SGA Minutes
October 19, 2014
As corrected

I. Attendance

All members present; proxy for Senator Judy

II. Acceptance of Minutes

Senator Gerstenschlager: Motion to accept the minutes.
Second Jahan: Seconded.
All aye.
Minutes accepted.

III. Announcements

President Custer: Welcome back, everyone. I hope you all had good breaks. The one thing that I have under announcements is to talk about Speaker Brady’s power to limit discussion. Last meeting, some Senators raised questions about how we should limit discussion. Speaker Brady, Chief of Staff Zhang and I met to talk about this and we want to get your thoughts. What I think should happen is that if a Senator moves to end discussion, we all vote on it. Speaker Brady will gauge the flow of discussion and he will suggest moving on if we are talking about the same things over and over again. We vote as a group to move on, but if there is someone who hasn’t been able to say anything before we move on, Speaker Brady will allow them to speak. I think this is a good compromise between efficiency and letting everyone have a chance to speak. Speak now if you have any concerns about this, but if not, this will be how it works going forward.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Committee Ratifications (Director of Membership Nick Warren)

Nick Warren: I have three committees for you to ratify today—the last three ever. They are the External Affairs Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Publicity Committee.

External Affairs Committee (Chair: Meade Atkeson)
   Faith Whang
   Hannah Sobel
   Charlie Hull
   Pramish Thapa
   Fiona Mohamed
   Joanna Balla

Finance Committee (Chair: Olivia Aborn)
   Hannah Tiberend
Senator Toy: So it looks like the Finance Committee only added one new member. I was wondering how that process works?

Treasurer Gratch: That will be a part of the presentation.

Senator de Toledo: We usually take four new people each year. Last year we took one in the fall and three in the spring. This year we accepted two new members but one ended up having a conflict with our Wednesday meetings, so we decided to only accept one.

Senator Toy: Is it everyone on the committee who decides or is it just the Chair? My understanding is that it should just be the Chair and the Director of Membership who decide.

President Custer: The Finance Committee Chair and the Treasurer get to decide how the process works, so they get to decide on the application process and the Director of Membership is included to make sure that it’s fair.

Senator Jahan: Are the members of the Finance Committee not one-year terms?

President Custer: Technically, they are. But traditionally, once you’re on the committee, you stay on. It is good to have the same people on the committee again and again because there is a lot more to be gained from having experienced members than on other committees. It helps to have someone who has been there for three years so they can provide information about how a student organization has performed in the past or how their budget has changed. Technically though, all of the members get ratified each year.

Senator Jahan: We should change the bylaws. I think that is a great reason to have members stay on the committee but I don’t like that our constitution says one thing and we don’t follow it.

President Custer: I totally agree.
Speaker Brady: We can reconsider the bylaws at another time. For now, are there any more questions or comments about these committees?

President Custer: Motion to ratify the External Affairs, Finance, and Publicity Committees.
Senator de Toledo: Seconded.
All aye.
Committees ratified.

b. Finance Committee Biweekly Report (Treasurer Ilana Gratch)

Treasurer Gratch: Hopefully you had a chance to look at the report but if not, that’s okay. In the last three or so weeks, we met with around 25 clubs. There are 22 listed here and I will speak to the other few in a moment. It was all pretty standard. There was one new money request from Sunday Night Group and the rest were budgets. Some noteworthy budgets: Chromatic received its first budget as a new social house and the Calligraphy Club received their first budget. We will continue giving out new budgets until November 15th, so we have a lot more student organizations to see and we are keeping that in mind when we allocate budgets. The other two that we met with were the Gamut Room and MMU. They both had really big ideas and big changes that they want to make to their orgs, which involve large sums of money. We didn’t feel like we could tackle it all in our short meeting, so we are going to set up a meeting with them, Olivia Aborn, and JJ to talk about it.

Senator Toy: In the email to Chromatic, you say that they aren’t receiving other funding. Why is that?

