

**Senate Agenda**  
**November 6, 2006**  
**Academic Council Room- 4<sup>th</sup> Green Hall**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Bring a Friend to Senate Day!**

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Old Business**
  - A. Cortni Jones – Student Bursar: Uniquely Compelling Allocations (3 min, 5 min ?s)
- III. Open Discussion**
  - A. Dining Services – Dining Service Advisory Board representatives (invited) (12 min, 15 min?s)
- IV. Dean’s Corner:** Dean Kim Goff-Crews (8 min, 5 min?s)
- V. Beyond the Bubble:** Malina Swiatek – CPLA Chair. (5 min)
- VI. Adjourn**

Estimated Time: 1 hour

**Emily Oxford, College Government President (CGP):** Welcome to Senate! We do have quorum so will Cortni Jones, Student Bursar, please approach the podium so we can vote on uniquely compelling allocations?

**Cortni Jones, Student Bursar:** I just want to remind you that it was a 10,000 dollar random lottery. If you have any suggestions on how we should proceed with funding compelling items in the future, send your suggestions to your senators or my way - any questions or comments?

**Dana Montalto, Tower:** I move to approve Uniquely Compelling 2006-2007 Allocations.

**Emily, CGP:** The motion carries. We are going to move right on to open discussion with our Dining Service Advisory Board (DSAB) representatives so you guys can come on up!

**Elizabeth Diflo, DSAB Representative:** Hi, we just wanted to come and tell you about what dining services advisory board is and who we are. Basically, the purpose of DSAB is to get information from the community at large to help dining services improve itself. All the feedback comes from students and we just wanted to remind all of you to make sure that your food rep is attending our meetings and is on our conference, if they aren't attending meetings, they aren't getting important info and your house has no say in changes that are being voted on. The board was developed in the fall of 2004 because Dining Services wanted to be more in touch with students and the program should develop as the needs of students develop, so we need feedback from students as well as thinking about how we can pay for it.

**Madeline Surgenor, DSAB Representative:** What we have done is vote in the meal plan in the campus center. There is a wok in Pomeroy that was taken away when people didn't want it, and then people wanted it back so we got it back and now it will probably go away. We had the Burgerquest right before the Campus Center opened and each dorm made their own burgers. We also work with the dish problem where dishes walk off and we lose a lot of money that we have to use for paying for dishes.

**Elizabeth:** We use a lot of dishes each semester from students taking them to their rooms and not bringing them back. And custodians and dining hall services can't bring them back down from kitchens, so we lose more than 20,000 dollars a semester replacing those dishes. And there is no penalty if you bring them back.

**Madeline:** We also stock the convenience store and the magazine rack. At last year we had to deal with sushi being stolen since it went from 100 a day to 2 or 3 every once a while.

**Elizabeth:** We had to change the idea of paying for food in the campus center so that was helped by us. We have also helped with the coffee station in Tower and it has been a success and will probably continue to other dining halls.

**Madeline:** We are one of 6 places in the US trying this new coffee so it's pretty great that we were chosen. This year we are looking at a couple of other things: we are using more locally grown produce in the dining halls because we think it is very important to help the local economy and it is healthier.

**Elizabeth:** We are also changing the milk in the dining halls so that it is from a local farm that is almost organic and is kosher. It has 17% more protein and no hormones and it is locally grown. We just have to put it to a vote but that is our next step. We are trying to maintain more sustainable dining. We are buying from more local farms in area to maintain the economy so the local produce go to our distributor who delivers it to us so it allows us to buy from local farmers more. Also there is a request to keep the dining halls open on the weekends between brunch and dinner and it is a positive change that we are hoping to make. We hope that can occur.

**Madeline:** We also put input into community dinner and theme dinners that happen throughout the year. We are also looking at MIT meal vouchers so it is more of an online process that will save time.

