

## Spring 2015 Plenary Recap

The Association passed two out of three resolutions on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.

The first resolution, titled “Reaffirmation of the SGA Constitution”, was a reaffirmation of the Association’s commitment to self-governance, the Constitution, and the Honor Code. The 2015-2016 SGA Executive Board, Charlie Bruce ’16, Gabrielle Smith ’17, Angela Motte ’17, Molly Mac Dougall ’16, and Linh Tran ’16 presented this resolution. This resolution is presented at every Spring Plenary to acknowledge the importance of self-governance to the Association and Bryn Mawr. The resolution was passed by visual ballot.

The second resolution, titled “Updating the Constitution of the Self-Government Association for Improved Clarity and Accurate Reflection of the Current Practices of the Self-Government Association” was presented by Madelaine Dubin ’16. This resolution listed proposed revisions to the constitution. After a brief discussion, the resolution was tabled for a few reasons. One was the lack of adequate time to read and review the resolutions in advance of Plenary. Another was that the changes listed in the appendix changed the spirit of the amendments themselves. The resolution was tabled, to be edited, and presented at a future Plenary at the presenter’s discretion, by visual ballot.

The final resolution, titled, “Resolution to Improve Professional Development, Academic Advising, Academic Support, and Experiential Opportunities for Bryn Mawr STEM Students”, was presented by Lindsey Marinello ’17, Taj Meyer McBride ’16, and Julia Kyungin-Kim ’18. This resolution requested an increase in the available support, resources, and opportunities for both STEM students as well as students interested in pursuing careers in STEM. The list of proposed recommendations included but was not limited to increasing academic and professional resources, increasing Q-Sem staff, creating spaces for engineering collaboration, creating a committee of students to pursue these goals, and allocating greater funds to the STEM fields.

Four amendments were made to this resolution.

1. Addition of a *Be it resolved* clause of an appointment Dean with a degree (undergraduate or graduate) in STEM to the dean’s office, presented by Anna Kalinsky ’15. Passed by visual ballot.
2. In the first *whereas*, strike ‘elected’ and add ‘appointed’, presented by Elizabeth Vandenburg ’16. Passed by visual ballot.
3. Addition of phrase “geology, etc.” in the second *Be it resolved* clause, presented by Shakhari Badgett ’17. Passed by visual ballot.
4. Addition of “2 or more faculty” to the recommended committee for development of STEM opportunities, presented by Maritza Vasquez-Trejo ’17. Passed by visual ballot.

The amended resolution was passed by visual ballot.

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