring workshops for graduate students in the Boston area. However, the problem still remains. According to the fact book there are 18 Black faculty members. However, when one focuses on tenure/tenure track positions as well as upcoming retirement within the next two years, the number of Black faculty drops to eight, a mere three percent of total tenure/tenure track faculty, despite the fact that Black students comprise five percent of the Wellesley College student population.

Monica Ortiz, Ethos: We feel that all students suffer from a lack of a diverse faculty because it limits the presence of the Black perspective in the curricula and general diversity in the classroom. Moreover, many students of color often have difficulty making informal relationships with professors and habitually feel disengaged from the classroom experience. Members of our respective organizations have much to say on this issue. I would like to share some of our thoughts with you this evening. Black faculty would “bring different perspectives;” provide Black students with “inspiration,” “someone to relate to who can give insight and guidance.” Black professors allow “students to feel more comfortable about being yourself in class.” The theme of isolation is prevalent throughout the student feedback. Many members of Ethos, WCD, WASA report feelings of isolation from the College, faculty, and most disturbingly from other students.

Bai Kamara, WCD President: WCD, WASA, and Ethos have joined together to work towards the goal of a more diverse faculty at Wellesley. This year we have met with administrators and committees to brainstorm ideas. We have talked about an exchange program with Wellesley faculty and minority faculty from other institutions and ideas from expanding the college’s outreach in the hiring process. Though we acknowledge the many difficulties involved in hiring a more diverse faculty and understand that improvement will take time.

These are things that can be done in the immediate future:

WE ASK In keeping with the institutional priorities set forth by the Wellesley College administration to hire, “The most diverse faculty into tenure track positions,” department be invested in the recruitment of diverse faculty particularly faculty of African descent. WE ASK that the college continue to strengthen its efforts regarding the hiring and more importantly retention of Black faculty an institutional priority.

Finally, WE ASK that Wellesley College students continue to be aware of this issue and the affects it has on black students and the Wellesley college student community as a whole and to support student leadership who decide to take on this campaign.

On behalf of Ethos, WASA, and WCD, I thank you for your attention and I reserve the remaining amount of time for questions.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: I know last time it was difficult for your presentation – there had been problems with the Administration working side by side with you on this problem and having your members placed on appropriate committees. Where has the active movement been going, and what would you like to see right away? Would you like students on your org to meet with professors before they come and as they apply? What do you want specifically?

Melanie: I don’t know what you know about the hiring process at Wellesley right now. Each department hires their own faculty independently and there is little the administration can do to help with hiring black faculty when hirings are chosen on a department level. The committees selecting new faculty have been meeting with us, which is different from last year. They are giving us information and showing us what

they are sending out to minority possible faculty. They are also sending out information to prospective students to hire in Boston area, they have shown that students have a voice in this issue and we have worked to change at the department level. We invite student to be aware of the hiring practices in your department because it helps you to have a diverse faculty and we are not the only group to have this issue, but we are one of them.

Victoria Charoonratana, Davis: Have you tried discussing your issue with other student orgs from other minority groups?

Melanie: We have presented this issue every year I've been here. We've talked about different issues in different years, especially with Mezcla who has a common problem. We would like to work with them more on this issue. The problem gets to be that it puts us in a situation that minorities are put up each other – an Asian and black professor are up against each other, and that has prevented a lot of coalition. We do try as much as we can to collaborate, but we do feel that we need to as black organizations, make this our issue and be invested in it to get our organizations views out.

Nadine Abraham, Student-At-Large: Thanks for presenting and for presenting every year – I've heard this several times and I think it is important we get black faculty. You've mentioned that students feel isolated from faculty who aren't of their race, so what can we do to strengthen the relationship with faculty that is already present?

Melanie: That has come to my attention in recent years and as students it is something we can fix. Especially first year students have come up to me and said they can't find groups to be with, especially lab groups, and a lot of people feel like black faculty might be more helpful to fix this issue because they have experience with that. Not all Wellesley College faculty are bad, but underrepresented faculty members can help fix those problems in the classroom.