**Elizabeth:** We are also trying to redevelop the dining services website so that we can list the contact info of everyone on the board and new ideas about what we're voting on this semester. Basically, we meant to get out to you that we are here to help you. If you want to rant about dining services, send us a personal email and we will bring it to the board and discuss it with the head of dining services. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

**Emily, CGP:** Before we move to questions, I want to recap what we do for parliamentary procedure. If you have a question, raise your hand and Elizabeth Marlow, the Parliamentarian, will write your name down, and when she calls on you, please say your name and then speak up.

**Cortni Jones, Student Bursar:** This may be something our reps can answer. When we think about these extended hours or adding locally grown vegetables, it is a revenue neutral situation so we have to cut something else?

**Elizabeth:** With keeping the dining halls open more, there is nothing that goes on in between meals that doesn't go on during the week between the meals. And for it to keep open for cereal or salad bar isn't more of a burden at all. It is more of a union issue.

**Madeline:** So we just have to talk to the union so it's not really much more money. The other movement is to get rid of convenience packages so that should save the cost because things are made in the dining hall.

**Shaheli Guha, Slater:** This is a different issue and I was eating with some of my constituents right before Senate and before when a girl was getting potatoes, a dining hall worker made a bad comment about her eating potatoes adding to her hips. Who do we talk to about that?

**Elizabeth:** You should go to the dining hall managers who are usually around and about. Look for the guy in the tie if you are having a problem with a worker like that, you should make a complaint to their supervisor.

**Madeline:** Or you should talk to your Resident Director or one of us.

**Sabina Kahn, Student-At-Large:** Are there any steps being taken to make Halal dining for Muslim students more regular? Is there anything we can do to make it a more stable option? Just to clarify, Halal is how the food is prepared.

**Matthew, Dining Services Advisory Board:** Halal will be out in Stone Davis on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It was in Cazenove but now it is in Stone-Davis because it is open later so you can come later. It will be on request only so you will have to ask for it. We will prepare it but it will not be out. The line attendant will provide it for you.

**Lena Glaser, McAfee:** Some of my friends have allergies to soy and the foods aren't labeled if they have food, so is there a way to have a book that has the ingredients that go into soups that can warn them against products with soy?

**Elizabeth:** There is access to the ingredients and nutrition facts online. Unfortunately, not all chefs prepare the recipes exactly. I would suggest asking the people but we can look into having soy on the cards.

**Madeline:** There is also a dietician in Bates that can help you or the people with allergies to monitor what to eat or what they can eat. You can email one of us for her name to get a meeting with her.

**Yael Misrahi, Pomeroy:** Some people were wondering if you were thinking about keeping the dining areas open 24 hours for studying and activities.

**Madeline:** Let your dining representative know and we can talk about it.

**Dana Montalto, Tower:** I was wondering about take-out from the dorms because I was sure we shouldn't take food outside the dining halls, but I was wondering if we could change that so people can eat later.

**Elizabeth:** Tupperware with hot items is a liability. After the food leaves the dining hall, they can't control what temperature the food is, but when it is in the dining hall, they can monitor the temperature. If someone got sick off from the food they got from the dining hall, Wellesley is liable and could get into legal trouble. It's fine if you want fruit, ice cream, or cereal that you're eating right away, but it really is just a legal issue.

**Madeline:** Also, with take-out containers, it's an idea of waste. So they got rid of that in most dining halls except Pomeroy.

**Shivani Kaul, Munger:** Do you have any conversations about Munger or Shafer having limited food options?

**Elizabeth:** We hadn't discussed it at all but we can discuss the option. I don't know if we could really do much in the next couple years but we can bring it up.

**Jeanne Amy, DOOCA:** In my role we talk about modeling responsible drinking so I would like it if you would bring it up to serve wine at community dinners to model responsibility drinking?

**Yang Qiu, CGVP:** Does DSAB have any say on the hours of the convenience store?

**Madeline:** If that is a concern of yours, bring it up and let us know. We can bring it up but you have to tell us what you're thinking.