Treasurer Gratch: Doug touched on this last time, but the social houses only receive budgets from the Finance Committee. The only exception to that is for capital expenses. Weybridge and Brooker are the only ones who receive money from the college because they are programming houses.

Senator Hussein: Can you speak about the depreciation funds that some clubs can get? I was asked about this and was unable to help.

Treasurer Gratch: There is no hard and fast rule about depreciation. There are certainly years where organizations will come to us and say that the things that they have inventoried aren’t sufficient. This is especially true for WRMC and other orgs that require certain machinery. It’s all done on a case-by-case basis and we take into account how well things have been inventoried in the past. We do this for everything from costumes for dance groups like Riddim to machines for orgs like WRMC.

V. Old Business

a. Student Liaison to the SGA on Endowment Affairs (SLSEA) Improvement Bill (F2014-SB7) (Senators Chang and Vaughan)
Senator Vaughan: I think we exhausted the discussion on this last time. We tried to thoroughly write up the conclusions that we came to as a group. The main idea is that we are trying to get rid of any ambiguity surrounding the position. We want the position to be more clearly defined so that the person will be a better representative. The first change is that applicants chosen by the ad hoc committee will be taken to the whole Senate for a vote. The SLSEA will also have to hold office hour forums before they go to the Board of Trustees. It’s a very important position, and if we have to have office hours, why shouldn’t this person? The last thing is that this person will have to write a report back to the SGA and student body. They will come and talk to us so that we can ask questions, but the information should be relayed to the whole student body and a summary of the information should be posted on our website.

Senator Hussein: This is a very exciting bill. I have one clarifying question: what information will the summary include?

Senator Vaughan: It will include everything that the SLSEA tells the Senate. Basically, it will include all of the information that they are able to share with the Senate and the wider student body.

Senator Toy: Is the survey mentioned in section a, iv, the Student Life Survey that we send out every two years?

Senator Vaughan: The survey happens yearly.

President Custer: The Student Life Survey currently only happens every two years, but we are trying to make it yearly. There isn’t a good reason for it to only happen every two years.

Senator Vaughan: A smaller committee will look at the answers from the survey, which will have 3-5 very straightforward questions about the endowment so they can figure out what the leanings of the students are. We didn't have sufficient student data this year.

Senator Toy: I am hesitant to say that we are going to recommend three candidates. What if there are four good ones or only three apply? I know it gives the ad hoc committee more power, but choosing a number makes this not sustainable.

Senator Vaughan: The reason we chose three is because we don’t want to use a whole Senate meeting but we want to reach a middle ground where the ad hoc committee can filter out candidates and also give the Senate the power to choose among those candidates.

Senator Toy: I would like to make a Friendly Amendment to change “three candidates” to “a limited number of qualified candidates.”

Senators Vaughan and Chang accept Senator Toy’s Friendly Amendment

Speaker Brady: Have you talked with anyone within the Board of Trustees about this change? I think it might be a good idea for us to check in with them before we pass this.
Senator Vaughan: They are very busy and hard to contact. We also aren’t making any substantial changes. We are just clarifying the position, which is under our jurisdiction.

Speaker Brady: My issue is with the confidentiality. They might be uncomfortable with the open forum or the summary if there is a high level of confidentiality. I recommend that you check in with them.

Senator Chang: We did show this to Virginia, the SRI representative, who was very enthusiastic about it.

Senator Vaughan: We can say that they should clear the report with the Board of Trustees first.

Senator Chang: I don’t think they will really care.

Co-Chair Bogin: I have a stupid clarifying question. Section 5, b, was red when I got it. Is there a reason it was red?

President Custer: That was a section that I added, which is why it was still red. I want there to be a check on this person. If we don’t think they are doing their job, the Senate should have the power to kick them out.

Co-Chair Bogin: Do we not already have that power over the positions that we appoint?

President Custer: We do, but I think it should be written explicitly so that the person knows that we can remove them if they don’t do their job. It is better to have a clear section that states this and hopefully we will never have to use it.