Emily Oxford, CGP: First of all, I have two questions. How does our percentage of black faculty compare to our COFHE schools – I'm hypothesizing that this is a common problem but I'm not sure. And also, as a group you mentioned that you wanted to focus on departments a black student may major in – what are these?

Melanie: They don't often release that information from other schools but I understand this is a common issue, but at Wellesley, there was a time when we made an effort to recruit black faculty and that was really effective, but now we don't, and that's hard. And then to your other questions, we don't just want to focus on majors that black students are likely to be in, but there are other departments where this problem raises more than others – economics or the sciences – there isn't a history of black students pursuing these types of degrees so the isolation is more apparent in these departments, while there may be more history in other departments. If anyone is interested in this issue, or are members of organizations that want to collaborate on this issue, please contact me or Bai.

Emily Oxford, CGP: Thanks so much for presenting again this year about this issue. Over spring break when I was in New Orleans, there was a huge group of Howard

University students, 500 students, and one student said that she wanted to come to Wellesley, came to visit, and decided she didn't want to come here because she didn't want to be isolated, like you just discussed. So thanks for working on this issue because the way it is right now it is not okay.

Lauren Lewis, Office of Student Activities: I am here on behalf of the Office of Student Activities. Our Leadership Awards recognize leadership and excellent service to the college community. There are 5 categories for the awards: Excellence in Leadership (individual), Unsung Hero Award (individual), Excellence in Social Change (individual or group), Excellence in Programming (group), and Student Organization of the Year (group). Members of the Wellesley College community are encouraged to submit – you can nominate friends and your own organization. You can pick up more handouts in the office of student activities and you can find it online – President, Treasurers, and Student Activities Conferences.

Melanie Carter, Student at Large: Who is able to nominate and can you nominate yourself?

Lauren Lewis: You can self-nominate, but you can't nominate yourself for an individual award. Anyone on campus can nominate.

Sabina Kahn, Stone: Who makes these decisions and what are the selection criteria?

Lauren Lewis: It is faculty, staff, and students. We go through and read everything, and then we decide. They are all so personal and your friends nominate you and there are stories and insights – we don't have a numbers criterion, but you see someone outshine the others.

Sara Dickhaus, Claflin: When do you make your decisions?

Lauren Lewis: Applications are due to the Office of Student Activities on April 11 at 4:00pm. We want hard copies, I think. And awards are on Monday May 7 at DCW's house – with lots of tasty food.

Amy Wang, Beebe: In the history of these awards, do the same groups win over again and again? Certain groups program more...?

Lauren Lewis: This is only our second year, it was a brainchild of Kate Durso, and it is just starting, we are hoping to make it annual.

Emily Oxford, College Government President: Thank you Lauren – please post any additional information to the student Senate Conference and send it to Natalie so she can include it in the minutes. Next we have Dean's Corner.

Dean Kim Goff-Crews: Michelle and I are going to be at the New England's Deans Conference at Mount Holyoke and we will talk to our colleagues at various schools. Our

focus will be on academics and academic advising – talking about how academic centers create curriculum. We will learn about other peoples – ours could be the PLTC, but we'll learn. They have a slightly different take on what they mean by academic center. Also we'll talk about student voices and how that affects academic advising – we are all trying to get students voice in how we do academic advising. We are also talking about sophomore year programming, which don't exist for most of us, and we'll have discussions of mental health issues, and the junior year abroad, and how we can think about that. I am going to give you advance notice – next week is the multicultural services review. Next week, a five person team is coming on Thursday and Friday. We have a number of meetings with them, and students can meet with them on Thursday, April 12 from 5-6 in the Anderson Forum. All five people will meet with any student who wants to and talk to them. And we're going to ask that Campus Wide Diversity Initiative have a separate meeting with them. And they will meet with cultural advisors, pres and senior staff, faculty, and staff.