**Malina Swiatek, Student-At-Large:** I have a question in the dining halls: when the dish washer breaks, we use Styrofoam. Is there any thought of that going to paper products?

**Elizabeth:** Styrofoam actually has less negative impacts on the environment than the paper plates because making the paper plates is worse for the environment than the Styrofoam itself.

**Nora Keller, Tower:** There is a lot of food being wasted in the dining halls when people take too much food, so is there anything being done about that?

**Elizabeth:** We're aware that there is a lot of food waste in the dining halls so we can start an initiative but it is more of a personal level and people understanding how much they should eat.

**Sara Dickhaus, Student-At-Large:** I was wondering if there are any initiatives to compost waste in dining halls.

**Madeline:** WEED tried to compost in Pomeroy last year and in Beebe they feed worms in the green house with some of the compost so there is some compost going on. That sort of happens.

**Victoria Charoonaratana, Davis:** I was wondering if overcrowding in the dining halls, especially Bates on weekends, has been discussed?

**Madeline:** We know it is a problem in Tower during lunch and Bates on weekends, but with so many options available, it is hard to gauge who will eat where but we try to get enough options ready with enough food.

**Tiffany Sirc, Chief Justice:** I was wondering how you were going about getting word about Halal meat and how students can get the meat?

**Madeline:** There was discussion about Al-Muslimat and dining services around Ramadan but we haven't done any pubbing, so it is just starting tomorrow. We will try to work on a campaign about that.

**WALRA SAL:** I was asking about Aspreto because there is no real documentation about it - is it fair trade?

**Elizabeth:** Because it is a new company, they don't have a website. They said they are working on it and it should be up in a couple weeks. If you want information about that, you can look at the poster board that is above the system and it should have info about the farmers and a website at the bottom so you can go there.

**Madeline:** The company is based in England and we met the guy on the trial and they were shocked that we wanted a website right away. They were kind of blown away about that.

**Katie Chanpong, SAL:** I also noticed a lot of waste, and I thought that perhaps there should be a temperature gauge about how much food we are wasting every week or month.

**Macharney Franklin, SAL:** I have friends who work in the dining hall who see food that is prepared and goes to waste. Is there any way to give that to homeless shelters?

**Elizabeth:** It's another matter of liability. It is a problem that we don't know when people are going to eat so there aren't a certain number of meals that get eaten every day. It is hard to gauge who will be there, how many guests will be there, but they are trying their best to keep it at the level it should be.

**Cassie Campbell, SAL:** I wanted to know why we are closing Tower earlier than last year on the weekends?

**Elizabeth:** We mentioned it earlier and we are talking about keeping all dining halls open between brunch and dinner, and that would include Tower.

**Hannah Heller, Hillel:** If a student keeps Kosher at Wellesley, she has to get the meat from Hillel and use Hillel funding and cook the meat herself. Has there been any talk to get funding from food services to provide meat because it doesn't seem fair that Halal gets meat and we don't?

**Madeline:** You should get in contact with the dietician because there are people on campus who have stuff worked out. And because Pomeroy is kosher, it has a different source of the food, and since no other dining halls could be kosher in the same way, it is hard to make that cross over, but talk to the dietician.

**Amy Wang:** What is the measuring system for adjustment for how much food to make since some dining halls have too much and others not enough?

**Matthew:** It is pretty much daily- but we put in portions online and adjust them daily. It is difficult because we have a unique mail system here that we try to adjust. There is a system in place that is in its infancy and we are working through it.

**Madeline:** And a point on Bates running out of food. There was a problem in Bates that food was running out, and really it was staff just clearing food too early so the problem should be cleared up.

**Emily Oxford, CGP:** Have you gotten a lot of feedback from the meal plan in the campus center with the 200 points and has the feedback been positive or is there a move to look it again?

**Madeline:** We couldn't look at it last spring because it was new and people were not swiping. So now we have only had it open a full year and we need a little more time, but we are looking at it.