Senator de Toledo: I would first like to make a Friendly Amendment. This is a controversial issue and I think that if we have a threshold of a simple majority, there is too much room for the Senate to be angry and not really be in tune with the issue and their constituents, so I would like to raise the bar to two-thirds majority.

Senators Vaughan and Chang do not accept de Toledo’s Friendly Amendment.

Senator de Toledo: The second thing is: How does the voting happen when we select one of the three candidates?

Senator Vaughan: Whichever one gets the most votes (a plurality). That’s what I had imagined.

Senator Chang: Back to the Friendly Amendment, I don’t agree with the two-thirds because I think we should make it easier to remove them. If half of us are discontent with the SLSEA, I think that is a good reason for us to remove them.

Senator de Toledo: The motivation behind the Amendment is that this is a controversial issue and people can get upset about it. I also look at other forms of government and removing
someone usually takes two-thirds and not just a simple majority. I’d like to make a Formal Amendment.

Vote on Senator de Toledo’s Formal Amendment to raise the removal threshold in F2014-SB7 from a simple majority to two-thirds.

Ayes: Senator Toy, Senator de Toledo, Speaker Brady
Nays: President Custer, Senator Gogineni, Senator Sanders, Senator Medina, Senator Vaughan, Senator Hussein, Senator Chang, Senator Fisher, Co-Chair Bogin
Abstentions: Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Judy, Senator Brook, Senator Sohn

3-9-5
Motion defeated.

Senator Jahan: I share the concerns of Speaker Brady as to the precarious position that the SLSEA has within the Board of Trustees, so I would like to propose a Friendly Amendment that the summary gets approved by the Board of Trustees.

Senator Vaughan: They aren’t obligated to the Board of Trustees in any way and I fear that the Board of Trustees might start censoring beyond what is proprietary and I don’t want the summary to be boring propaganda. I want the SLSEA to be able to say what they want to say even if it isn’t super favorable.

Senator Chang: I also hope that this person will be very well versed in what is proprietary and what is not.

Senator Jahan: I was just thinking that they might accidentally put some confidential information into the summary and I don’t want the SLSEA to make any mistakes, especially when our position in these meetings isn’t solid. It might be nice to just have them check and make sure that they aren’t saying anything that they aren’t supposed to. My Friendly Amendment would just say that a member of the Board of Trustees should check the report for any confidential information before it is published.

Senator Chang: I think that before we make any changes, we should talk to the Board of Trustees and see if this is even something that they would want.

Speaker Brady: Advisor Adams, do you think it would be wise for us to contact someone in the Board of Trustees about this and is there someone in particular that we should talk to?

Doug Adams: You should talk to Dave Donahue in the President’s office if you have specific questions about what is proprietary and what isn’t and how much information you will be able to get.

Senator Toy: They get elected one week before the spring Board of Trustees meeting, so do they go to that meeting?
Senator Vaughan: No, there can only be two students there, so they will wait to start their term until the fall.

Senator Fisher: Motion to limit debate on F2014-SB7 to two minutes
Senator Hussein: Seconded.
Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Toy, Senator Medina, Senator Judy, Senator Brook, Senator Sohn, Senator Vaughan, Senator Hussein, Senator Chang, Senator Fisher, Senator de Toledo, Co-Chair Bogin, Speaker Brady
Nays: Senator Sanders
Abstentions: None
16-1-0
Motion passes.

Senator Chang: We also need to remember that the main goal is to make sure that the SLSEA will continue to exist. I think that having them check the summary is a great idea but I want to see if it is something that the Board of Trustees will want us to do. Otherwise I think it might seem unnecessary.

Senator Vaughan: The thought process was that there wouldn’t be an all-student email or forum afterwards, just a press release afterwards.

Senator Chang: It would just be posted on our website. The question isn’t whether or not we should have this summary, just if the Board of Trustees wants us to run the summary by them first.

