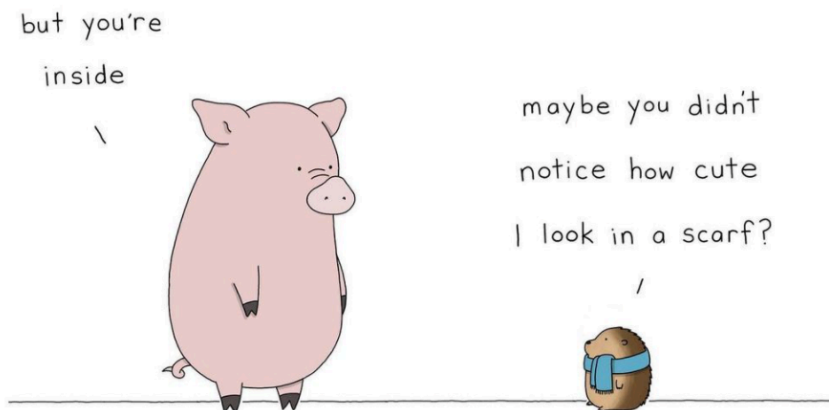
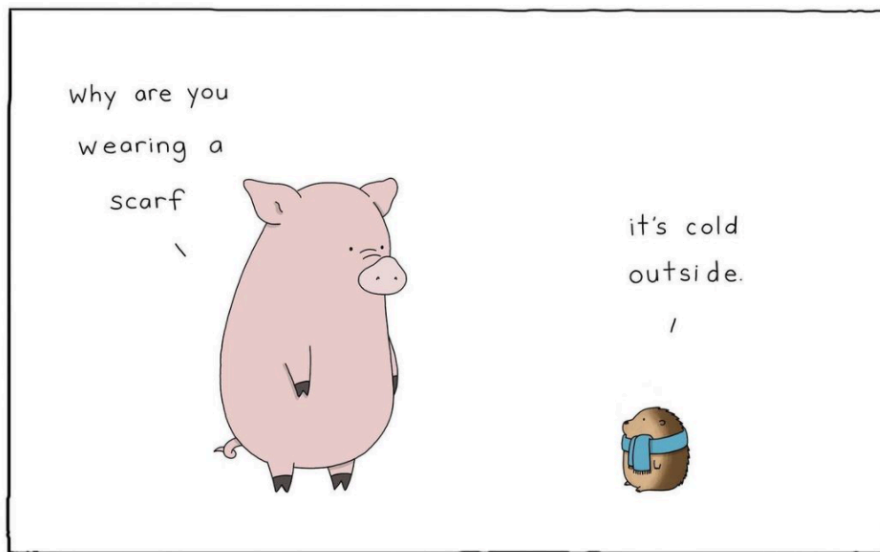

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Hanover High Council

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- Amanda Gorman



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2. Reports - Extended Edition
 - a. AIC
 - b. Mascot
 - c. Council Eval
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5. Notes and New Business

Minutes 1.13.20

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3. Reports
 - **Mod:** First mascot committee meeting will be this Friday, chair elections will take place then. A recommendation on a motion coming from a committee does not change the number of votes needed for the motion to pass unless the topic/motion was specifically referred to that committee.
 - **A-Mod:** Going to work with OEC in the future to look at the bylaws more closely to see if anything can be made more clear and to make sure that all procedures are being followed.
 - **Secretary:** No alternate can vote.
 - **Treasurer:** Council - \$2044.83 , Co-Curricular - \$12,058.79
 - **DSB:** Brief meeting to look at the budget, we will be presenting about the marauder on January 26th.
 - **PR:** Before the show show was about Tom and Jerry today, there is more to the video if you are interested.
 - **CPP:** No report.
 - **Admin:** Schedule approved for upcoming Black History Month movie event. Worked on some more background things for the event.
 - **Curric:** Motion coming today.
 - **OEC:** Looked through 1983 Council files with the then Council Exec Ford Daley continuing our search for the Council time capsule. The map found was based on a moment that has since been moved. We will be contacting alumni for help. Touched on freshman off campus and student referendum motions that will be coming in the future.
 - **SAC:** Planning advisory challenges and finding incentives for online students.
 - **SL:** Working on a caf video/
 - **Anti-Racism and Inclusivity Committee:** Next meeting on January 26th from 5-6pm. Discussion topics are based on the recent armed insurrection and the school's response to it.
4. [Examining Equity: Film and Discussion Allocation](#)
 - a. [More information about the film and discussion here](#)
 - Remote students and advisories without projectors will have access to the movie

