I. Attendance

Members Absent: No members absent.

II. Acceptance of the Minutes from 11/12 and 11/19
Speaker Aaron: We still don’t have the minutes from November 12th, but is there a motion to accept the minutes from November 19th?

Senator Pustejovsky: Motion to accept the minutes.

Seconded.

Speaker Aaron: All in favor of accepting the minutes? All opposed? All abstaining? The minutes are accepted.

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III. Announcements
a. Student Financial Literacy Online Course Pilot Program Plan
President Sohn: To begin with, the Student Financial Literacy Online Course Pilot Program, the demo was great. There is no financial burden for it on the SGA or on the students. It will be a pre-online course with a pilot program during J-term. The current plan is to have senators create a sign-up sheet for the constituents, we are thinking about 15 to 20 students per class. We haven’t quite figured out how to combine commons into this, but this will be the phrasing for the student body. If possible, the first week of J-term is when we would like to send out an email. If anyone would like to see a demo, Kim Downsburns, from the Student Financial Services Office, was able to get us keys to access the demos, so if you have any interest please let us know.

b. Library 24/7 Hours During Finals Week Update
President Sohn: SGA doesn’t have to pay for having the library open for 24 hours during finals week this semester. I’m not entirely sure how it’s going to work for the spring semester, but this does not take away concerns regarding student health and wellness. To discuss this, the co-directors of the Student Health and Wellness Committee, MCAB Social Committee, and I are going to be meeting. MCAB is still doing “stressbusters,” however we want to know how SGA can better support them and vice versa.

Senator Goldfield: Can you explain why they decided to do 24/7 after asking us for money? Something similar happened last year and they proceeded anyways.

President Sohn: The library isn’t financing it, but rather a different office is going to finance this. When Peter Dykeman-Bermingham, and I met with David Provost to talk about student finances, we explained the students’ concerns about the 24 hours and the issue was resolved. We’re going to talk to David Provost and the library again to discuss plans for the spring semester so that we may be more prepared.

Before we have the Cabinet Director Semester Reports, there are two new co-directors of the Publicity Committee that we need to ratify: Julia Hower and Daniela Morales. Is there a motion to ratify them as the two new co-directors of the Publicity Committee?

Senator Schurer: I motion to ratify them.
Seconded.

Speaker Aaron: All in favor? All opposed? All abstaining? Congratulations.

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c. Cabinet Directors Semester Reports & Ratifying New Cabinet Directors

Chief of Staff (Annie, Ishrek): We helped organize the way SGA was set up in the fall and run the retreat. In organizing the community conversation event, we spent a lot of time with President Sohn and Speaker Aaron. We also split up our cabinet and work with their platforms to put events together. We [Annie & Ishrek] work with 6 committees each. Lastly, we write monthly reports for the student body.

Moving forward into J-term, we are continuing to work with President Sohn on her initiatives: finance modules, hiring a nutritionist, and putting together a Staff Appreciation Day.

Social Affairs Committee (Name, Frank): We co-sponsored a Dave Lincoln event with the CCI which over 60 students attended, we are also planning an event for spring semester. Recently, we sent out a Social Life survey which has received over 300 responses. Currently, we are working with Public Safety to have panel discussion with student body in the Spring.

(girl) We plan to do a cultural expo with cultural organizations in J-term. So far, 6 cultural organizations have expressed interest. The expo would be a week-long event with food, music, etc.

Institutional Diversity Committee (Abla): During the first semester, we have focused on the relationship between students and the honor code. This resulted in the creation of the Academic Integrity Committee (AIC) that is working on rewriting the honor code. Nothing has been set in stone, but we have discussed getting rid of proctored exams.

For J-term we are focusing on financial aid. Right now, we are drafting a survey regarding the relationship with the FSF. We plan on holding financial aid nights during J-term where we would help students fill in unfamiliar forms.

Health and Wellness Committee (Caroline): This semester we have been working on compiling a list of on-campus resources which will hopefully be attached to a wellness website. On December 11th, we are going to have a discussion at a table in the library with MiddCakes and tips on how to stay well during finals. There will be an idea jar for things students want us to work on next semester, just trying to introduce ourselves to the students.

Institutional Affairs Committee (Laura): This semester we focused on bringing back 10 o’clock Ross which has been a huge success.

