

Senate Agenda
October 2, 2006
Academic Council Room- 4th Floor Green Hall
6:00 PM

I. Roll Call

II. Old Business

- A. Shayla Adams – MAC: Changes to CWDI constitution. (2 min, 3 min?s)
- B. Emily Oxford – CGP: Presentation of Democrat/Republican Senator Petitions (5 min, 7 min?s)

III. New Business

- A. Cortni Jones – Bursar: SOFC Emergency Funding (7 min, 3 min?s)
- B. Yang Qiu – CGVP: SOAC Fall Appointments (7 min, 3 min?s)

IV. Open Discussion

- A. Diana Chapman Walsh – Wellesley College President (15 min, 10 min?s)
- B. Hana Freymiller – HPC: Sustainability Month (4 min, 3 min?s)
- C. Sophie Wang - HPC: Introduction of House Presidents (5 min, 5 min?s)

V. Dean's Corner: Dean Michelle Lepore and Dean Kim Goff-Crews (10 min, 5 min?s)

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

VII. Adjourn

Estimated Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Emily Oxford, College Government President: It is so good to see you here for our third Senate. I hope you are enjoying your jobs, settling in House Council and Special Interest Groups. I hope you are really excited – we have President Walsh here – she addresses Senate at least once per year.

I guess we'll get started with Old Business. Will **Shayla Adams, MAC**, please approach the podium to discuss changes to the CWDI Constitution?

Shayla Adams, Multicultural Affairs Coordinator (MAC): Last week I proposed changing MAC-OT to CWDI E-Board. Are there any questions?

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: I move to accept the proposed CWDI E-Board change to the CWDI Constitution.

Emily Oxford, College Government President (CGP): The motion passes. Our next item of business is voting on Senator positions for College Democrats and Republicans. Were there any questions or a motion on the floor?

Sabina Khan, Stone: I move to approve the Democrat and Republican Senators positions.

Emily Oxford, CGP: Motion carries.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: I call Division of the House.

Emily Oxford, CGP: Division has been called. All in favor of Democrats and Republicans please stand. All opposed please stand. Motion carries. On to New Business, we have our **Student Bursar** and SOFC members to present Emergency Funding results.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: I sent the presentation out to conferences, but there were a few typos, so the numbers and organizations are correct, but a few words are incorrect. I will send a new version to **Natalie Ross, Secretary/Treasurer** to include with the minutes. SOFC's goal is to allocate money to organizations in a fair and unbiased way, through Emergency Funding, Spring Budgeting, Lecture Funding, and Uniquely Compelling. For this year, SOFC's total Student Activities Fee (SAF) for the 06-07 year is \$463,220. That is a calculation of a rough estimate from last year of the number of students on campus times \$212, which is the SAF. In the past, not last year, there was a debt in the SAF account and we addressed this debt last year, and repaid most of it last year, but also a little bit this year. 2A, \$23,396.60, is the debt repayment that we have fulfilled now. And \$1,265.57 is an enrollment calculation so we expected four students more than the number that came to campus, and we went conservative on who was enrolled this year, so we don't have that problem again. The principal for Emergency Funding (EF) is less than total SAF; that is just the Debt Reduction plus the overestimation of enrollment.

So emergency funding is 8% of principal and total EF for year is \$35,084.63, and that is divided into two portions. Students can apply for them on the Sep 24 or Feb 4 deadline.

Nadine Abraham, SOFC Member: I will now talk to you about the SOFC process, which you will present to House Councils. So according to the Constitution, 5% of SAF will be allocated at this time, which is \$21,927.89. So before we read applications, we agreed to not allow for late applications, since the deadline is on the e-flyers, and all organizations not constituted by SOAC on Sept 25 will not be considered. After that, SOFC distributes money from EF on a priority system: we have three tiers. Tier one is new orgs, or orgs that have not received SOFC funding for three years. Then we do Tier 2, which are organizations with no SOFC money. Finally we do Tier 3, which are organizations that have SOFC money but want more. Then we go in order of time – we start with the first applications from orgs received and move through time-stamps.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: This is our second year doing everything electronically. We do go over the budgets together to set a fair precedent. If we decide something on one budget, we carry it through to the rest. If we don't correct it for one, we don't correct it for everyone else. The first organizations, the top four, are Tier 1 organizations, that can only apply for up

to \$500. Tier 2 organizations and then Tier 3 organizations are listed there. Rugby submitted a great application and they got the full amount allocated, but we only had so much money left, so they got what was left and no more. Deduction one applies to a lecture. Deduction two is not justifying the purpose. Deduction three is a capital good – the only time that is applicable is during Uniquely Compelling. Deduction four is miscalculation – their number total did not translate into what they asked for – we fixed that for them. Deduction five is incorrect food justification – that club failed to justify for food. Again, vote on the process, not the organization. If an organization isn't listed, they weren't SOAC constituted, or they handed their application later than the Tier 3 applications, such as Rugby, and because of first come, first served basis, we didn't look at their application. I would just like to reiterate that you can ask any SOFC members, they were all present, and we will be forwarding a flyer of SOFC members so you can contact them, and please email me with any questions you or your House Council have.

