I. Attendance

All members present except Senator Judy and Senator Chang; proxy for Senator Vaughan

II. Acceptance of Minutes

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

III. Announcements

None.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Community Council Update (Co-Chair Bogin)

Co-Chair Bogin: Last week in Community Council we talked about some stuff and it was great. One thing that I did want to do was lower the party host age but that isn’t going to be possible. Turns out, it would be illegal, which is a bummer. So that didn’t happen. We ended up talking about the Feb program. The conversation moved into a discussion of curriculum and that is an area that we aren’t supposed to make recommendations about. It was an interesting conversation, but part of it won’t be considered again. We will still be considering the Feb program though. One of the suggestions we came up with would be to have a Tsar of Feb Hassles, who would be the point person who knows about all the tricky things about being a Feb like having to declare your major early in order to go abroad or how it is harder to get into intro language classes when you start in the spring. Our next meeting is December 1st and it should be an exciting meeting. We will be talking about and hopefully recommending to the faculty adding a review process so that there are published summaries of Judicial Board hearings. If that recommendation goes through, I might propose a bill to the Senate that would say that we support that. If that ends up happening I will explain more in detail.

Senator Sanders: Could you just talk for thirty seconds about what those summaries would be?

Co-Chair Bogin: This is modeled on Haverford’s system of publicizing abstracts which are summaries of hearings and also summaries of dispositions without hearing—anything that comes from Karen’s office. There will be an actual summary section and then details about the case and any other interesting things. It will also tell the sanctions given and the rationalization behind them. The names will be redacted. We want to give the board enough discretion to publish and be as confidential as they feel is necessary with the goal being total confidentiality. It will ideally be for both academic and community hearings. One element that is still in the air is about
delaying the publication of the summaries. Students could say that they don’t want the summary of their case to go out for a year or until after they graduate. The question there is should they be published immediately? Should we always wait a year or until after students graduate to publish them? Either way, it’s going to be cool and help with transparency in the process for students and professors. Hopefully, people will read them and talk more and engage in more conversation about how our system works and what it does.

Senator Sanders: I really like this idea. I was a member of the Community Judicial Board and it was unclear, even as a member of the board, what a past sanction for something similar would have been. It would be nice to have an archive so we can see what normal responses are.

Co-Chair Bogin: I think that is one of the concerns of some of the faculty though, that these will be precedent setting when they don’t want them to be. I think it would be helpful though. I also just want to add that I’ve updated the website. go/CommunityCouncil and soon we will have go/CC as well. The minutes are up and every week, there will be an agenda. There are also contact cards of all the members and there is an option to submit a new idea, which will come to my inbox. We are trying to make ourselves more accessible. Additionally, if the room request goes through, we are going to be meeting in Axinn 220 so we have more space to welcome people if they want to come. We can’t really do that in our current room. We have some exciting stuff coming up and we’ll be talking about smoking next time too.

V. Old Business

a. Ian Burgin Memorial Cabin Bill (F2014-SB13) (Jack Kerby-Miller, Larson Lovdal, Sarah Kaelin; bill sponsored by President Custer)

Jack Kerby-Miller: We came to introduce this project to you a few weeks ago. We’re now coming with a bill that President Custer is sponsoring for us for $40,000 to help construct this project. We have a little presentation for you now to address some concerns about the project and the basic reasons why this should get funding.

Larson Lovdal: We want to be sure that we address the relevance of this project and why the SAF should be used to fund this. One of the big things that we have been talking about, specifically to the Mountain Club President, is the complaint about the perceived intensity of the Mountain Club trips that causes exclusive communities. People think that they have to be committed to a really intense winter experience in order to go on Mountain Club trips. This is a cabin that is meant to bridge that gap and address something that is lacking at Middlebury. We want to open up the experience for people who aren’t comfortable with an intense winter experience.

Jack Kerby-Miller: We’ll be extending the experience beyond people who are okay with chipping ice out of their water bottles in the morning. It is really incredible being able to wake up and see fresh snow in the woods and we would love to share that with everyone.