Senators Vaughan and Chang do not accept Senator Jahan’s Friendly Amendment

Speaker Brady: Senator Jahan, it seems like they do not want to include it on the basis that they are still talking to people. Do you want to make a Formal Amendment?

Senator Jahan: I will wait to make another Amendment until they talk to more people.

Senator Vaughan: I think we should also note that this position is not in their bylaws, so they can take it away at any point, and we should address that at another time.

b. Resolution to Give Statement of Support for an Intercultural Center (F2014-SB5)
Senators Jahan and Gerstenschlager

Senator Jahan: This resolution looks just like it did before and everybody seemed okay with it the last time we talked about. It says that the SGA supports the Intercultural Center.

Senator Jahan: Motion to vote on F2014-SB5.
Senator Gerstenschlager: Seconded.
Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Sanders, Senator Toy, Senator Medina, Senator Judy, Senator Brook,
Speaker Brady: I want to offer Senator Fisher the opportunity to say something before we vote on this.

Senator Fisher: I’m in full favor of this bill. I just wanted to bring a question to your attention, but I can do that after the meeting.

Vote on F2014-SB5.

Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Sanders, Senator Toy, Senator Medina, Senator Judy, Senator Brook, Senator Sohn, Senator Vaughan, Senator Hussein, Senator Chang, Senator Fisher, Senator de Toledo, Co-Chair Bogin, Speaker Brady

Nays: None
Abstentions: None
17-0-0
F2014-SB5 passes.

c. Integrating MiddSafe Training in Student Athletics Bill (F2014-SB6) (Senators Jahan and Gerstenschlager)

Senator Gerstenschlager: The one thing that we were unable to get feedback about regarding this bill is the fact about bystanders being present in 1 of 4 assaults. I couldn’t find the actual source of the fact, so we might want to strike that from the bill.

President Custer: I would like to make a Friendly Amendment to change “bystanders are present in 1 of 4 assaults” to “bystanders are often present.”

Senators Gerstenschlager and Jahan accept President Custer’s Friendly Amendment

Co-Chair Bogin: I think that this is redundant and unnecessary. I love the idea, but it is my understanding that bystander training is now required by the federal law so there is now a similar training to this for all freshman and our orientation program fulfill this. Doug Adams can correct me on this, but this training is going to happen for everyone at this school. In four years, everyone at Middlebury will have had bystander training. If we require this for sports as well, it might decrease the attention that people pay to it. It might not be a terrible idea to do it again, but it feels redundant to me.

Senator Toy: It is true that it’s required. However, this year I was there and not all of the freshman showed up. There are around 500 or 600 freshman and maybe only two-thirds of them
showed up. My hesitation is that if it happens once per season, someone at Middlebury could go through this five times and I don’t want it to become annoying or have people resent it.

Senator Gerstenschlager: Given what Senator Toy just said about not all of the freshman showing up, I don’t think it’s necessarily true that in four years, everyone will have gone through this training.

Senator Jahan: I think the spirit of the bill has to do with the team. They are a small connected group who spend a lot of time together and I think it’s important to have this training in that situation.

Senator de Toledo: Will someone come in and individually meet with teams?

Senator Gerstenschlager: Ideally, yes. We had an adult representative from MiddSafe and a student involved with MiddSafe come and talk to us.

Senator de Toledo: I know that some teams already have to do some online modules and in-person sexual assault training. In the implementation of this bill, can we work those all together? I think if there are too many individual meetings that a team has to go to, it will limit their effectiveness.

Senator Gerstenschlager: I think that would be good, but that will be up to the discretion of the coach and MiddSafe.

Senator Fisher: I think that this bill is one of the most important things we can do. In response to the criticisms about it being redundant: “stop, drop, and roll” is redundant but it saves lives. This is an essential piece of education that everyone needs to know. At worst, you learn nothing new and that means you have retained the information. I don’t know of any research saying that it will be counterproductive if the training is done more than once. I think that it will just allow people to become fluent with the terms and encourage people to talk about it even more, which is something that can only help. I don’t understand and don’t see evidence for the claims that my peers are making against this resolution.