Emily Oxford, CGP: Before we move to our next agenda item, there needs to be a motion on the floor.

Kelley Tialiou-Ziegler, Freeman: I move to approve the SOFC Emergency Funding allocations fund process.

Emily Oxford, CGP: It is seconded, so take this back to your House Councils and constituencies, and we will vote on it at our next Senate, Oct. 16. Next we have our **Vice President, Yang Qiu** and some of her SOAC members.

Yang Qiu, College Government Vice President (CGVP): I am here to present the fall appointments that SOAC (Student Organizations and Appointments Committee) has been conducting. As students at Wellesley, we appoint student representatives to various committees on campus to represent the student voice on campus in decision making. Cordelia will tell you about the process we use to select students to represent us.

Cordelia Chansler, Shafer and SOAC: There are two deadlines for appointments. We publish all over electronically, and hopefully everyone sees the emails. We don't accept late applications, as we publicize, and every applicant gets an interview. A minimum of three SOAC members form a committee with the CGVP or the Appointments Coordinator, then they score the interview and we take the best score to fill the spots. There are three kinds of committees: Academic Council committees, Trustee Committees, and miscellaneous committees, such as the Campus Center Advisory Board.

Yang Qiu, CGVP: Every year we go through the process and select a list of appointees. This list is maintained on the SOAC applications conference- and the list and steps to this conference will be on the Senate conference. Also this year, we will start maintaining this list on SOAC's website. Again, we ask you to approve this process, not each person that was selected.

Cortni Jones, Student-at-Large: How are SOAC appointees held accountable to the student body after they are chosen?

Cordelia Chansler, Shafer/SOAC: After they are chosen, they are required to report back to Senate, and every student on this list will come to Senate and tell you what they have done in their committees.

Yang Qiu, CGVP: Various students will be signing up to present at Senate and to come throughout the year. If you have any questions, contact me or Cordelia or Rakeen Mabud, our Appointments Coordinator.

Emily Oxford, CGP: Thank you very much. Is there a motion to approve the SOAC appointment process?

Dana Montalto, Tower: I move to approve the SOAC fall appointments process.

Emily Oxford, CGP: It is seconded. So this is like SOFC Funding - vote on the process. Take both these appointments and the SOFC Emergency Funding back to your House Council and constituencies this week. And now, without further ado, we will go into our Open Discussion with President Walsh. Thank you so much for coming to Senate!

President Diana Chapman Walsh: I am happy to take the floor. Thank you for the service you give to the college by being in these roles. I noticed on the web that this is your chance to ask questions. I thought I would just say a quick word to get us going and then open up to questions. You can ask anything but I can't guarantee I will give you an answer!

The main thing I want to say is – how many people have actually looked at the 2015 Commission? For those who haven't, it is on the electronic Official Announcements conference. If you want one, my office can give you one if you request it. I hope you all labor through it, read it, and figure out how to have conversations about it. In the simplest terms, I am leaving you in charge of *my* college that I love and I am leaving you *this* as a series of questions to think about for the future of the college.

This was a wonderful two-year process: two years ago the senior staff spent a good year thinking about what are the most important questions we should be asking about Wellesley and Wellesley's future. These are questions that if we truly focus on them and think of them, we can position that college as a place for the future that we couldn't if we didn't invest the energy to think about these questions. This leads to the 2015 commission which is about 10 years of projection into the future – we chose 2015 because it was 10 years from when we started – the number doesn't matter. The 20 member committee had trustees, faculty, and students, and there were two working groups on financial planning and governance.

The commission's task was to look into longer time future, ask big questions, not get diverted by smaller, more immediate issues and the working groups were to focus on more operational questions so committee wouldn't trip over them. We made this design up as we went along. This design - and it ended up being a very good and effective design - has a reflection that I did about the org, and someone found a metaphor that I playfully used in the documents. People were getting outraged at who I was talking about, they thought it was about students and it wasn't, and then there was this fantasy story about rogue elephants. Someone asked who wrote it, and someone else said DCW did. I think it was useful because it called people's attention to it.

The important aspects:

We choose to remain a women's college. I tried to get us to think about that as an analytic question and frame definitive statements. They were much more focused on student learning;

it was self-evident that we plan to remain a women's college. I wrote a statement on that in the body of the report, and there is an appendix I did about major social trends about the pressures of women's colleges as well. It is a powerful reaffirmation of that and everyone is behind it.