Sarah Kaelin: This won’t just be for Mountain Club trips. Lots of other organizations will use the cabin and it will be open to individuals or groups who are trying to get away. A lot of people at
Middlebury want to get involved in the natural world but aren’t sure how, so this is a great introductory avenue for people to get outdoors.

Larson Lovdal: This is also in line with Middlebury’s values in getting people out into the environment.

Jack Kerby-Miller: We received firm letters of commitment from the student groups listed here. Each has committed to at least one weekend a year and some have committed to two a year. The cabin will be booked 14 of the 28 weekends between the first weekend of school and graduation. That doesn’t include the demand from Adventure Grants from the Mountain Club. Adventure Grants to go and stay in a cabin in Vermont somewhere are typically not funded and this would be a great opportunity for those who have interest in the outdoors but don’t want and arduous experience.

Larson Lovdal: Derek Doucet, the head of MOP, still gets calls from alumni asking to reserve the Worth Mountain Lodge, so there is clearly demand.

Jack Kerby-Miller: Rikert customers will also use the cabin. People who are going out skiing who might have only gone a mile and then came back can double their loop by coming to this warming hut. Somebody the next level up could use the cabin as a stopping point before going on a longer loop behind the cabin.

Sarah Kaelin: The other 14 weekends haven’t been booked yet and there will definitely be demand from students, faculty, and community members to use the cabin on those weekends and weekdays.

Larson Lovdal: We already have about $10,000 in funding coming from a couple of different sources and we are anticipating an Environmental Council grant. We are continuing to seek funding. Phoebe Howe is doing the kickstarter during J-Term as an independent study so she will have a lot of time to effectively manage the campaign. Different companies in the area are donating time and reduced prices on things. We hope we can reduce some of our material costs that way.

Sarah Kaelin: Ian Burgin was very involved in craftsmanship. His parents were architects and their friends have expressed interest in supporting labor and materials for this project.

Larson Lovdal: We are also anticipating support from College Advancement providing that details can be worked out so that our funding project could reach out to alumni. Other classes have tried to build cabins so we think there will be huge interest from Ian’s class and from Mountain Club alumni.

Jack Kerby-Miller: What we have done here is taken the average cost of a single overnight at a state park for ten people. The shelter would not be equivalent: what we are doing is more advanced and comfortable. It would be $78 for a group of 10. Assume that just 14 days a year are single overnights for the 50-year lifespan of our building. That would be $54,600, which accounts for the value of the project and our projected cost.
Larson Lovdal: One concern that we heard from some of you is that this cabin would only be half funded. How do you ensure that the cabin isn’t only built half way? It would be easier if you were funding the last $40,000, so what we have done is taken our design and looked at the absolute essentials. We took out the insulation, the wood stove, and the roof of the porch. This is what we can build for $50,000: a weather tight fully functional cabin by August 20th, 2015. It will be an early spring to late autumn structure and it would meet all of the regulations and be a fully functional building.

Sarah Kaelin: As construction continues, we would reach out to get the remaining funds so we can build what we originally designed. We can guarantee a structure that will be of use will be built. Any more money that we get will go to the additional features as we originally designed it.

Larson Lovdal: This project is very important to the senior members of our design team as well as Ian’s mom and his friend. There is just a cash flow issue because we need to be purchasing materials this month. This donation would allow us to purchase what we need to soon and then we can reach out to other funding sources like campaigns that take longer. We need to have cash flow to go on with this project and complete it in the same time frame with our current design.

Co-Chair Bogin: Will the cabin be open during the summer?

Jack Kerby-Miller: The reservations will all happen through the Student Activities Office and we will arrange it and make sure that it is open during the summer.

Sarah Kaelin: We want it to be accessible to Language School students as well so the assumption is that it will also be available over the summer.

Co-Chair Bogin: Will use of the cabin require a Rikert ski pass?