Dean Michelle Lepore: We have a visitor with us tonight, Margaret Thomas, she is here on fellowship – she is a faculty member at Stella Maris College in India – her area is studio art but she's here to learn about administration and will consult with them about their deans and how they work with students. She is in the Center for Work and Service working with Nelly Perkins so if you want to stop by, you can do that. My announcements: PERA is putting out an electronic survey on physical education and recreational experiences. They are also hosting a sports recognition on Saturday at 1:00pm, so hopefully you'll be there. Just a reminder that this Saturday we are running a training program for the newly elected Cabinet and House Council Presidents: student unity. And last, I believe I mentioned last week, that we have a speaker coming in to speak about suicide – her talk is “depression and suicide: an attempters insights of hope” after her son's death she attempted suicide, and then stopped practicing law to become a public speaker. Each year, Dean Kim and I like to thank Senators and Cabinet members for their commitment to senate. These have been wrapped by Francesca in our office, so we will pass these down the aisles. If you're a senator, please take one. I think you have asked a lot of good questions and really thought about the questions – thank you for sharing your voices and we get a lot out of these meetings and it helps to shape and inform our work throughout the year.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: I'm interested in this whole conference you're going to – do you have access to the College Government elections conference? There have been a lot of questions about student mothers, housing, multicultural issues, and since students are interested in student leaders working on these issues, so I'm sure they'd want you to work on them to. It would be good to know about your colleagues and if they have the some concerns. Even though they're voicing these things to other students, they could also be voicing concerns to you.

Dean Kim Goff-Crews: At the end of each of these meetings, we talk about the topics for next year's meeting, so if we could get those topics before Thursday, that would be great.

Dean Michelle Lepore: We also always have a list of things we're studying this year.

Natalie Ross, Secretary/Treasurer: What did you talk about last year and what specific action has this led to this year?

Dean Kim Goff-Crews: We talked a lot about the first year and we talked a lot about facebook. We are actually going to have a second conference to talk about facebook and online computing, the second phase, here.

Dean Michelle Lepore: We also talked about student activities and what the college's liability is when students are leaving campus, especially other countries. Also what role the student office has in regulating that activity. The other session was on student wellness.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: Even though I sit on Budget Advisory Committee, I have for a while thinking about this: I was wondering because students are always advocating for different things – Residential Assistance pay, working with different areas. Is there anyway to open the dean of student division budget to scrutiny of students – looking closer at a line by line use of the budget – like looking at conferences and how valuable these are. Because we have to find money somewhere – on Budget Advisory Committee I can request that but have to keep it confidential – or is that out of your purview for how students can scrutinize the college?

Dean Kim Goff-Crews: The college had talked about paying RAs and an agreement had been made to pay the RAs, and the students at that point didn't want to be paid –that's what we've been told. And at the same time, the school realized they were in a budget shortfall. It is a lot to come up with to pay RAs. But I'm the outgoing Dean, but I say this is a good question to ask in the next year because we're realigning our budget and that will help answer this question. So ask this question in the next year because I don't think I can answer that question.

Dean Michelle Lepore: And within student life, departments really control their own budget and the senior staff office allocates throughout the division. We'll talk to our colleagues about and we can ask how open these groups are with their student leaders with budget issues.

Emily Oxford, College Government: Next we have Beyond the Bubble:

Malina Swiatek, CPLA Chair: This is my last Beyond the Bubble – there is a stirring in my dark, hard soul. I think there is progress this year on conveying outside news so hopefully my successor will be able to do “way beyond the bubble.” So this week I'm going to do my own rendition of you are the wind beneath my wings .. just kidding. Here's the news:

IN INTERNATIONAL NEWS THIS WEEK...

Britain Adopts Conciliatory Tone With Iran

By ALAN COWELL

LONDON, March 31 — After more than a week of mounting confrontation over its 15 captured sailors and marines held in Iran, Britain sounded a more conciliatory tone on Saturday, saying it had responded to a diplomatic message from Tehran and was ready to peacefully resolve the issue.

The British foreign secretary, Margaret Beckett, also indicated for the first time that Britain regretted the incident.

"The message I want to send is I think everyone regrets that this position has arisen," she said after a meeting of European Union foreign ministers in Germany. "What we want is a way out of it."

But the overtures seem to have been rebuffed by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran, who was quoted by Iranian state radio as saying that Britain had not followed the "legal and logical way" to defuse the crisis.

