



UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL OF STUDENTS

2008 – 2009 Mid-Year Report

UCS Resolutions

1. Real Food Challenge Resolution

- Urged Brown University to become a more active participant in building a just and sustainable food system
- Results: URC acknowledged student desire for Real Food in annual report

2. Increase in Student Activities Fee Resolution

- Asked the URC to increase SA fee to account for inflation and rising expenses
- Results: URC recommended and Corporation approved a \$6 increase

3. Removal of Prerequisites on Banner Resolution

- Requested the Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) to stop the technological enforcement of prerequisites on Banner; FEC denied UCS's request
- Results: UCS is conducting a university-wide assessment of prerequisite usage; presenting report by end of March

4. Morning Mail Policy Resolution

- Asked administration to remove restrictive Morning Mail submission policy
- Results: Administration rescinded policy

5. Columbus Day Resolution

- Asked University to end formal recognition of Columbus Day
- Results: Decision from the administration is pending

UCS First Semester Accomplishments

- Worked with Dining Services to expand access to nutritional information
- Submitted plans to renovate Bear's Lair; replaced missing equipment
- Secured University assistance to create a Student Activities Endowment
- Expanded Bear Bargains program and increased promotional efforts
- Successfully formed the Brown University Activities Council
- Met with Corporation members to continue discussion of creating a "Young Alumni" position on the Corporation
- Redesigned UCS web site and created The UCS Monthly to better communicate with student body

UCS Goals for Spring 2009

Student Activities Committee

- Improve online group communications; research alternatives to myGroups
- Streamline group categorization process
- Find a satisfactory solution to provide support and funding for new club sports

Academic and Administrative Affairs Committee

- Work with individual departments to reduce use of prerequisites
- Implement optional peer advising program for Sophomores
- Work with departments to create an online database of all course syllabi
- Provide support for current and new Departmental Undergraduate Groups (DUGs)

Admissions and Student Services Committee

- Advocate the creation of a printing and computer cluster on Pembroke Campus based on UCS Fall Poll results
- Improve transfer orientation
- Create a website that serves as directory to all services at Brown
- Work with administration to further improve the “unofficial transcript” on Banner and remove the appearance of dropped courses

Campus Life Committee

- Improve hygiene initiatives on campus
- Explore changing dining hall hours to cater to student demand
- Oversee successful transition from cable TV to IPTV
- Research meal plan improvements including “unlimited meal plan” and improved meal plans for students living off campus
- Create official “Ratty Recipe” book to be publicly available in the Ratty

Communications Committee

- Hold regular UCS Study Breaks around campus to connect with the student body and create opportunities for input
- Research and implement Brown “Portal” Homepage to provide a centralized source of information for the Brown community
- Create online database of University committees that students serve on

Feedback? E-mail UCS@brown.edu

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