Jack Kerby-Miller: No, you can go to the cabin outside of Rikert hours. They will have a key and help with maintenance. It is important that we get the money soon so that we can complete planning and get our permits to start building in the spring. We are hoping to hit the crowdsourcing hard in January and we’ll be beginning to purchase items then.

Senator de Toledo: That is a quick construction, April to May. If it isn’t done by May, are you committing to using your summer to finish the project?

Larson Lovdal: A contractor will do the majority of the work. Students will be helping of course, but the contractor and their employees will continue to build during the summer if it takes that long.

Jack Kerby-Miller: Our guarantee is August, but we would love to have it done by May 25th.

Larson Lovdal: For some context, I work for a carpenter in town. It took nine days to build a 30 by 30 two-story garage. That’s a simple structure and so is this cabin.
Speaker Brady: I would be more comfortable if I could see the numbers of how many students would use the cabin. I imagine there is a lot of overlap of students in the organizations that you listed: Brooker, Organic Farm, Skiga, and the Mountain Club.

Jack-Kerby Miller: If you look at the Mountain Club’s email list, it is almost half of the student body.

Speaker Brady: But how many of those are active participants?

Jack Kerby-Miller: There are a lot of people who are on the email list and who don’t participate because of the level of commitment. This cabin can make it less of a commitment. Some of the people on this email list are people who would be really excited about this project because of that. We will emphasize that as a part of our fundraising campaign.

Senator Hussein: I saw six organizations listed and you said that some of them committed to two weekends, but that’s only twelve weekends so I’m missing the math there.

Jack Kerby-Miller: The Mountain Club has committed to four weekends a year.

Senator Hussein: That accounts for it. You also mentioned in passing that it will be open to Rikert customers. How will that work if Middlebury students will be using it over the weekend along with the customers?

Larson Lovdal: In terms of it being open to customers, their hours are restricted so they won’t be skiing at 11 at night or 7 in the morning, which helps. I talked to Mike Hussey and Derek Doucet about having a Rikert employee and our idea would be to have a student employee position that is the keeper of the cabin. It would be a paid position and they would work in the middle of the days on Saturdays and Sundays during the Rikert season and welcome people and keep the fire going.

Sarah Kaelin: It will be a place for interaction between the college and the wider Middlebury community. Students and community members will be able to use the space at the same time.

Senator Gerstenschlager: Where will the funding come from for the student employee? The SAF? Rikert?

Larson Lovdal: It was vague when we talked about it, but it will probably come from MOP like the Climbing Wall Monitor position. It’s still tentative though.

Senator Gerstenschlager: How many people can the cabin fit?

Jack-Kerby Miller: It is designed to fit ten.

Senator Toy: Will it only be open during the weekends? Lots of people go skiing on the weekdays during J-Term.
Jack Kerby-Miller: It will depend on demand. If we can justify having someone up there, we can fund it. Also, if anyone wants to go up there, they can check out the key any day of the week.

Senator Jahan: What features did you cut?

Larson Lovdal: We got rid of the insulation, the wood stove, the stove pipe, the base associated with the stove, the roof over the porch, the framing of the porch roof, two windows, and the bathroom. Those are the big ones.

Jack Kerby-Miller: This just gets us to where we will be able to continue the project. We want to have all of those things.

Senator Brook: As someone who is personally not used to winter, how warm will the cabin be without the insulation?

Jack Kerby-Miller: Without insulation the cabin will be very cold.

Sarah Kaelin: The Mountain Club gear room has -15 degree sleeping bags though!

Larson Lovdal: The budget and this design are just to show that we can complete a building that is weather withstanding and will be useful. Our intent is to continue to fundraise aggressively. This is hypothetical. We don’t want to stop there.

Senator Hussein: Do you have a prioritized list of the features that may be added?

Jack Kerby-Miller: The wood stove. We don’t have a specific list.

Senator Fisher: I am thinking about this in terms of the SGA’s impact on the overall project. What is the difference between building the $50,000 structure and adding in features later versus just building the cabin initially with those features? Is there a substantial difference if you add them in later?