Secondly, we must acknowledge that this is a high risk choice, especially with Randolph-Macon's decision and because they said "there is no market for women's colleges." Clearly there is. But it was a high risk choice when Wellesley was founded and it is a different high risk decision today. This choice carries responsibilities to think critically about what we are doing and how we are doing it. We have to deliver something special. We don't have to market and recruit, or brand ourselves; we have to educate and provide special educations for our students. It has to truly be an education that inspires and transforms lives for students who will make a difference.

So we have to work together more effectively on this collective responsibility of enhancing student learning. We have to look at how and what we do. We need mutual accountability in this institution – the faculty need to find a collective voice that they haven't had, and I think they need to have (the rogue elephant comment was about that to some extent). The faculty needs to be accountable to one another. There needs to be accountability between faculty and departments, and faculty to staff, and faculty to students, and students to students with alumnae and trustees. There has to be accountability to the past and to the future of this college. The commission felt it was important for students to take responsibility for their own learning. One faculty member changed very slightly his approach to teaching. Instead of pursuing students and asking them to come to office hours, he didn't pursue them, and they came less and they were less satisfied, so in some sense the student responsibility for their own education is important as well. They need to make hard choices – someone on the commission said, "overcommitment undermines the ability to be committed" and I think this is true. Are we really committed to anything? Can we focus on those things that matter the most? There was a lot of conversation with students about this frantic, frenzied pace of our lives. It was a remarkable, honest, and deep conversation – thought-provoking and useful. The commission hopes that the quality of the conversation will continue and it will be a catalyst for ongoing conversations.

This is the chair of the board of Trustees, Vicki Herget, who was a member of the commission and is chairing the Presidential Search Committee. The Board of Trustees has been reading it and discussing it, as has the Search Committee, and hopefully you will too. With that, I am open for questions.

Emily Oxford, CGP Before we begin, I want to review parliamentary procedure. If you would like to address the speaker, you make eye contact with Liz Marlow, our Parliamentarian, and when it is your turn, she will call on you. Now for questions.

Ayesha Gregory, Ethos: First, we want to invite you to one of our Ethos General Meetings. And our question is, what will you emphasize to the administration and your successor about the importance of diversity, in regards to African American students and students of African descent with consideration for continuation of diversity in faculty hiring.?

President Diana Chapman Walsh: It was one of the things that was discussed in the commissions. Some of the most honest conversations we had was when we were arguing whether the tense is present or future – is diversity a strength or *will* diversity be a strength –

when can we truly say that. There was no doubt in anyone's mind that that's where we want to be in 2015. In fact, we had arguments about whether we could assert that diversity would be as significant to the definition of Wellesley as much as we define as a women's college – there was no debate of whether that is true, but more a debate of how we can get to that point. There are sections in this report that are specific to this question, there is one section on diversity and excellence, and then the next major section are my own reflections on the opportunities that come out of this work, and the third is to make of Wellesley's diversity a special strength. And we did talk at length about the composition of the faculty.

Kelley Tialiou-Ziegler, Freeman: To move away from the blue book, what is the most valuable you gained from 14 years of presidency?

Diana Chapman Walsh: It has been an amazing opportunity and privilege. The thing about leadership, the demanding leadership role, is that oddly enough, in the process of how to be a more effective leader, you learn about yourself. I am more fully myself now than when I started and a part of me knew that that's what this opportunity represented: a chance to be really tested in my deepest convictions and strongest concerns and cares and passions would be strongly tested and in that testing they would be more formed and solidified: I found what is at the bottom of what I care most about.

Shayla Adams, MAC: I want to take you back to diversity because that's my job. As we continue to evolve as one of the nation's most diverse campuses, and I want to commend the institution on what it is doing, but is there any talk within the commission about encouraging the faculty to embrace the new experiences of being inside our diverse Wellesley community, and not just racially diverse.

Diana Chapman Walsh: We had some of our most poignant moments in this commission when we are thrashing out some point and come upon this realization that part of the problem is within the faculty, and there is a conservative streak and the institution is changing much faster than our faculty is willing to change. And part of what made it poignant is to see this group of people, who had a mix of roles and responsibilities for the college, included. The trustees who made everyone sit up and pay attention, and there was movement in the group in the way people look at each other and question each other and people would notice what they carry around with them and the things they need to change about themselves- we made real progress, and if we could replicate this on campus, all of us could move, faculty too, and I did write that faculty responsibility is inescapable. Even at 10 foot tall new president with guns on her hips can't change the faculty if they don't want to change – it has to come from within. On page 32, to make Wellesley's diversity a personal strength, "no responsibility... find in 2015 commission multicultural community." I want to call attention to faculty that there is work they have to do, we all have to do, and that is important.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: If Shayla's about multiculturalism, then I'm about money. To go along with this idea of a different sort of student body, on your last page, you recognize that our financial aid policy towards international students is something we might want to look at. I was wondering if you had any ideas about how this could go forward to stimulate a better international body.