- Remote students can submit questions directly to panelists during the Zoom or to a few individuals before hand
- If for some reasons there is change with this, Council can take action at our next meeting, it is unlikely that Council will deny it given the work those that the money is going to are doing
- It is really important to pay these speakers for their time and for their work.

Motion passes.

5. [Common Ground Steering Committee Bylaw Notification](#)

6. [Nick Beard Opinion Board Motion](#)

- The committee in 2015 had more than just a few people on it.

Motion passes.

7. [Teacher Absences and Assessments Motion](#)

- This motion applies only when students are expecting a teacher to be in class but they are not
- With the current schedule, if a teacher is absent a review day scheduled for a Monday but holds a review day on the Wednesday X could they give a test that Thursday? If a teacher were absent on a Thursday or Friday would they be able to give a test that next Monday or Tuesday?
 - Wednesday can act as a review day so a test could be given after that but there is no expectations for students to meet over the weekend to review so a test could not be given that Monday or Tuesday
- Our school values communication with students and teachers, this gets at a fundamental issue with that
- This motion may be against our purview as a Council
- Unplanned absences from teachers are very rare, otherwise at least 24 hours notice is needed
 - An unplanned absence with this motion could throw a wrench into the flow of a class's curriculum
 - However it does seem unfair for a student to expect a review day and then have it get cancelled
 - If that were to happen though students should go to the teachers and if there is no resolution then to the teachers supervisor rather than writing policy
- It can be problematic when tests are scheduled during a planned teacher absence
 - Can't ask clarifying questions
- If a teacher is sick before a review period for an exam, the teacher may not be able to give their exam which could be problematic
- The intent of this motion is strong but the idea that we can write legislation about this is not great because teachers should have autonomy in the way they teach their classes
- Because this motion only addresses unplanned absences its scope is very small, it might not have the effect that the motion's authors are hoping for
 - Unplanned absences are likely fairly stressful for teachers and this legislation might only make them more so
- After discussion with teachers, this motion was written to only apply to unplanned absences because it was understood that generally a teacher only schedules a review period when they feel their students needed the extra time to ask questions and go over material
 - That being said, many teachers are afraid that this could set them back about a week in curriculum and that students that studied hard for a test might be more disturbed if a test is pushed



Motion split.

- Teachers are not present to talk to until after the test has been taken which is not the best time to have that conversation, this issue is fundamentally different from other issues
- During Covid times, it is hard to track down supervisors
- Asking clarifying questions is super important during tests and not possible when a teacher is absent
- A potentially bigger issue is teachers giving tests during planned absences
- What if the test is scheduled for the last day of a semester or before a break?
 - These situations are different and students would likely prefer to take a test despite a teachers absence
- We don't want more cases where students are reaching out to administration and department chairs at the last second to try to cancel a test when an earlier conversation could have resolved the problem, this motion seems to enable more of these situations
- If there is a review day students should be okay to take a test without a teacher present

Amendment to make the motion not apply to exams because, "exams need to happen."
Amendment passes.

- There are many cases where this amendment could cause more issues for students, to eliminate all of those scenarios many more amendments would be necessary
 - Teachers act with good faith, the better solution is to communicate with them
- Pushed tests dates and ensuing disturbances would cause a lot more stress for students
- This motion could be amended to allow students to choose whether or not to take a test if a teacher has an unplanned absence, if they choose not to take it they would have to make it up on their own time
 - This encourages more communication between teachers and students
 - If a teacher feels differently than the student during their conversation they can voice their opinion then.

Meeting adjourns.