Sarah Kaelin: We are still expecting to have all of the money to build the whole cabin. This will give us the money we need to get started to get supplies but our kickstarter fundraising will start in January.

Jack Kerby-Miller: The things we have taken out are the last things that go in.

Larson Lovdal: We can build up to the $50,000 design and then cut a hole in the roof. It’s very standard and easy. It’s also easy to add insulation because the walls are already there.

President Custer: If you get the money from the SGA and you end up building it, whose job does it become to maintain the cabin after your group graduates? Is it the SGA’s responsibility?

Sarah Kaelin: There is a Cabin and Trails Coordinator position in the Mountain Club and it will be the responsibility of that person to oversee the maintenance of the cabin.
President Custer: Is the Mountain Club okay with that?

Larson Lovdal: Yes. They actually just reinstated the position, largely in anticipation of this cabin.

President Custer: I know you went to talk to the Finance Committee so I would like to hear what they think?

Olivia Aborn: The purpose of the meeting was mostly just to talk and they wanted to see if the Finance Committee would be willing to pay a little bit each year to a depreciation fund and wanted to see how much we could realistically contribute to the project. We were pretty unanimous in that we would be willing to fund the depreciation but we felt that $40,000 was too high. The Finance Committee would recommend funding in the $10,000 - $20,000 range.

Senator Chang: My first comment is that to put $40,000 in perspective: that is roughly the Mountain Club’s annual budget—it is in multiple tens of thousands. They were asking for $3,000 a year for depreciation and I felt that was slightly high for a depreciation fund. My actual question for you guys is what, if any, outreach have you done with groups that are not typically related to the Mountain Club, like cultural organizations?

Sarah Kaelin: We want to raise awareness to various groups on campus during our kickstarter. We have already talked about getting commons groups and cultural organizations involved. We just wanted to get some groups signed on now but we will make all students and student organizations aware of this.

Jack Kerby-Miller: We haven’t reached our full outreach phase, so we just wanted to initially talk to the organizations that we knew would have interest.

Senator Gerstenschlager: Motion to limit discussion on F2014-SB13 to five minutes.
Senator de Toledo: Seconded.
Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Toy, Senator Medina, Senator Sohn, Senator Brook, Senator Vaughan, Senator Hussein, Senator de Toledo, Co-Chair Bogin, Speaker Brady
Nays: Senator Sanders, Senator Fisher
Abstentions: Senator Chang
13-2-1
Motion passes.

Speaker Brady: I would feel more comfortable voting on this bill if I could have an actual number of students. I also want to see if the Finance Committee can give us a hard number that is reasonable. They dedicate so much time to doing this so their expertise is useful. I don’t feel comfortable passing this in its current form.

Senator Jahan: What is a depreciation fund?
Larson Lovdal: A depreciation fund is a fund that you put money into each year to protect big investments. You put a certain amount in each year so that over the projected lifespan of the project, it will add up to the total cost of the project. $2,000 a year for the 50-year lifespan of this cabin will add up to $100,000. That way, if the whole building is destroyed, we will have the money to rebuild it. The thought behind it is that the money will be used for major repairs and to prevent the Worth Mountain cabin situation.

Senator Jahan: Did you need this passed before meeting with Space Committee?

Larson Lovdal: It doesn’t really matter in terms of the Space Committee. They are only concerned about the safety and rules. In context of the project, we are up against the limit of passing something like this before we have to put the project off for a year.

Senator Jahan: When I first heard $100,000 for a cabin, that scared me. I don’t know anything about building anything, but within our reserves we have a ton of money and the point is to use it towards projects like this every once in a while. I don’t think that $40,000 is all that much.