**Elizabeth:** If you have personal feelings, let us know and we will bring them to the Dining Service Advisory Board.

**Yael Misrahi, Pomeroy:** Just a suggestion with the shelter that if you worked with a shelter could you have them sign a document so there is no liability?

**Madeline:** We can look it up but the timing is difficult but maybe we can try.

**Yang Qiu, CGVP:** Who is the dietician and how can we contact her?

**Matthew:** Melissa Loberti. She is in Bates and is in Tuesday through Saturday from 6 AM to 6 PM. you can go through the lines and ask if Melissa is there – she is underutilized on campus and can help you out.

**Madeline:** Please use us, email us, because that's why we are here.

**Emily Oxford, CGP:** So were going to do a little something different in Senate today. I roped you in. I have a survey for Senators – we are at a milestone right now because Cabinet is voted out of office in March. So if you are a senator, take the CG survey and if you're a friend, fill out the friend survey. If you're a friend, we want to make life better. If you're a senator, we want Senate to reflect your needs and wants.

**Emily Oxford, CGP:** If you are still working on your surveys, you can give them to me later. And now here is Dean Kim to talk to us.

**Dean Kim Goff-Crews:** I hope we see all our friends more often. Hopefully, our prospies are also having fun. I have been having conversations with the Presidential Search Committee. And things are starting to get heated because they are looking at resumes of applicants. And she said having so many students talking about what students want. And maybe we want the dietician to come to Senate so people know what she looks like. And I wanted to say that after our last meeting, Emily and I were talking about housing for student mothers. And one of the things we've done here is offer students who become pregnant here to become Davis Scholars so they can go on half time and have a job, or raise their family, while traditional students can't necessarily go half-time. This is one way we try to accommodate them. The issue is that our financial aid doesn't help in that situation, so we need to rethink our financial aid issue and maybe we can work on that. So we are going to refocus on that and see how we can help students with that so they can do things differently. Also, I want to tell you that our field hockey team is going to the

NCAA championship. They are in the first round and their first game is this Wednesday on November 8<sup>th</sup> and PERA wants to send 40 people to cheer them all – it is in New Hampshire. They are willing to send a bus for people on Wednesday and the bus will leave at 2:30, you go for free, you stop for dinner, and you'll be back by 10:30 PM. If there are 40 people, we'll send a bus. And they need to know by 10 AM Tuesday so let your residents know. I'm also looking at some of the events that are coming. There are some things for the first years especially. Titus Andronicus is this week and next week, and Shruti Laya is this weekend so you should go see them. There are lots of events that are going on campus. And other than that, I'm open for questions.

**Tiffany Sirc, Chief Justice:** So Davis Scholars may have more time, but their financial aid hurts them to not live on campus because they do not get anything for housing so when they live here, they do get help for housing. How are you thinking about helping Davis Scholars or traditional aged students who want to have a family?

**Dean Kim:** I want to focus on this but we haven't started yet and I don't know when we'll have a solution because it will take some serious money, but I probably won't focus on it until next semester.

**Brittany, Student at Large:** I have a question because at Spellman, I was awarded work study and here it is hard to get a job on campus, and how does this help with students who want to work while they're here on domestic exchange?

**Dean Kim:** I don't really know, but I will give you my email to talk about that.

**Cortni Jones, Student Bursar:** Are Davis Scholars funded by a restrictive gift by Davis or is it part of the financial aid budget available to be moved around?

**Dean Kim:** I don't think Davis pays all of it; it pays part of the program itself.

**Tiffany Sirc, Chief Justice:** Davis has a fund that some Davis scholars get a couple hundred dollars from. But most financial aid comes from college financial aid pool and the Davis endowment is a small proportion of that.

**Emily Oxford, CGP:** I was wondering because at the beginning of the semester, there was talk about health services so can we have an update?

**Dean Kim:** We are still looking at whether we should close the overnight infirmary because it was recommended twice to us from external reviews. I was initially going to have a committee, but I have decided to hire a consultant to see what it would look like if we did and then we should know by February.