"After the arrest of these people, the British government, instead of apologizing and expressing regret over the action taken, started to claim that we are in their debt and shouted in different international councils," Mr. Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying. "But this is not the legal and logical way for this issue," Reuters reported from Tehran.

Britain argues that the British sailors and marines were legally in Iraqi waters carrying out antimuggling patrols under the auspices of the United Nations when they were captured March 23. Iran, saying that the patrol boats were in Iranian waters, has broadcast what it characterizes as confessions to that effect by two of the captives.

Factions Ignoring Truce in Somalia

Mortar Fire Claims First Victim From Peacekeeping Force

By Salad Duhul

Associated Press

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MOGADISHU, Somalia, April 1 -- A truce between the government and Islamic insurgents, brokered by influential clan elders, failed Sunday to halt fighting that has left the streets of the capital strewn with corpses.

Uganda, which has about 1,400 troops here as the vanguard of a larger African Union peacekeeping force, reported its first fatal casualty, a soldier who was hit by a mortar shell on Saturday. So far, Uganda is the only country that has contributed to the peacekeeping force.

Mortar fire continued to rain down hours after Mogadishu's dominant clan, the Hawiye, said it had brokered a truce between the insurgents and the Somali government and its Ethiopian allies.

There are fears the conflict could widen. Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit sent letters to the United Nations, the Arab League and the African Union urging a speedy intervention to end the fighting.

"[Egypt](#) is following with great concern the military confrontation in Somalia," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement, adding that the presence of foreign troops was complicating the situation.

Masked gunmen carrying rocket-propelled grenade launchers and machine guns walked brazenly through the largely abandoned streets of Mogadishu, one of the world's most violent and gun-filled cities.

The insurgents are linked to an Islamic movement that was driven from power in December by Somali and Ethiopian soldiers. The Islamic fighters stockpiled thousands of tons of weapons and ammunition during the six months they controlled Mogadishu.

Clan elders have tried several times to negotiate cease-fires, but the offensive by government and Ethiopian forces, which began Thursday, has sparked the heaviest fighting in the capital since the country tumbled into anarchy in the early 1990s.

IN NATIONAL NEWS THIS WEEK...

Welfare, abstinence chief resigns

By Kevin Freking, Associated Press Writer -|~ April 2, 2007

WASHINGTON --Wade Horn, the Bush administration's point man for welfare reform, Head Start and abstinence education, resigned Monday as assistant secretary for children and families.

In the Department of Health and Human Services, Horn oversaw a \$46 billion budget and 65 programs that serve vulnerable children and families. He is best known for his work on issues embraced by social conservatives, such as more money for faith-based groups and organizations that work to help couples improve their marriage.

Republicans gave some of those programs significant funding increases when they were in the majority. For example, Congress set aside for the next five years up to \$100 million a year to promote marriage and \$50 million a year to produce committed fathers. Similar expansions may be harder to come by with a Democratic majority.

The Senate confirmed Horn in July 2001. He is a child psychologist who served as president of the National Fatherhood Initiative before his nomination by President Bush. The initiative's mission is to increase the proportion of children growing up with responsible fathers.

Horn told his staff Monday that he would be accepting a position in the private sector. His resignation is effective Sunday.

Robert Rector, a senior fellow at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, said Horn tackled the most important social issue in the -United States while others ignored it -- the decline of the institution of marriage.

About 4 in 10 children are born outside of marriage, and those families participate in means-tested assistance programs at much higher rates than do married families, Rector said.

"The government went decade after decade pretending the problem didn't exist," Rector said. "He raised the public profile. He directly addressed it over and over again. He's the first one to do that. Others in this position were frightened away by the issue."

Others viewed Horn's work more skeptically. Horn oversaw a dramatic increase in funding for abstinence education, which now exceeds \$200 million a year. Some groups say it's important to promote abstinence to youth, but that message won't work for all. They would prefer that the administration fund comprehensive sex education programs, which would include abstinence as part of the curriculum.

"Because (the abstinence funding) is so contrary to public health, our hope is the next assistant secretary there can have a firmer footing on what the evidence says," said William Smith, vice president for public policy for the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the -United States.

IN STATE NEWS THIS WEEK...