Diana Chapman Walsh: I am proud of the progress we have made. We raised over 40 million dollars for the whole package of Global Education Initiatives and a piece of this was for scholarships. And then Shelby Davis and the United World College program came along

and that has changed everything. I have a picture from the Boston Globe of Miss Henry Deran who says “no man for the head of my college” and you couldn’t do that today. The next president will have to raise a lot of money, more than I did, and I predict it will unfold with time, and I predict there will be another version of the global initiative and we will continue to put Wellesley on the world stage, as we have already started to do, but as you know, it is expensive.

Nadine, Student at Large: My question is in regards to mental health. Can you talk about what steps the college has taken in response to what happened, and what steps we will take to get where we want to get in 2015>

Diana Chapman Walsh: It seems like it has been peculiar to Wellesley, and some of the hardest parts of my 14 years, were dealing with mental illness and suicide, and it is across the country with student culture and we are like other institutions, and it is still a large problem that we will focus on. Our two wonderful deans in student life divisions are doing a lot of work with this and it is a big focus for them. The health services and counseling services are pulling this all together. They are looking for new innovations for us to implement. There are lots of consultants who are helping us look at what we can do most effectively, and the responsibility for that resides in student life division. If the commission didn’t take that up as a specific focus although there was a large discussion about student culture and student stress and whether we could lighten student burdens. So it is something to keep working at every day and every way, and sometimes, there are things you can’t control, and that is part of what I have had to tell myself, because sometimes even if you do everything right, you can’t control the end result.

Sabina Kahn, Student at Large: Harvard abolished the early decision process and gained a lot of press, and Harvard and Columbia have decided that students below a certain income will pay little to no tuition. Has Wellesley considered these as options?

Diana Chapman Walsh: So everyone will be looking at the early decision process and you should have the Dean of Admissions, who is great, here to talk about it. We admit a relatively smaller percentage of our students to early decision, and we feel, like the woman at Princeton who recently abolished it as well, that here it is less than 20% of students who have decided this is where they want to be, and we use it appropriately, and I think it is unlikely that we will move behind Princeton, Harvard, and Virginia, but we will monitor the impact. One of the complexities in the Department of Justice that watches the conversations we have so we have to be cautious how we act on this so we dance around it and don’t talk about it because of trade restrictions.

The more financial aid for low income students we can do, the better. There is student data on students who are Pell-eligible, which measures low-income students, and we have a relatively higher number of Pell-eligible students than our COFHE schools. The surveys you fill out are all part of the COFHE so we have lots of data with these 30 other colleges. And compared to the rest, the women’s colleges have much higher proportions of low-income students. What we don’t want to do, with limited resources, is squeeze out people who are struggling in the middle regions of income, and we work with this all the time.

Helen Park, Munger: I actually have a question about the transition process: after 14 years of presidency, what will be done to ease the transition of presidents – examples of ways it will be hard, to help become acclimated to new president.?

Diana Chapman Walsh: Vicki and I have been talking about this for a long time. This will be the 3rd longest presidency in the history of the college, and we have been thinking very intentionally and carefully about this transition. I would argue that this is the more thoughtful transitions in leadership in an institution than I know about. Part of it was the 2015 Commission, and I can bring people to talk about the hard things for a brand-new person to talk about. We took advantage of that, and the other thing that is here, is the positive, galvanizing, loving vision of this institution and everything that it stands for. So we have put our arms around both of those things – what do we love that we want to preserve and protect, and what can we do to change and make Wellesley better. The president search committee is doing consultations, tomorrow, 4:30, Tishman Commons, and they want your opinion, and then once someone is selected, we hope it will be sooner and we can introduce them, and then when I'm gone, she'll make a big effort to get to know everyone. This institution is much bigger than any individual or a group of individuals – this institution is a great big idea for the future and no one person is essential.

Siobhan O'Keefe: I am glad to hear that you guys are reaffirming a women's college. What do you think the chances are for Wellesley to go co-ed in our lifetimes?

Diana Chapman Walsh: There are so many uncertainties and unknowns – change is more like a spiral, because it comes back to many different places. There are trends about women – some people are speculating about women that are dominating med school, law school, etc are dropping out of the workforce, and why waste the education, and that is dropping back 50 years and it is hard to guess trends. The basic statistics aren't encouraging, and that is what has been coming out since the transition of Randolph Macon, that enrollment is declining over 15-20 years. Yet schools that have transitioned are all much smaller than Wellesley, much less endowed, and if there is only one left standing, it is pretty clear that that is Wellesley and that is a great position to be in. so I don't have a crystal ball but I sure hope it will keep going for a long time.

Hana Freymiller, Beebe HPC: Wellesley will have to look at sustainability – what steps do you think Wellesley will have to take in next 10 years to sustain commitment to world at large?