**Liz Marlow, Parliamentarian:** I was just wondering if we have an option to have mothers with children in our housing.

**Dean Kim:** Really, there are some liability issues so that is not an option right now.

**Emily Oxford, CGP:** Thanks Dean Kim! Next, we have Malina with Beyond the Bubble.

**Malina Swiatek, CPLA Chair:** BTB

**Yang Qiu, CGVP:** SOAC Meeting after Senate.

**Tiffany Sirc, Chief Justice:** 21+ bring IDs to the party.

**Cortni Jones, Student Bursar:** SOFC Meeting is in PNW 117 and we are doing Lecture Funding. One exciting thing about SOFC is that do we not only work really hard and allocate funds fairly and equitably, we also go look at how other people allocate their funds and mock and criticize them. We are going to Boston College on Friday so if you see us in the area with a car of SOFC members, we are up to good. Consider SOFC in the future. I used to have an office that was the only building of Schneider but there is an invisible line that divides Billings and Schneider. So it was getting cold with no heat, so three people in Student Life divisions helped me figure this out and we're across

the hall in Billings 100 and we have chairs, music, and it has heat. So come by and do some check requests. And we're having an open house on Thursday from noon to seven with food, drink, dancing. Maybe I'm CRAZY is our theme. We are going to be hanging out and all the cabbies will be there and you can come get a diet coke.

**Shayla Adams, MAC:** Thanks for coming to Meals with MAC last week. We had a lot of great ideas come out of that. We talked about disability issues and I was really delighted about all the senators that came out. We are formulation a letter writing campaign that is addressing the issues and solutions. So come to CWDI at 5 on Wed so you can learn about our campaigns. So next Monday at 7 in Anderson Forum we have a Slam Poetry Campaign and there is this guy of the Last Poets coming to perform. And the, on the 17<sup>th</sup> Claude Steele is coming to speak so if you want to invite your professor to come to this lecture, contact me and get some invites to give to your professors.

**Malina, CPLA Chair:** I'm actually giving away a prize tonight. So the election party is tomorrow at 7:00 until 12 AM. I have the hat now because it is party time. The party is in the PNE atrium. We have rooms with multiple media outlet – three screens and one of them has Stephen Colbert and John Stewart. Eat a lot of food, there is thousands of dollars of food, and I don't think the dietician would appreciate if I would eat that all myself. Come hang out with our professors and your friends because Tuesday is sexy and we are bring sexy back on the Tuesday. Tomorrow night at 7:00. Brilliant!

**Jeanne Amy, DOOCA:** Check out the Boston Globe picture of Malina, Cortni, and Emily online.

**Elaine Skowronski, HPC Liaison:** I think everyone can guess what my announcement is. LipSync is coming! You can register through FirstClass to the lip sync conference. There haven't been a lot of red flags so I want to see more! HPC are going to dancing to "Little Miss Sunshine" and I will also be dancing with these supportive ladies. It will be in Tishman from 9:30 to about 11:30. There will be judges and it will be really great. Before Lip Sync, there will be "Hug an HP Day" so hug all your HPs who are in sashes. Hug for candy! Come and do what you're comfortable with to an HP and come to Lip Sync!

**Emily, CGP:** Thank you to all the friends that came. I appreciate you filling out the surveys. Also, we are trying to get rid of these blue t-shirts, so take as many as you want! Take them on our way out. Also, I want to reiterate the Stereotype Threat because it affects a lot of students on this campus. It is important that we educate our professors so it is up to us to get those professors there. We need to encourage all faculty members at Wellesley to go to this lecture. SLAM is next Friday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> so everyone should come! We are raising money for two really worthy organizations. There will be a pre-event so you can hear about the organizations we are raising money for. If you want to have a team, email Christine Allen but do it quickly because we're filling up quickly.

If there are objections then Senate is adjourned. Have a great week, everyone!