Co-Chair Bogin: I definitely agree. I sincerely believe that there is plenty of interest in this. Personally, I would go up to the cabin for three weekends and I know a number of people who would say the same. I don’t think we need a hard number--the individual demand will be high. Like Senator Toy said, people will go after class during the weekdays. I think it will get a lot of use as a warming hut. I think this is a cool and important thing to do. It increases access to the outdoors. I was the Adventure Grant Coordinator and I definitely think that people would benefit from a cabin nearby that is less hardcore but still useful. It also does seem like a significant time crunch. I would love to hear more from the Finance Committee Chair about how much this is in perspective and how much we can really spend. I think that this is what this money is for and it would benefit many more people than some of the clubs we fund. It is a long term and worthwhile expense.

Senator de Toledo: If we gave you $20,000, are you confident that you could still get $50,000 and build that cabin. I looked through some of the kickstarter and middstart campaigns and it’s a mixed bag.

Jack Kerby-Miller: I am definitely less confident. That’s not to say that we wouldn’t put our best effort into trying but with $40,000 we would have everything we would need to build a weatherproof and functional cabin. With $20,000 we would still go for it and probably make it to the $50,000 cabin.

Co-Chair Bogin: Motion to extend discussion on F2014-SB13 for ten minutes.
Senator Gerstenschlager: Seconded.
Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Sanders, Senator Toy, Senator Medina, Senator Sohn, Senator Brook, Senator Vaughan, Senator Hussein, Senator Chang, Senator Fisher, Co-Chair Bogin
Nays: None.
Abstentions: Senator de Toledo, Speaker Brady
Motion passes.

Senator de Toledo: Not to put you on the spot, President Custer, but I want to hear your thoughts on this.

President Custer: Before I give my thoughts, I have a question. It doesn’t make sense to me to give $20,000 so this isn’t an issue of how much to fund. Its either fund it or don’t fund it. If we give you the $40,000, what specifically is the next step? Are you going to buy all the material tomorrow? Also, what is your plan for communication with the SGA after this? Will we never hear from you again? Relative to the overall budget, this is not a huge amount of money but we should be cautious because you could buy a Mercedes with that. It’s a sizeable chunk of money. What specifically is the next step and what is your plan to keep in contact with us?

Larson Lovdal: We have to get our permits submitted as soon as possible and we will be meeting with the architect tomorrow night. We will be getting out professional structural drawings finalized. Those are the big things before Christmas. January will be the start of fundraising and procurement of materials.

President Custer: What effect would it have if we delayed two weeks?

Larson Lovdal: I wouldn’t feel comfortable getting permits because those cost money. I don’t want to spend $10,000 on those and the drawings and then not get this funding approved.

Jack Kerby-Miller: We need to get our permits turned in before the New Year.

President Custer: How much does each permit cost?

Larson Lovdal: They are a portion of the total cost of the project. Each is around $500 or $600 a piece.

President Custer: My main question is if we don’t give you $40,000 tonight, can you not build the cabin? Realistically we either need to vote on this tonight or in two weeks from now. This isn’t just a question for me but for all the Senators who might be on the fence. How important is it that you get funding this evening?

Jack Kerby-Miller: If we don’t get funding tonight, we will be submitting our permit requests with the assumption that we will be able to move forward with the project. At that point, if we don’t get the funding, we will do our best to make it work but we will be out of money.

Larson Lovdal: The stamped drawings from the architect are like $8,000 of the budget, so we would spend all of the $10,000 that we have on the drawings and the permits, which would be a waste if we don’t end up getting enough funding to build the cabin.

President Custer: I didn’t finish answering Senator de Toledo, but I would hedge in favor of giving them the money. We should talk about it more and get questions answered because I don’t
want people to vote and not be held accountable. If we think this is a good idea, we should fund it tonight. If we don’t want to fund it, we should vote it down and say too bad. It sounds harsh, but delaying it is bad.

Senator de Toledo: Motion for a straw poll: “Would you vote for the bill as it currently stands?”
Senator Toy: Seconded.
All aye.
Motion passes.