Diana Chapman Walsh: I am with you 100% and we have made this sustainability month and we made a committee last year and Kate Salop is chairing that and their charge is to put together a vision for Wellesley for the future about things we can do on a reasonable time table to make Wellesley more environmentally friendly. Many things we want to do cost money so we will have to build time, your attention, and I think Wellesley will be in good hands.

Emily Oxford, CGP: Thank you so much President Walsh and thank the rest of you all for your questions – they were thoughtful and important. And to respond to your question Siobhan, I think of Wellesley being a women's college, and it will be up to us to keep it that way because we will be dying and giving money.

Diana Chapman Walsh: But you will live until you're 150!

Emily Oxford: Thank you again, and along lines of sustainability, Hana Freymiller, the HPC liaison to Recycling and Environmental Action Committee will now speak.

Hana Freymiller, HPC Liaison to the Recycling and Environmental Action Committee:

October is sustainability month – we want to Green Up Wellesley. We want to make this a push from within the student body and across campus. We are working with the facilities management department, the CGPC, HPC, WEED, and if you are interested come join us, the more the merrier. Each week will have a different theme and we want to focus on how each of us and collectively as a community can make a difference. This week is transportation week – Tuesday is save the elevator, take the stairs day. There will be stickers. Wednesday is bike maintenance on the quad, and Thursday is alternative transportation day – take the bus to Boston – don't drive. Week two is water week – we will try to focus on how every drop counts. Reducing shower time, making sure faucet is off are examples of just a few things you can do to save water. Electricity and computers is week three- An Inconvenient Truth will be shown on campus, with three showings (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday). The two evening shows will have faculty from the Environmental Science Department speaking and the Wednesday afternoon show will have environmental positions and a light bulb swap – trade in old light bulbs for new and more efficient ones. Reduce, reuse, recycle week will be the fourth week. The Wednesday of that week is Tanner Conference and everything at the Tanner lunch will be recyclable. Thursday is international sustainability day and there will be a table in each residence hall where you can again exchange your light bulbs. The overarching theme of this month is a month-long energy competition – we want to take each sector of campus and group it – Tower Complex, Quint, New Dorms, and Stone Davis and Small Halls. We have the energy output from last year and the complex with the most energy reduction will win the competition. Whoever wins will have an exciting event, a green festival with toys, ice cream, and prizes. We hope to have a green cup that the winner will receive and will be passed from hall to hall. Forward the spam, talk to everyone you know, and make this month successful!

Tiffany Sirc, Chief Justice: I was just wondering if, since we're having this competition, could we also compete with the administration?

Hana Freymiller: We will have all the academic buildings on metered output and we want a faculty competition, maybe Pendleton vs. Founders, but that is still in the works. Everyone just think green!

Emily Oxford, CGP: What you need to do is let all this information trickle down to all your constituents. Take the stairs, it's hard, but we should try and I will and I live on the 5th floor. Thanks Hana and you can stay put because we have the House Presidents here with us today and cabinet is excited because we work with them all the time, especially Mondays during lunch and we want you to know who they are. These two groups advocate for the whole student body.

Sophie Wang, House Presidents Council President and Munger House President: Thank you for letting us come to Senate! I am the President of Munger and President of House Presidents Council (HPC) this year. I want to introduce my fellow House Presidents (HPs):

HPC President: Sophie Wang (Munger)

HPC/CG Liaison: Elaine Skowronski (Claflin)

Parliamentarian: Elizabeth Marlow (Freeman)

VP: Erika Behrends (Bates)

General Judiciary Rep: Nanki Marwah (Tower)

CWDI Rep: Kate Haberland (Shafer)
Liaison to the Student Life Committee of Trustees: Beverly Steele (Stone)
Sustainability Rep: Hana Freymiller (Beebe)
RD Liaison: Caroline Hendryx (Dower)
Health Reps: Mallory Kremer (Tower) & Dana Stelmokas (Severance)
Sec/Treas: Janhavi Athale (Davis)
Liaison to VPPs: Sharon Shin Cazenove
Liaison to APTs: Theresa Vo (McAfee)
Representative to the Alcohol Education Board: Danielle Draper (Pomeroy)