President Custer: Have you talked to the people who run MiddSafe? Do they have the capacity to do this? And have you talked to representatives from the varsity teams who have said they would be okay with doing this? We don’t have the authority to just tell the teams and MiddSafe that this has to happen. I think that they will be receptive but I’m just wondering if you have reached out.

Senator Gerstenschlager: We haven’t reached out to teams or MiddSafe yet. I did talk to the person who did our training though and she was excited about this bill.

President Custer: I think that we should hold off passing this until we talk to the MiddSafe people and representatives from the varsity teams. I don’t want to rub anyone the wrong way even though it is a great bill and I want to see it happen.
Senator Chang: I agree with President Custer and Senator Fisher. This would make us pretty progressive. I have two questions: who will pay for this and how long do the trainings take?

Senator Gerstenschlager: For our training, MiddSafe volunteered their time at no cost and it took thirty minutes.

Senator Vaughan: If one of the reasons we need this bill is because the freshman aren’t coming to the training during orientation, maybe that is a deeper issue we should address. Will the athletes feel like they are being targeted? This is truly a campus-wide issue and we want everyone to go to the training. I think it’s inconsistent to say that only the athletes need to go.

Senator Jahan: The first year orientation is a long busy week and there are so many things that people don’t go to even if they are required. I don’t know how we can address something like that. It is really hard to get the whole class there. This bill will make sure that a portion of the group is going. I don’t think that we’re targeting the athletes, but the reason we choose varsity athletes is because they are a close group that is together a lot. We also added to the bill that there would be a review to see how it was working and see if other teams should be added.

Co-Chair Bogin: Have you guys talked to Erin Quinn about this?

Senator Gerstenschlager: No, we haven’t.

Co-Chair Bogin: There are maybe some other people that we should talk to before the SGA passes this bill. These people might have some good feedback on it and can tell us if people are already doing this. I’m sure that Erin Quinn has probably already thought a lot about this and I think he would have ready responses.

Senator Gerstenschlager: I am fine holding off for a while so we can have a chance to talk to other people.

Senator Brook: The first year participation was very low and it was also just all of us listening to someone talk. There was no interaction and we didn’t get to talk to each other about it afterwards. If athletes have to go to an orientation presentation, then I think we should at least make the smaller presentation different than the first one.

Senator Jahan: Did MiddSafe do the programming this year?

Senator Toy: It was Barbara McCall who did the programming and she definitely adapts her presentation to the audience. Also, the orientation office wants to eventually make it a swipe system where students have to swipe into the mandatory orientation events because the proportion of students who didn’t go was really high and this is required by law.

Speaker Brady: We also might want to look into including the three intense club sports that we have here: Water Polo, Rugby, and Crew.
Senator Fisher: This is a well thought out and articulate bill and it is for this reason that I disagree with President Custer’s pragmatic considerations. If we want the athletes and teams to do this and there is some resistance, it is still what ought to be done. With regard to the capacity, MiddSafe started last year and this year their personnel have more than tripled. They have a very positive trajectory. In any case, this is a beautiful bill and I want to see it passed as soon as possible.

President Custer: I agree with the sentiment that we should get this done as soon as possible but I don’t think that passing this tonight is the best idea. If we pass this tonight, it will be the responsibility of Lillie Hodges and me to implement it and it will be much harder for me to do that if we don’t work with them beforehand. I think this is a great bill and I will make sure that we get it done, but we need to include the administration and everyone in our discussion if we are concerned about transparency. If we want the administration to be transparent with us, like we said we did in response to the tailgating issue, then we need to be transparent with them at each opportunity we have. We should give Senators Jahan and Gerstenschlager a chance to reach out to more people because it will help with the execution.