Straw poll: “Would you vote for the bill as it currently stands?”
12-0-4

Senator Chang: Are we saving any money that would have normally gone to the Mountain Club for trips by doing this? How much are we paying now instead of in years to come?

Jack Kerby-Miller: We aren’t really saving any money. That example was just a way of valuing the experience.

Senator Chang: As an Environmental Science and Econ major, that cost-benefit slide was really great.

Senator Gerstenschlager: I am not the type of person who would go winter camping, but I don’t think it is in our best interest to have a large reserves fund. They are meant to be spent on students who are here.

President Custer: Well, the reserves that we are spending from are somebody else’s student activities fee from previous years.

Speaker Brady: I would really like to hear your thoughts, Finance Committee Chair Aborn. Are you concerned about the reserves? The Senate believes that we have a large reserve fund and I just want to check in and see if you agree. Will this make your job more difficult?

Olivia Aborn: There was some slight hesitation from the committee, but the passing of this bill would not hurt us in anyway. We have a significant amount of reserves, too high in my opinion. We had a weird situation where a bunch of clubs didn’t come in and get budgets so we have more than enough money to get through the year. The recommendation for less than $40,000 is that we aren’t sure that we are the right group to make the call on that. Is it possible for us to spend $40,000 on this? Yes. The concern from the Finance Committee was that the number of students affected wouldn’t be high enough.

Speaker Brady: That is my issue with this. You are saying that a lot of people would use it but $40,000 is a large percentage of the reserve funds and I don’t know if that translates into the same percentage of the student body. I would also be interested in hearing from Senator Chang and Senator de Toledo because they are also on the Finance Committee.
Senator de Toledo: My main qualm with this is that not with the $40,000 but with the depreciation fund. I could be wrong, but I think we stopped funding the Sailing Club’s depreciation fund because the college is paying for it now and I think the Mountain Club still gets some sort of depreciation fund from us, but I think there needs to be a commitment on behalf of the college if $100,000 gets funded. Given our current reserves, we can handle spending $40,000 on this.

Senator Chang: With regards to how much we should have in the reserves, that is an opinion call. The reserves are there so that if we need to replace the WRMC tower or if there is a recession we can use the reserves in those times. We want to have some reserves but it’s not as set as you think it is. I think that this is a good year for this kind of project. We only have one year left of paying for Middview, so we will have more money to spend and in two years we will make up this $40,000 that we are spending and have an extra $100,000 every year after that.

Speaker Brady: Thank you. I’m definitely swayed after hearing that.

Senator Chang: We will end up paying $100,000 over 50 years in depreciation funds for this cabin. That is a bigger cost than the $40,000 we are thinking about now. Does it really cost $2,000 each year?

Larson Lovdal: The reason we are asking for depreciation costs is because institutional memory at a school like Middlebury is really short. New students will just think that the cabin has always been there and without a depreciation account, when it is time for the cabin to repaired it will just have to be torn down. The depreciation is $2,000 a year and the maintenance is $1,000 per year and that is meant to be simple. We wanted to be conservative, but not give an underestimate that would not allow us preserve the cabin.

President Custer: Who owns the cabin after it is built?

Larson Lovdal: The President and Fellows of Middlebury College will be on the permits.

President Custer: So the college owns it? Who is responsible if something goes wrong?

Larson Lovdal: The Cabins and Trails Coordinator from the Mountain Club will work with Mike Hussey and facilities if something goes wrong. Ultimately, Middlebury College owns the cabin.

Co-Chair Bogin: Is the depreciation fund part of this bill?

Olivia Aborn: The funding of the depreciation fund will fall to the Finance Committee.

President Custer: This bill doesn’t obligate us to pay for that.

Senator Jahan: I think this is a great idea. We are guaranteed a fully functional house for $40,000.

Senator Jahan: Motion to vote on F2014-SB13.
Senator Chang: Seconded.
Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Sanders, Senator Toy, Senator Brook, Senator Sohn, Senator Vaughan, Senator Hussein, Senator Chang, Senator Fisher, Senator de Toledo, Co-Chair Bogin, Speaker Brady
Nays: None.
Abstentions: Senator Medina
15-0-1
Motion passes.