There are 15 of us total and I am going to talk about what we do on HPC. HPC is the group of 15 HPs on campus and our advisor Kris Niendorf, director of Residential Life. We meet every Wednesday at 8:30 after Senate. Our meetings are about an hour and a half and we come together to talk about what is happening on campus and in our residence halls. We all have very different roles and sit on very different committees. These committees range across all different issues and our roles are not just in residential life. We also chair house council meetings, work with CG and senior staff on UNITY. This year HPC has a couple of goals: the first is to continue our work of building community across campus – a unified and non-segmented (east/west, faculty/students) community. We are trying to encourage everyone to find balance in their lives. We are also working closely with the senior staff and College Government Cabinet to look at wellness on campus, mental health services at the health center, alcohol education through a student led initiative, and how students are learning and developing on campus. We are also focusing on sustainability which relates to residence halls as there is recycling in each hall. Our second goal is how HPC can work better to be a more visible group on campus. If you have any ideas on how you would like to see us develop as a group on campus, please contact us as we are a direct liaison to house councils and residence halls. The third goal that we have and I think it is one we can work on is to have fun this year. We have a big program coming up, Lip Sync, and we are super excited for it. Cabinet should have an act, and it is a big competition, lots of fun, there are fabulous prizes, and you should all come out and support your friends. The tentative date is Monday Nov 6 at 9 PM – there will be lots of spam and flyers. Last but not least, we want to have fun, effective and efficient house council meetings. I don't have to tell you that your roles are important on this campus – we want you to ask us to help promote community on campus. Bring your personal touch to everything you do – spicing up senate boards and reports, and your senators project. We as HPs want you to feel free to talk to your HPs, your RDs, your RAs, other members of house council, speak up and be heard. We want to hear what you say. You might be the only connection some students in your hall have to college government. Please help us build a community.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: Elaine, at Lip Sync, who do you plan to bring sexy back with?

Elaine Skowronski – HPC/CG Liaison: As Sophie mentioned, we want a unified community that is isn't divided and obviously we are all on the same team, and we will have to unite and find a song that provides enough sexiness for all of us.

Victoria Charoonratana, Davis: In past years, HPC has always been promoting Dorm Love between different sides of campus – are you planning on strengthening that program this year?

Sophie Wang: We want inter-hall love and perhaps inter-hall competition – we want a chance to get everyone together. If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact me or any of your HPs.

Emily Oxford, CGP: Thank you very much! We will now transition to our weekly Dean's Corner!

Kim Goff-Crews, Dean of Students: I will walk around with a flashlight and no lights and win the competition if I am included. We have just a few announcements – first, we want to thank **Tiffany Sirc, Chief Justice**, and her team for Honor Code Week. Things are calming down this week, not for you, because you have midterms and are trying to find jobs and apply to grad school, but right now we are having meetings with students about topics we started talking about at the beginning of the year. We met with the Student Health Advisory Committee, OMHA, to talk about mental health issues and we participate with Kris at the Multicultural President's Brunch and work on those issues. We are also spending a lot of time with a committee that met last year and looking at the first year and the first semester of 2nd year, and we are looking at restructuring the year. We will come back to you. I was asked to be at COFHE Committee to look at students' surveys. COFHE incorporates 32 peer institutions, and we meet and collect survey data to benchmark issues in each institution. Right now we are working on our enrolled students' survey – we will look at women's issues, and social computing so we can think about creative ways to look at this since most administrations don't really know what to do. I hope there will also be people coming tomorrow to talk about who should be the next president, what she should be like, and what qualities she should have. Some of these issues you raised here should be raised there. I hope there will be a great student turnout at 4:30 in Tishman. Michelle and I also just met with the Department of Health to talk about new programs for health and mental health and to also reach out to women at other institutions. And finally, I wanted to mention that I have a stash of cards – and I thought about you when I found this card, and it says “My life has a superb cast but I can't figure out the plot.” This is a really interesting period of the year but there are people who can help you – your friends, faculty, and administrators. If you need something, let us know and we can help you.

Michelle Lepore, Associate Dean of Students: I wanted to tell you that we met twice with Unity, Cabinet, House Presidents, and Senior Staff and Presidents, both times talked about student learning. We have talked about SEQs, Student Evaluation Questionnaires, that students fill out about each course they take – about professor, teaching style, so on. We are interested in how we can improve those as they look at student learning in the class. It was a very interesting conversation and the Dean of the College will take back recommendations. And today we talked about the 2015 Commission report, and we talked about pages 16-19. The Board of Trustees had their first training session, and they are gearing up for the first trustee meetings for the year. After that they will come to let you know what they are talking about. And lastly, the representatives that Yang mentioned earlier tonight are getting trained tomorrow, at 4:30 P.M. It will not last long, so students should go to the meeting about the Presidential search process after. We hope you have a wonderful Fall Break – we have to work so come by and visit us if you're bored in your room.

Emily Oxford, CGP: Thank you and thank you for the card. I think we have the best cast ever – we could make an amazing movie, and Malina could write it because we look forward to her humor every week.

Malina Swiatek, CPLA Chair: For this week's Beyond the Bubble, also known as "What's Going on Outside the Hiz-ouse":

Fear of Muslim Backlash Cancels Opera

By Craig Whitlock

Washington Post Foreign Service

Wednesday, September 27, 2006; A24

BERLIN, Sept. 26 -- German lawmakers and cultural leaders assailed a Berlin opera house Tuesday for canceling a production that included a scene of the severed head of the prophet Muhammad, saying it was caving in to fears about religious extremism.