Senator de Toledo: Motion to close debate on F2014-SB6 and table.
Senator Hussein: Seconded.
Ayes: President Custer, Senator Gogineni, Senator Sanders, Senator Toy, Senator Medina, Senator Judy, Senator Brook, Senator Sohn, Senator Vaughan, Senator Hussein, Senator Chang, Senator Fisher, Senator de Toledo, Co-Chair Bogin, Speaker Brady
Nays: None
Abstentions: Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager
15-0-2
Motion passes.

d. LaundryView Update (Senator Toy)

Senator Toy: I met with Mike Moser and Tom Corbin and they are going to research how much this will cost. They told me to come back in J-Term to talk about the costs because they are working on the biomass thing now. In the meantime, they said that we could pass a bill saying that we support looking into it, which would help them figure out how to get the money for it. We need to get the message in to the ear of the administration in as many ways as we can.

Senator de Toledo: Motion to close debate on the LaundryView update.
Senator Medina: Seconded.
All aye.
Motion passes.

e. Website and We the Middkids Update (Chief of Staff Zhang)

Chief of Staff Zhang: This afternoon, I went through all of the We the MiddKids petitions, so the active number of ideas is now down to eleven. I closed the petitions that were not started after this year except for those you said you would be interested in working on this year, like
Scholarships Should Not Reduce Financial Aid, which Senator Toy is continuing to work on. I also left up AAL and skiing because those were mentioned during the SGA retreat. I am still working on how to make it one vote, one person, one petition. As for the website, President Custer and I have made some changes since you last looked at it. We changed the template to make it more visually appealing. President Custer changed the layout of the Cabinet and Senate pages so that all of the photos are there and you can click on someone’s picture to see their full bio instead of having a long list of everyone’s bios. We also added a committee tab and we have most of the bios and photos from SGA committee members. We want to show that the committees are very much a part of the SGA. We will also update the Break Bus section because we got some new information from the Box Office. Under archives, we have minutes and bills from past years and we have been uploading bills and minutes from this year as we have discussed them.

Senator de Toledo: For some of the committees which already have websites, would it be easier to just include a link to those sites?

Chief of Staff Zhang: The Constitution Committee and Finance Committee links already link to their separate websites.

Senator Chang: How is the publicity going with this? Are people looking at the website?

Chief of Staff Zhang: The really great thing about this new platform is that I can see how many people are looking at the website. There were spikes when we sent out all-school emails. There were a fair amount of visits on Monday and Tuesday—somebody was bored over Fall Break. In terms of publicity, Taylor mentioned it in his op-ed in The Campus and Robin Loewald has also started working on the bulletin board.

Senator Chang: When we send out the all student emails, we should include a link to the website and say that it is up and running and has more information. We should definitely publicize it more because it is a great website.

President Custer: We are still working out kinks and making sure it works, but the next step is to make sure that people actually use it. I like the idea of including a link in the emails. I recommend that all of you check out the website and see if there is stuff that you like or stuff that you don’t like.

Chief of Staff Zhang: One more thing to add about We the Middkids: I created an excel sheet with all of the petitions, how many votes they got, and who wrote them, and I highlighted the ones that the SGA has worked on or has accomplished. I am happy to send that spreadsheet around.

Senator Toy: Can you put it on the Google Drive?

Chief of Staff Zhang: Yes, I can do that.

Senator de Toledo: Motion to close debate on the website and We the MiddKids update.
VI. New Business

a. SGA Reform Working Group (President Custer)

President Custer: For those of you who read my op-ed, one of the biggest things I want to work on is how we can be a better conduit between the student body and the administration. I have been talking to President Liebowitz and other administrators about how to get this done. The Board of Trustees just went through a big structural change and the faculty is doing something similar. I propose that the SGA should do something as well, so I am forming a SGA Reform Working Group. I’d like three senators, three cabinet members, and three students to be on the committee. We would meet for an hour a week and we would work on a few things. The first thing to look at would be how we can do a better job internally by being accountable and representing the student body. The other element is figuring out which committees we should have a permanent place on. We have a position on the Investment Committee of the Board of Trustees, but what other committees do we want students to be on? The form this will take is a recommendation that we will make to President Liebowitz. The working group will come up with something, the Senate will pass it, Community Council will ideally sign off on it too, and then we will take it to President Liebowitz who will tell the Board of Trustees or other administrators that all of these people have signed off so this is something that we should do.