Massachusetts gas prices up 8 cents, rise for eighth week

April 2, 2007

BOSTON --Gasoline prices rose an average of 8 cents per gallon in Massachusetts over the past week for the eighth consecutive weekly increase.

A statewide survey on Monday by AAA of Southern New England found an average price of \$2.63 per gallon of self-service regular unleaded, compared with \$2.55 a week earlier. A year ago, the average was \$2.51 per gallon.

Gas prices are up 48 cents per gallon from early February. The recent rise follows a five-week string of price decreases after the first week of the year, when the average price stood at \$2.34 per gallon.

The price at the pump in Massachusetts remains slightly below the national average of \$2.69 per gallon, according to AAA.

FROM THE ONION THIS WEEK...

College Senior Hopes To Turn Love Of Data Entry Into Career

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BETHESDA, MD—As she prepares to enter the "dog-eat-dog" business world this summer, computer applications major Lisa Milch, 22, said Monday that she is skeptical she'll be able to parlay her lifelong passion for data entry into gainful employment.

Milch says she "owes it to herself" to follow her data-entry dreams.

"I knew when I chose to work with computers that I'd be facing an uphill battle after graduation," said Milch, a senior at the University of Maryland, as she reordered a list in an Excel spreadsheet. "But when you love numbers and archiving information as much as I do, you have follow your heart and be willing to take a risk, no matter how far-fetched it may be."

Milch said she's always fantasized about working 50 hours a week as a clerk in a medical records department, where the "big-time" information processing and retrieval opportunities are. However, she fears that setting her sights too high could set her up for disappointment in the real world. "It's definitely a long shot, but I just know I'd regret it for the rest of my life if I didn't even try," Milch said. "It's something I have to do. I owe it to myself."

As early as age 8, Milch displayed an avid interest in quantitative measurement and numeric arrays. A star pupil in her high school business and typing courses, Milch said that a summer principles of information technology class at a nearby DeVry University first sparked her desire for a brilliant career in data entry.

"I know I might be listening to my heart more than my brain here, but something inside me keeps telling me to go for it," Milch said. "I've never wanted to do anything else. I'll take low pay, I'll work under fluorescent light, I'll telecommute if I have to—just let me do what I'm meant to do."

Milch is not alone. Across the country, millions of seniors worry about the difficulties of transferring their personal interests into profitable careers.

place Wesleyan University senior Frances Hardwick said she's concerned she won't be able to find employment as a personal assistant even after graduating in the top 10 percent of her class.

"The only thing I've ever wanted is a life of service: taking phone messages, picking up dry cleaning, and getting coffee for the well-off," said Hardwick, who believes she will be in for a "rude awakening" once she is out on her own. "I'm not looking to get rich. All I need is just barely enough money to pay rent."

While these idealists continue to send out resumés and cold call dozens of potential employers, their futures remain uncertain, leaving each of them with the same question: Will the world find a place for my inner callings, or will it crush my deepest dreams?

And for Milch, the waiting game is almost too much to bear.

"Some days, I want to give up on data entry completely," she said. "I sit around wishing I'd win the lottery so I could just take one temp job after another forever."

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Yang Qiu, CGVP: SOAC is not having a meeting and I hope you all have a chance to go to the debate tonight.

Tiffany Sirc, Chief Justice: Please do not make up your papers. Please use reference librarians – they are more than happy to help you- and they’ll help you with citations. Please talk to them with questions about citations. And thank you and your constituencies for participating in the General Judiciary survey. We had a third of the student body respond, and 103 faculty, so that was great.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: I’m a little down today after our eleven-hour budgeting marathon meeting this weekend – no SOFC today because I don’t think I can look at you anymore. I hope everyone knows that the people who take over these jobs, bursar, president, whoever, start next week. So it’s important that you pick someone who will hit the ground running – you have to work with them for the next year, and keep that in mind when you’re voting. And keep in mind what goals you have for the rest of the year – you’ll be coming to Senate and you’ll still be working with Cabinet, whoever they may be. I should have started this early, namely, where your Student Activity Fee is going. Free Style is having a celebration of hip-hop at MIT – you have already paid so tickets are free, buses are free, and it’s going to be a great show. It was my favorite thing I went to last year – make the effort, get off campus, and do something fun. And there’s a party in Stone-D afterwards, which you also paid for.

