I. Attendance
Senator Schoel is out no proxy.
Senator Wright and McCarthy both sent a proxy in their place.
All other Senators present.

II. Acceptance of the Minutes
Senator Lantigua: Motion to accept the minutes.
Motion is seconded.
14-0-2
Senator Aaron and Senator Wright both abstained.
The motion is passed and the minutes from last week are accepted, and recorded.

III. Announcements
President Toy: “Does anybody want to attend the New England Alliance Conference?”
If you are thinking about attending send an email to President Toy

Doug makes a quick announcement about, as of next January, Reslife will be launching a
new housing system to replace Bannerweb and go to a third party vendor called “Star Webs.”
Other peer institutions, have been using this housing system and it allows them to have more
ownership over the lottery system, and system as a whole. They will be doing three things to
situate the student body with the new system and they will also be a tutorial with Res Life to
show them how to use the new system.
Senator Pustejovsky: “Will the new Ridgeline be in the lottery or by application?”
Doug states that they have not made a decision and they will be discussing it on the
fourth of November. They will have to discuss how the system worked last year but he is not
sure.
Senator Pustejovsky states that many of the people she has spoken with are happy with
the lottery draw. It allows you to remove yourself from the housing numbers because that is such
a stressful process.

The Finance Committee Members, of returning members and new members, has been
chosen. There are only three new members and they were chosen out of 27 applications.
President Toy states that the committee spent hours on their decision and that there will be
another application in the spring.
President Toy: “Motion to ratify the new members of Finance Committee.”
The motion is seconded.
16-0-0
The motion is passed and the new members of the Finance Committee are ratified.
The Constitution Reform committee also has their new list of members. They will, again, be looking at the constitution and bylaws and making they are consistent with the current practices, as stated by President Toy.

President Toy: “Motion to ratify.”
Motion is seconded.
15-0-1
Senator Wright’s proxy abstains, but the motion passes and the new committee members are ratified.

Senator Check-In

Senator Cohen talks about the update to her free tampon project and we are going to buy 2,500 tampons and are going to work with facilities to make dispensers in the bathroom. They also plan to distribute them through Reslife staff.

Senator Aaron: “Will you send out an email telling people about this new project?”
The Senators working on the project state that they will be sending out an email.
A question is asked about if they will be just placed in women’s bathrooms?
The Senators working on the project state that they will be given to Reslife and they can be accessed through there.
A senator states that they should be present in all public bathrooms.
President Toy states that there should be a bill on it to make sure it happens.
The Senators working on the project state that the Community Council and a lot of other people are working on it and that they need to merge the groups together, and figure out what they are doing.

Senator Pustejovsky talks about how she is considering working on and figuring out who to talk to about parking and changing the car registration process. The Senator also talks about the frustration about the new gates put up near Ridgeline. She states that people had used that road to unload groceries and can’t access it anymore. She reiterates that there needs to be better transparency because right now we have a super car unfriendly campus.

President Toy: “You should talk to Doug and parking has always been a huge issue brought up every year in the SGA.”

Co-Chair Pesqueira also brings up the topic about the ticket policy and that there needs to be a lot more transparency when it comes to the rules of tickets.

Senator Pustejovsky agrees and brings up the lack of understanding and as an example talks about the parking in U section rather than P section and getting a ticket even though it is just a one space difference.
Also, the Senators bring up a question about where the money from the tickets go to. Doug answers the question with Public Safety.
Senator Ou: “It’s really difficult to park in the CFA and you live in Coffrin. There’s parking right outside of Coffrin too.”
Senator McCormick explained to Senator Ou that there is not even enough parking there for the students who currently can park there to actually park there.

Senator Boyle states that he went to a Club Sports Meeting and that it went “awesome.” Also, he is in contact with the CCI about the unfunded internship fund. He is curious to see their new policy and will be looking into it.

Senator Duran talks about a possible event that him and Senator Waddell will be working on possibly for the sophomores. He also states that they are looking into an event that would be like “Meet the Major” and will hopefully have something like that in the spring.
President Toy states that he should reach out to Educational affairs and then the First Year Committee possibly about setting something up like that. President Toy reiterates that the SGA is not supposed to be an event planning group and that Senator Duran would have to look somewhere else for possible funding.
Senator Andrews: “You can also look at this as going through your commons.”

Senator Aaron: “Ceryn and I are talking about possible mentoring programs for new Febs and changes in Res Life…”

Senator Goldfield: “We assembled the First Year Committee and are ready to ratify.”

Senator Ou is having conversations with Jonathan Miller Lane about education and grades. Also, many of the Commons Senators are going to their upcoming commons meeting.