Officials with the world-renowned Deutsche Oper decided late Monday that the show -- an avant-garde remake of Mozart's "Idomeneo" -- could not go on after police warned that it could result in a violent backlash from Muslim fundamentalists. Opera officials said they were worried about a repeat of the worldwide protests that erupted this year after a Danish newspaper published cartoons satirizing Muhammad.

Kirsten Harms, general manager of the Deutsche Oper, said Tuesday that top Berlin police officials had said the production would "pose an incalculable security risk to the public and employees."

There was a vast difference between what the White House and Pentagon knew about the situation in Iraq and what they were saying publicly. But the discrepancy was not surprising. In memos, reports and internal debates, high-level officials of the Bush administration have voiced their concern about the United States' ability to bring peace and stability to Iraq since early in the occupation.

Foley Built Career as Protector of Children

He Gained Attention by Fighting Sex Crimes

By R. Jeffrey Smith

Washington Post Staff Writer

Sunday, October 1, 2006; A04

The Republican congressman who resigned Friday following the discovery of sexually explicit Internet messages he sent to teenage boys was a gregarious and charismatic lawmaker who built his political career in large measure on legislative proposals meant to halt the sexual predation of children and others.

Beginning with his 1993 sponsorship of a measure in the Florida state legislature to seize the cars of men who solicited prostitutes, former restaurant owner and real estate agent [Mark Foley](#) repeatedly attracted a flattering political spotlight by inveighing against those involved in sexual crimes and presenting himself as a protector of exploited children.

Foley's abrupt exit from Capitol Hill on Friday, shortly after ABC News journalists confronted him with excerpts of his Internet messages to male

youths, stunned his congressional staff. They had dismissed an ABC report earlier last week about e-mails Foley, 52, sent to an underage, male House page as an exaggerated report stemming from an innocent attempt to be friendly.

With Senate Vote, Congress Passes Border Fence Bill

Barrier Trumps Immigration Overhaul

By Jonathan Weisman
Washington Post Staff Writer
Saturday, September 30, 2006; A01

The Senate gave final approval last night to legislation authorizing the construction of 700 miles of double-layered fencing on the U.S.-Mexico border, shelving President Bush's vision of a comprehensive overhaul of U.S. immigration laws in favor of a vast barrier.

The measure was pushed hard by House Republican leaders, who badly wanted to pass a piece of legislation that would make good on their promises to get tough on illegal immigrants, despite warnings from critics that a multibillion-dollar fence would do little to address the underlying economic, social and law enforcement problems, or to prevent others from slipping across the border.

Patrick has a big lead in new poll Healey trails by 25 points

By Frank Phillips, Globe Staff | October 1, 2006

Democrat Deval L. Patrick holds a commanding lead over Lieutenant Governor Kerry Healey in the race for governor, even though a majority of voters oppose his positions on immigration, income taxes, and crime, a new Boston Globe/CBS4 poll indicates.

Fifty-five percent of voters surveyed supported Patrick, while Healey, the Republican nominee, was backed by 30 percent. Independent Christy Mihos received 7 percent, and Green-Rainbow Party candidate Grace Ross got 1 percent. Six percent said they were undecided.

Rash of bedbugs infesting Hub Boston Globe

By [Laurel J. Sweet](#)
Sunday, October 1, 2006

Bloodsucking bedbugs are plaguing housing complexes across the Hub, leaving elderly and handicapped tenants in at least one building furious at the city's inability to uproot the insatiable pests.

"The exterminator told me not to sit on my chairs because they'll crawl on my clothes," said Mary Doucette, a 59-year-old diabetic Southie widow

whose left arm is pocked with red welts she fears are the pandemic pests' personal brand. "I'm lucky it's just the arm."

The Foley Apartments at 199 H St. are meant to be an affordable refuge for its older and infirm residents, but to many it has become a tower of terror haunted by the freckle-sized vampires.

Lon Bertocchi, the liaison between the Foley tenants and the Boston Housing Authority, said the problem is worse than the authorities know and that his neighbors are afraid to speak up.

Neighbors Jean and Charles Moschella, who have sealed off the electrical outlets they said bedbugs were scurrying in and out of, slept on their linoleum floor for a year - even as Charles, 85, recovered from open-heart surgery.

"They've bit me. They like Italian food," he quipped.

Housing board may sever ties with Needham

By **Barbara Lehmann**/ Townsman Staff

Thursday, September 28, 2006 - Updated: **01:05 PM EST**

Wellesley Housing Authority board commissioners have agreed that the current management contract with the Needham Housing Authority no longer serves their needs. The agreement, which will expire on Dec. 31, 2006, provided for an executive director, based in Needham, to oversee both housing authorities.

The needs of the WHA have changed since then and the current arrangement with the Needham Housing Authority is no longer needed, McCabe said. The only reason to continue would be if it were a benefit.

"The Needham board thinks there's a mutual benefit - well, it's mostly the benefit to them that they were able to explain. They weren't able to fully explain the benefit to us. We perceive there isn't much of a mutual benefit to us," he said.