Malina Swaitek, CPLA Chair: Did you miss me? So we have a couple of events coming up to wrap up the year and provide you with more time with me. On April 10th we will have our final pizza lunch at 12:30pm, “Race and Politics in America Today.” We will provide the pizza and the lunch – and those two are the same. And April 27th, in the greatest lecture of all time, Chris Hill, Assistant Secretary of State, is coming. Lunch will be provided and it is also the same day as DCW’s party – 12:30 in Pendleton Atrium. But my lunch is better than DCW’s.

Jeanne Amy, DOOCA: Who loved the Decembrists on Thursday? First of all, thanks for being very respectable and really good attendees of this concert. We danced respectively in the aisles, except for the grinders in the front. They played my favorite song during the show, and I got misty-eyed because this was such a great achievement for SBOG. And then I realized it’s not over yet. We have a month chock-full of events. This Wednesday is a CG sponsored event with the Election Night party- get there by 11pm in the pub. Also Spring Week starts April 16th, which is Marathon Monday – SBOG is excited about changing some things up this year – we aren’t running backwards or in reverse, but it’s going to be a really fun day so get excited. There are lots of events during the week so you’ll get a great calendar of events that week – so if you or your organization is having an event that week, email me and we’ll put it in the calendar. Also Lupe Fiasco is on the 19th, doors open at 7pm, the show starts at 8pm, very exciting –

there will be student performances on stage. Next week we'll talk about how to get your tickets, so be on the look-out for that.

Elaine Skowronski, HP: Tonight at 8:30pm will be the CG/HPC debates and in addition, on April 30th, Lip Sync is happening. Also, I will have a little surprise for you next week because we appreciate your service to Senate – I have a little gratitude next week for you so look forward to that.

Paola Reyes, SPEC Chair: SPEC will have a short meeting, so meet here.

Emily Oxford, CGP: So I think this is my last announcement section and I would like to say thank you to Communications Committee for our banquet on Friday. I love Mexican food like whoa so thank you. About elections, I can't wait to see all your bright, shiny, happy smiling faces in the campus center on Wednesday at your assigned times. We'll send a reminder of when you signed up so no excuses.

So the rules and regulations about campaigning – and Natalie and I decided that if you are running for a position, you are not going to have a shift at the voting tables – that might be awkward, so you are exempt if you're running. So basically, if you are campaigning for your friend, and she happens to use shirts, you can wear that on Wednesday, but not when you're working your shift. We just want to make sure that every student who comes up to our voting tables feels no pressure to vote for any candidate – also keep that in mind with your verbal interactions and facial expressions with people who are voting – it's not cool for you to tell her who to vote for at the table. You are completely unbiased when you're at that meeting – you just check their ID against the list, highlight their name, give them a ballot, and tell them to bring it back to you. You will put the ballot in a manila envelope and Elections Committee will be collecting those ballots. And you shouldn't look at ballots – especially after you put them in the manila envelope. The final numbers will be published in the Wellesley news the week after campaigning, so there is not need for anyone to be nosy on Election Day. And we will have a party in the pub at the end of Election Day. The fun will start 10:30-11:00pm and we're hoping to announce at 11:30pm, but it may be a little later – tell your friends and we'll see you there. Also, email Malina and me if you have any questions. We'll be around all day in the Campus Center so you can find us and all the members of the Election Committee if you have questions. Also, we will get you access to the Q&A conference, Dean Kim and Michelle, so that you can see the issues that are important to students for their student leaders, because these are also important for the administration to be aware of.

So for our contact senators next year – as you may or may not know, the SPEC chair is selected by the outgoing Cabinet from the incoming Contact Senators. We will contact all the Contact Senators but basically, but if you are at all interested in being SPEC chair next year, your statement of intent (250 word maximum) is due by Friday at midnight to the CG President account. Paola, I'm sure, would love to talk to you, because she has a lot of wisdom to give you. By general consent, I move we adjourn this meeting, and with no objections, this meeting is adjourned.

