

# The Baker College Cabinet Minutes

March 21, 2017

**Roll Call:** President, Executive VP, External VP, Educational VP, Treasurers, **Senior Representative (proxy)**, Junior Representative, Sophomore Representative, Freshman Representative, OC Representative, BGHS, Chief Justice, Senator, **RPC Representative (proxy)**, Honor Council Representative, Food Service Representative, U-Court Representative, Socials

**Gripes:** Spring Break is over

**Anti-gripes:** Spring Break, long Cabinet meeting, Happy Birthdays to Eli and Jeremy!, Beer Bike in 10 days

[President (nas7@)]

**Dean Hutchinson (hutch@):**

- APAC committee has reviewed alcohol policies
- Hope to remind campus of policies
- Goals of the policies? Right policies to achieve these goals? Are policies effective in reaching these goals?
- Goal: Keep students safe, assuming alcohol is present on campus
- Conclusion: Current policies are the right approach, but not effective because often not enforced; need better compliance
- Student hosts of events responsible for keeping others safe, monitoring amounts and types of alcohol served
- Severe consequences for violating policies
- Follow the 3 Rs: Responsible, Reasonable, Respectful

**Q&A:**

- Q: Specific plans for implementing education? (Madison Nasteff)
- A: Have recommendations to continue education after O-Week
- Q: Explain distinction between public and private parties, in particular regards to Baker Christmas. (Aysha Pollnitz)
- A: Distinction lies in not drawing attention, mitigating risks (alcohol, evacuation plans, space capacities, crowd control, etc.); Baker Christmas as proposed did not have minimal risks
- Q: Are party registration policies changing? Are students going to be protected during transition phase? (Stephen Bradshaw)

A: Yes, more conversation-based approach, piloting for Baker 90s, "If you work with the system, the system will work with you"

**Natalie (nas7@):**

- Shoutout to previous Cabinet! Great job Paul!
- GoFundMe account for Essence's funeral, provide money to Talia Liu (tcl2@) to donate on behalf of Baker (clarification from Ivo: can't donate as Baker legally, only informally)
- U.S. Department of Education rescinds support for trans-identified students (has outlined actions for universities), Rice has released statement stating it still supports them, contact Allison Vogt (amv7@) for more information or support

[Executive (man7@)]

**Room Assignments (mtr5@, dcr3@):**

- CODLUS! CODLUS!?
- Unanimous approval of the CODLUS from Baker Cabinet

**Beer Bike (aja5@, jmk11@, ecm6@, man7@):**

- Bought bikes and helmets

**Spirit (aad6@, pjd5@):**

- 2 heads each for Spirit Friday and Merchandise Committees

[External (msc9@)]

Look out for applications to head Alumni, Environmental, Community Service, and Permanent Improvements committees

[Educational (ckb1@)]

**Academic Mentors (rsf1@, vag2@):**

- Event to practice for RURS (Rice Undergraduate Research Symposium) on Monday, 4/10 (two days beforehand)

**Associates (jma11@, ckb1@):**

- Applications to be a co-chair due Sunday, 3/26 at 11:59pm

**Theater (cad8@):**

- BakerShake starts on Thursday, 3/23

Questions or comments? Email Rushi Bhalani (rushibhalani@rice.edu.)

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- Renaissance-themed dinner on Thursday, 3/23 at 6:15pm
- Baker Night on Friday, 3/24
- Support BakerShake (has lasted “longer than a lot of marriages”)
- Free for Bakerites
- Many Bakerites participating

## **BGHS** (jlh22@, tmk1@):

- Baker/Will Rice Holi Festival on Friday, 3/24 in the Pits
- 4:00pm (snacks and mango lassis), 4:15 (bhangra performances), 4:45 (Holi Festival)

## **Chief Justice** (jjp6@):

- Applications for AJs! Need juniors! AJs provide feedback to CJ about Baker, fill in for CJ

## **Socials** (rjf6@, emr7@):

- Baker 90s on Saturday, 4/8
- Freshmen service hours

## **Food** (tmk1@):

- New reusable greenware
  - Do not take red ones to rooms, return green ones
- Farm to Fork Dinner on Saturday, 3/25 in Sid Rich Commons
  - \$10, support local food

## **Class Reps** (jag14@, rpg3@, sra6@, enh5@):

- **Freshman:** Take anonymous survey for Class of 2020
- **Sophomore:** Major Declaration Party on Friday, 3/24 at 3:15pm in Commons

## **RAs:**

- Next Baker Salon on Thursday, 4/6 at 8pm in Masters House; look out for more details

## **RUPD** ([philip.roach@](mailto:philip.roach@rice.edu)):

- Check bike locks, thieves take “body parts”
- Start ticketing for bad biking habits (stop at stop signs!)
- BB gun shooting, people arrested (not Rice students); be alert, call RUPD for suspicious activities

## [University]

### **SA** (jma11@):

- IVP candidate speeches
  - Rohan Palanki, Sara Meadow, Maurice Frediere

### **RPC** (laa8@):

- Rondelet on Saturday, 3/25. Buy your tickets!

**Space Reservations:** See calendar at [baker.rice.edu](http://baker.rice.edu)

### **Money Appropriations:**

\$825 from Socials Budget for Baker 90s tank tops

- Should get back in returns

\$60 from Sophomore Budget for Major Declaration Party food

\$1,000 from Beer Bike Budget for Beer Bike

\$200 from BGHS Budget for Holi Festival

## **And now, from our resident poet, Chris Brehm, in honor of BakerShake:**

From strictest graders we desire increase,  
That thereby midterm's curve is hella nice,  
But as the class size should by time decrease,  
The teacher's slides begin to not suffice:  
But thou contracted to thine own dense books,  
Feed'st thy light's flame with caffeinated fuel,  
Making a bedroom in old Fondren's nooks,  
Thy sleep thy foe, for thy success in school:  
Thou that art now Baker's desk installment,  
And only subject to thy workload's weight,  
Within thine own grind, free time only dreamt,  
But, pupil lost, thy fun thy underrate:  
Pity the world, or else this student be,  
To Willy be true, ambiguity.

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