Emily Oxford, CGP: Finally, we have cabinet announcements.

Yang Qiu, CGVP: The SOAC meeting is in the Wang, Rm. 415.

Tiffany Sirc, Chief Justice: Thanks for your participation and honorable behavior this week.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: Uniquely Compelling is due on October 22nd at 5:00 PM to a conference - no paper copies. I read through the constitution today and one of the things I should do is educate and inform students about financial policies. One thing I'd like you to

inform your constituents about is the Student Aid Society that we have on campus –they have winter coats, short-term loans, and outfits for interviews, and they will help you if you have to fly home for an emergency because you never know when you'll need a little help.

Shayla Adams, MAC: CWDI is meeting in library lecture room. There is a lecture this week – Wednesday 5:00 PM.

Malina Swiatek, CPLA Chair: CPLA will be rocking out the first floor Pendleton East 5:30 PM--hot topic yet to be determined. Voter Registration will continue later in the week – you can get your absentee ballots and get registered to vote.

Jeanne Amy, Director of On-Campus Affairs: Who went to Lake Day? Yeah! Who enjoyed it? Yeah! Lake Day was the beginning of Blue Pride Week, celebrating the achievements of our athletics. Wednesday night there is a volleyball game in the Sports Center, followed by a S'mores Extravaganza outside the Lulu Chow Wang Center.

Elaine Skowronski, HPC Liaison: The Senator Project conference is up and I am sorry for any inconvenience. One of my favorite links is to a certain charity website that rates how much money a charity actually gives to someone.

Paola Reyes, SPEC Chair: SPEC will be meeting by chairs after Senate.

Emily Oxford, CGP: I have lots of announcements. 1. If you see me around campus, Holler. I don't know all of you. If you see me, stop me, say hi, tell me how you feel about senate and what you want to see changed. Along the lines of the President search committee, I just want to reiterate what was said –it is so important for students to get to these meetings. The first is tomorrow and there will be more throughout October. Also – write these names down –the two student reps to the search committee are Alyssa Kwok and Rosa Fernandez . These students sit on the committee, have equal say in the committee and can really be your liaison to the committee. Also, come to the meeting and give feedback. One more announcement, very important – Academic Council is where all academic faculty come together once a month. It is a faculty senate, and they vote on curriculum, Wintersession trips, and things that affect students. All nine members of cabinet sit on academic council, and you can too! There are four seats for Senators on Ac. Council that need to be filled by Senators. We need four of you to run for these positions and then you represent us. We need statements of Intent about why you are interested and why you would be a good representative. They are due Tuesday Oct 12th at midnight. The people interested in positions will announce themselves on Oct 16th at Senate and there will be more info in your inbox and on student senate conference. Also, if you want to go once or share this info with your constituents, there are two seats that are rotating each week and can be filled by any student in the student body. You have to sign up with Mary Greenwood if you want to go – anyone who is interested can email her and she can fill them in on the details and get the materials to that person. There are two of those seats for everyone. Any questions, contact me at CG President. Thanks for coming! So by general consent, I move we adjourn this meeting, and if there are no objections, we are adjourned.

Committee	Type	Student	Class Year
Buildings and Grounds	SCBT	Nanki Marwah	2007
Investments	SCBT	Daria Axelrod	2008
Finance	SCBT	Daria Axelrod Elizabeth Liu	2008
Student Life	SCBT	Rakeen Mabud Carly Fair Lillian Nin (?)	2009 2007 2008
Admissions	SCBT	Priyanka Ramamurthy	2007
Proxy Voting	SCBT	Cordelia Chansler	2009
Academic Review Board	AC		
Admissions	AC	Averill Wyman Blackburn Heather Haines Kelly Van Develde Kendra Archer	2008 2008 2008 2008
CCI	AC	Rachel Goldstein Alexis Frank	2008
CFA	AC	Yamini Jha Tiffany Howard Kate Reece	2007 2009 2008
CLCE	AC	Paola Reyes Kristina Costa	2009 2009
CERD	AC	Mehreen Iqbal Heather Haines	2009 2008
BAC	AC	Nadine Abraham Suilin Yap	2008
Diversity Coalition	AC	Edlyn Yuen	2009
PAC	AC	Edlyn Yuen	2009
SHAC	AC	Mehvish Mehrani Sarah Follman Mercedes Tran	2008 2009 2009
MLK	AC		
Board of Overseers (WCW)	AC	Jennifer Stalley	
Financial Aid	AC	Karensa MacGregor	2007
ADHB	Random	Naana Boampong	2009
Bookstore Advisory Com.	Random	Meghan Tinsley	
Sustainability Adv. Com	Random	Emily Knurek Samantha Tackeff	
TAC	Random	Anita Yip Christina Tilghman Caroline Psutka	
Campus Center Advisory B.	Random		
Tanner	Random	Arielle Galambos	