SGA Notes from Sunday September 11th

The committee session begins with a brief introduction from President Toy. President Toy then motions for nominations for the Speaker of the Senate. She then explains the role, “that the Speaker of the Senate will chair most SGA meetings and is selected by a majority vote during the first meeting of the year.”

The first nomination is for Senator Lantigua, who is nominated by Co-Chair Pesqueira, the Senator accepts this nomination.

The second nomination is for Senator McCarthy, who is nominated by Senator Wright, the Senator declines this nomination because it is her “first time/meeting for the SGA.”

The third nomination is for Senator Aaron, who is nominated by President Toy, the Senator accepts this nomination.

The final nomination is for Senator Boyle, who is nominated by President Toy, the Senator declines this nomination because he is “not here for the whole year.”

The two candidates are given about one minute to speak to the whole Senate and give their case why they should be elected as the Speaker of the Senate.

First is Senator Lantigua. She states that the her loud voice and also her awareness of controlling speaking times and
making sure that every Senator is heard is the reason she should be elected as the Speaker of the Senate.

Second is Senator Aaron. She states that she wants to continue her hard work with the SGA, like she did last semester, and that she is timely and proficient. These are the reasons she should be elected as the Speaker of the Senate.

Following the last speech, there is a motion to commence the voting process for the Speaker of the Senate. The voting process is a blind vote with every Senator’s head down.

**The vote is 11 to 4 in favor of Senator Lantigua.**

Speaker Lantigua then begins her new role by introducing the formation of the Impeachment Committee. This committee is comprised of three senators. Speaker Lantigua then yields to President Toy who explains the overview of the committee. She states that if any constituent is to have a “problem” with another Senator they may want to impeach them; therefore, this committee would facilitate the impeachment process. The President also states that this committee rarely has ever met in her four years on Middlebury’s SGA. The President then yields to the Speaker who asks for nominations. **The three Senators on the Impeachment Committee are: Senator McCarthy, Senator Wright, and Senator Pustejovsky.**
The Speaker introduces the formation of the Appeals Committee. This Committee is explained by President Toy as the Committee that facilitates the process for a Finance and Constitutional Appeal. The Speaker then motions for any nominations to the committee. The four senators on the Appeals Committee are: Senator McCormick, Senator Ou, Senator Boyle, and Senator Andrews.

Attendance is then taken with all Senators being accounted for. Then the President explains the attendance policy. A Senator can miss up to five meetings but must send a proxy, from that Senator’s class or commons, and can only miss up to two meetings without a proxy. If these rules are not followed then the Senator will be replaced. Senator Boyle asks a question to the President in which he states if the attendance policy would affect a semester abroad. The President states that the Senator would have to figure and work with their Co-Senator.

Then the President introduces the formation of the Elections Council. She also explains the three elections of the year. The first is for the First Year Senators in the fall. The second is for the Febs in February, and finally the last is at the end of the academic year. The President then states that the council should be made up of Seniors or Senators who know they
will not run again. The two Senators on the Elections Council are: Senator Cohen and Senator Lantigua.

Next the President motions for the ratification of new positions to the President's cabinet. The motion is seconded by Senator Boyle and the Speaker asks for a vote on the ratification of these new positions. 16-0 (all for) so the ratification is passed.

Then the President motions to form an additional committee on Student Wellness. This committee will be in place for the whole entire academic year. The Speaker asks for a vote on the ratification of this new committee. 16-0 (all for) so the ratification is passed.

The President finally asks for a motion to adjourn the first SGA Senators Meeting. The motion is passed.