Senator Fisher: I’m not an Economics major but I usually pay attention during Senate and I don’t recall us spending a cent in recent memory so therefore, spend away.

Vote on F2014-SB13
Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Sanders, Senator Toy, Senator Medina, Senator Brook, Senator Sohn, Senator Vaughan, Senator Hussein, Senator Chang, Senator Fisher, Senator de Toledo, Co-Chair Bogin, Speaker Brady
Nays: None.
Abstentions: None.
16-0-0
F2014-SB13 passes.

Speaker Brady: Congratulations! Thank you for coming and we wish you the best of luck.

V. Old Business

a. Increasing Printer Access Initiative (F2014-SB14) (Speaker Brady and Senator Hussein)

Speaker Brady: Senator Hussein and myself have a bill about the printers to present to you tonight.

Senator Hussein: In the interest of time, I won't say much because this is plain and simple. Are there any questions?

Speaker Brady: It's pretty straightforward.

Senator Toy: So we aren't paying for anything now? We're just moving the printer?

Senator Hussein: Yes.

Senator de Toledo: Motion to vote on F2014-SB14.
Senator Brook: Seconded.
Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Sanders, Senator Toy, Senator Medina, Senator Brook, Senator Sohn,
Senator Vaughan, Senator Hussein, Senator Chang, Senator Fisher, Senator de Toledo, Co-Chair Bogin, Speaker Brady

Nays: None.
Abstentions: None.
16-0-0
Motion passes.

Vote on F2014-SB14

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

Nays: None.
Abstentions: None.
16-0-0
F2014-SB14 passes.

Speaker Brady: Well, that one was a little easier.

b. Bannerweb Registration (Senator Toy)

Senator Toy: It has been brought to my attention that some students have been creating programs to register for Bannerweb without having to wake up and computers are faster than humans. This bothers me but I think it would be cool if it happened for everybody. I want to hear some of your opinions. I know some of my friends like typing their classes in.

Senator Brook: The server will crash.

Senator Toy: Bannerweb could spend the whole night computing and then spit out something in the morning.

Senator de Toledo: I concur with Senator Brook. The system would crash. There would have to be a hierarchy system because what if everybody wants the same class? The only solution to this problem that I see would be to eliminate the programs that are allowing students to do this.

Senator Brook: If the whole student body were doing this at the same time, or even just your class, the server will crash.

Senator de Toledo: Is there a way to ban people from hacking into the system?

Senator Toy: Would people be interested in this? Maybe if there were hierarchy by major?

Senator Gerstenschlager: Motion to limit discussion on Bannerweb Registration to five minutes.
Senator Fisher: Seconded.
Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Sanders, Senator Toy, Senator Medina, Senator Brook, Senator Sohn, Senator Vaughan, Senator Hussein, Senator Chang, Senator Fisher, Senator de Toledo, Co-Chair Bogin, Speaker Brady
Nays: None.
Abstentions: None.
16-0-0
Motion passes.

Senator Jahan: We need a Bannerweb app. It's hard to use it on your phone.

Co-Chair Bogin: That's an interesting idea. I'm going to pass—things have been said.

Senator Fisher: Middlebury is a special blessed place. There are only a few thousand students and the fact of the matter is that in my experience as an FYC, if you want a class you can get the class, it's going to be okay, kiddos. Registration is something you will always remember, like your first time in KDR. It's like the laundry thing: how far are you going to sanitize the college experience before everything is delivered to you nice and shiny and new on a silver plate? Bannerweb is messy and sloppy and terrible and not worth it, but so is life in some ways. I think we should keep it the way it is.

Speaker Brady: If it's free, then okay. If it costs us money, I don't want to do it.

VII. Adjournment

    Senator de Toledo: Motion to adjourn.
    Senator Jahan: Seconded.
    All aye.
    Motion passes.