Co-Chair Pesquira is excited about the future of the resolution that was passed last weekend and he states that “BSU is taking the whole of it.”

President Toy brings up the list of the First Year Committee members and motions to ratify the members.
The motion is seconded.
All in favor.
(16-0-0)
Erin Quinn the Director of Athletics introduces himself as a Middlebury Alum and that he is in his 26th year here at Middlebury. As Athletic Director he is in his eleventh year. He states that he is really invested in the integration of the athletic program to the overall community. Also he states the various conversation he has with coaches and athletes to help them with this integration process. He speaks of a dichotomy of a student athlete having one life at the athletic center and then another life, and not to “bring it across the street.” He also speaks about the green liaisons that every team has. These liaisons have a relatively easy job which focuses on recycling and how they dispose of waste properly. Also, he speaks about the education coaches and teams go through about the people who handle our garbage and how to make their lives easier to have open conversations about this. Also he talks about how he looking at bus trips and the trash that is collected on buses. Then he talks about the athletic programs commitment to green dot and the six to nine coaches that are trained in the program. He has stated that he has green dot a “priority” and that it's a great initiative to have on campus. He concludes by stating that they the athletic department is committed on the inclusivity of students of color, LGBTQ, and students whose socioeconomic status is lower than the majority of the campus. He states that they have applied more money to recruiting too so they can have a more diverse recruitment hopefully and he will looking at this in the upcoming year. He asks the Senators if they have any questions.

Senator Aaron asks about if there is anyway they can make it easier for student athletes and their time commitments.

Quinn states that he just wants to make sure that there is awareness of communication and having regular talks. He also talks about having a regular communication flow is good and talking about the specific community motivations as a whole rather than a different athletic part.

Senator Lantigua asks about the retention rate of students of color who have quit their teams because they have not been “vibing.”

Quinn states that they are always working closely with admissions as they have for a long time and finding more pointed ways over how to look at the increasing diversity of the community and teams. This is one of his biggest efforts is to look at the diversity of teams through different lenses.

Co-Chair Pesquira asks: “How exactly is the diversifying of athletic teams being conducted?”
Quinn states that he has been working with Katy Smith Abbott about more funding towards diverse recruiting so they are not setting up a sort of East Coast trail to Middlebury Athletics. He wants to encourage coaches to get outside of that and spread their gaze farther. He states that the funding is only 15,000 dollars and he will be observing the figures in the next upcoming year and years to see how this program works out.

President Toy asks about the Figure Skate rental program that was passed by the SGA two years ago.

Quinn states that the program is not gone but that the construction on the field house took away the storage room they were using to house the skates. He is looking into other various storage locations and logistics so that this program can actually happen. Also, the skates were never purchased because of the loss of the storage room. He asks for the Senators to stay in contact with him and to reach him individually by email.

Co-Chair Pesquira: “So, we have another bill that adds to the second part that we tabled which includes a student initiative pole idea and also a free expression zone called Midd Speaks.”

President Toy states that the bill will probably not be passed tonight as it is not imperative but also that the resolution in its current standing needs work done. President Toy also talks about the possibility of adding the bill to the bylaws and splitting it up that way too.

The senators go over the language of the resolution. The resolution states that they will have a free space zone. Which doesn’t require anyone to go through the SGA and it would be a possibility for anyone to put whatever they want. The senators also stress that the language should not demand anything for the administration.

From the senators, there is conversation and about the possibility of a flag war happening with the Student Initiative Pole idea. The example brought up is if someone wants to hang up an Israeli flag and then someone wants to hang up a Palestinian flag, so who would take precedence. They state also that the Free Speech zone should stress that it should not go against community standards.

Senator Duran states that with the Student Initiative poles there should be plaque so people can see why the Flag is being flown.

Senator Lantigua also states that having a “Free Speech Space” might imply that other spaces aren’t “Free Speech” or safe spaces.

President Toy states that this Midd Speaks zone is based off of a street in Berkeley which frequents people who talk about their issues and protests.

Senator Aaron talks about the idea about how it might be hard to choose which flags are “non-polarizing” and that the concrete wall for Midd Speaks not be aesthetically pleasing to the administration.
The Senators continue to talk about the language of the resolution and bring up different examples about ways that the resolution might seem faulty on a physical level. President Toy finishes the conversation that there are little tiny edits that need to be done to flesh out a lot more of the narrative that the resolution is trying to state. She also states that the resolution might be looking at putting some of this in the bylaws and emphasizing that we do not want to violate any community standards.

There is a motion to table the resolution.
There is a second.
(16-0-0)
The resolution is tabled for discussion next week.

Motion to adjourn.
Seconded.
(16-0-0)
The meeting is adjourned.