Senators Sanders, Fisher, Vaughan, de Toledo, and Speaker Brady volunteer for the working group.

President Custer: Motion to close debate on the SGA Working Group Reform.
Senator de Toledo: Seconded.
All aye.
Motion passes.

b. Increased Printer Access Initiative Resolution (Senators Hussein and Brady)

Speaker Brady: We would like to see more printers on campus. Senator Hussein has talked to the IT Department at Middlebury and they were originally open to supporting five new printers and paying for their installment.

Senator Hussein: So this is a big issue because a lot of students have requested more printers, and especially ones that are available 24/7. I have been able to speak with Peggy Fischel, who is Middlebury’s SymQuest liaison. So far they have tentatively agreed to one new printer and I am cautiously optimistic that we can raise that to four more. I have two questions for all of you. The first one is: where do you think these printers should be located?

Speaker Brady: The five locations that we were considering are Gifford, Hepburn, Forest, Ross, and the Atwater Library or Battell.
Senator Sanders: I would suggest Hillcrest.

Co-Chair Bogin: There is already a printer in Hillcrest.

Senator Jahan: It isn’t for everybody to use though, only Environmental Studies majors. I was also going to say Hillcrest just because I think it’s hard to get printers in dorms.

Speaker Brady: We will obviously have to make concessions about the locations because some of them won’t be optimal.

Senator Chang: A printer in Proctor would be awesome.

Senator Hussein: The administration’s concern is not about the printers themselves, but rather about who will take care of the printers when they are installed. So my second question is: would you guys fund a paid student position to take care of the printers? It would be around $900-$1,000 a year for 3 hours of work each week.

Senator Brady: We are trying to get money from the administration but I spoke to them and they said that they would consider repurposing it into the budget of June 2015. I want the SGA to get things on campus quicker and sometimes it takes more money to do that.

Senator de Toledo: Who monitors the printers that are not in the Library, like the Chateau printer?

Senator Hussein: It is mostly the Help Desk workers who monitor them. There is also a group of students from the local high school who fill paper in printers around campus and the head of the Help Desk leads them. He isn’t willing to have those students do this extra work.

Senator de Toledo: So this position would be separate from that? Is there a way that we could just fund one of those employees to work more instead of adding a new position?

Senator Hussein: You’re saying that the money could come from us but that the person should be reporting to the head of the Help Desk and not to us?

Senator de Toledo: Yes.

Senator Fisher: I am thrilled with the idea of an SGA-funded Print Master. That is exactly what this student body should be doing and it’s entirely fitting and proper.

President Custer: I don’t have any issue with us paying $1,000 to pay this person. The budget from the student activities fee is around one million. This is a great deal and makes a lot of sense because they are buying and installing the printers. I agree with Speaker Brady and am willing to pay that cost to get this done quickly.
Co-Chair Bogin: I think another good direction to consider would be to check out the possibility of opening up some of the printers like the one in Hillcrest. There is a printer in Voter too but it gets locked up every night so people can’t use it. This is potentially an easy way to get more printer access on campus.

Senator Hussein: Just to put things in perspective, it will cost around $200-$300 for each printer and $700-$800 for each print release station, so we would be saving quite a bit of money.

Senator Hussein: Motion to have straw poll: Who would want to use the SGA’s money to help fund the installment of new printers on campus?
Senator Brady: Seconded.
All aye.
Motion passes.

Straw poll: Who would want to use the SGA’s money to help fund the installment of new printers on campus?
16-0-1

Speaker Brady: Okay, thanks everybody. Senator Hussein and I will talk and do some more work on this and come back to you guys.

**VII. Adjournment**

Speaker Brady: Motion to adjourn.
Senator de Toledo: Seconded.
All aye.
Meeting adjourned.