

## Seven Sisters Conference Presentation

Goal to improve communication between colleges. As women's colleges, have a lot in common  
Exchange ideas and successful strategies on issues common to our campuses  
Brainstorm together solutions on topics that continue to challenge us

Conferences initiated by Barnard two years ago—try to organize once a semester  
Last semester did not come together; at this conference this one reps from Cabinets came together to meet

Saturday the 18th most of the day at Mt. Holyoke, in Western Mass  
Representatives from 4 out of the remaining 5 original 7 sisters attended

Holyoke students organized the event and were great hostesses  
Heard from both College President, Joanne Creighton, and Dean of Students Liz Braun

We also spent time connecting with one another and have frank discussions about issues that students on our campuses are concerned about

Topics covered included

Proliferation of student orgs and distribution of resources among them

Diversity and Inclusion (especially how students can advocate for one another)

Gender identity

Community building – esp where strong res-hall communities exist, creating larger cross-campus community

Chance to compare structures of organizations: features about Wellesley that were distinctive  
Only COLLEGE government, the rest are called STUDENT governments

Size and composition of Cabinet equivalents varied a lot

Interest in the MAC position, and CPLA as these roles did not exist in other Cabinets Some the Secretary position was split into Secretary and Public Affairs officer

Smith has a cabinet of 15- (includes heads of equivalent of class councils)

Representation: Strong representative system through res halls and special interest senators—strong connection with student body

Constitution- make run easier- good structure in which to work, not recreating every year – especially with Elections coming up!

Student leadership at Wellesley tremendous—whereas Wellesley orgs can reserve space and organize events on their own, some others required the approval and signature of an advisor to carry such actions

Enjoyed the conference.

Encourage you to speak with individual cabinet members if you're interested in learning more specifics about how another college manages something