In J-term, we are going to send out a survey about how the Break Bus system can be improved be kept cost efficient. We would also like to update MiddCourses. We are working with David Provost on spacing needs on campus and are thinking of hosting a “Meal with Strangers” where we would set up tables at Ross/Proctor where people can sit with people they’ve never met. The SGA can help by sending projects our way.

Finance Committee (Peter): This fall we have allocated $70,000, bringing our total allocations up to approximately $1,058,000. We have met with 35 organizations in the fall and just completed issuing $2,500 in Winter Term Workshop financial aid. The club sports bill was successfully implemented, the only club with a request has been quidditch. Our committee has 4 new full voting members.

In J-term, I am trying to come up with a financial aid plan for off campus trips, we currently do not fund housing, food, plane tickets, etc. We are looking at possibly addressing food concerns for those in higher need financial aid brackets, still in its early stages. How much is being spent on food is also
being looked at, last year a little over 10% of our budget was used for on-campus food (not dining halls), which is a lot.

External Affairs Committee (David): This semester we’ve just been trying to get things off the ground. We have an idea of an alternative chiller fest which we are still working on. Any thoughts would be greatly appreciated!

Publicity Committee (Cory, Bridget): This semester we focused a lot on social media. We created an Instagram and, with the help of Senator Schurer, created a new website that will hopefully be fully functional by J-term. We have noticed more likes on our Facebook page which is very helpful for publicizing events. Our goal is to post regularly on these social media pages. More InDesign and Photoshop is being used for our posters. Next semester we want to increase our social media presence, communication with other committees and the SGA, and improve our website.

Athletic Affairs Committee (Maddy): We hosted our first Panther Pride event, a student run athletic fan club started in the Spring. In J-term we are looking to host other events as we are attempting to establish a Club Volleyball team. We are also working with faculty to demonstrate that between 4:30 and 7:00 is difficult for athletes. One thing we need from SGA is a better way to transact money and better communication with committee.

Environmental Affairs Committee (Hailey): We have been working with CCI on how to expand advertised environmental jobs on campus. Looking to attract more majors beyond environmental majors into these jobs over J-term. We are working with facilities to map out and cut down on electrical usage. We have not been majorly involved with To-Go boxes and cups, but we would like to be involved in discussions in the future. Our goal is to create more ties with the Office of Sustainability and other environmental organizations.

Student Organization Oversight Committee (Trisha): We have moved the Young America Foundation, Research Investment, Social Equity, and Sex Positive Education College Style have been approved as clubs. I’ve worked on documenting organization activities. Next semester I want to create rubric for student organizations so there is no confusion on how we make decisions.

Membership Committee (Diego): Because we didn’t have Doug Adams for the first half of the semester, we had to put our first-year elections off for about a month. We decided to change the applications for committees to google forms. We are hoping to work out go/vote with Doug Adams.

President Sohn: Diego is our liaison for NESGov (North Eastern Student Government Conference) working with Person Affairs.

Student Educational Affairs Committee (Dan, Sedge): In terms of financial literacy, we have been working on getting it online and in person sessions for J-term. We’ve been meeting with Mike Roy on open source text books and accessibility. We are speaking with Public Safety to potentially keeping buildings open by increasing hours. We are trying to coordinate with the library to have professor speaker series. We would like some student feedback on whether students like J-term.

Sexual Relationship Respect Committee: We began this semester expanding green dot training. We are introducing a bill that will expand pads, tampons, and condoms into all residential halls. We’ve met with Deans and CRDs to find out who pays for condoms. No one knows, so we are trying to get Institutional Architecture to have someone to always pay. A J-term pilot program for distributing pads and tampons
will take place in Battell. We hosted a sex-ed workshop where a trans-male, Roan, came in to talk. We are trying to introduce a bill about content warnings in classrooms about potentially triggering content.

Speaker Aaron: Any remaining cabinet members are welcome to leave.

**IV. Senate Check-ins**

Senator McCormick: Nothing new.

Senator Andrews: Nothing new.

Senator Koonts: I’ve been trying to get in touch with my Commons Dean to move forward with the laundry. Other than this, nothing new to report.

Senator Salas: President Sohn, Senator Vijayakumar, and I have been in contact with Every Body club.

Senator Gosselin: I’m continuing to work with the Student Organization Committee and I’m bringing a bill about Club Tennis tonight.

Senator Schurer: First Year Committees are continuing to work on plans for an Atwater dinner during J-term. Senator Vijayakumar, Senator Gosselin, and I are working with the Publicity Committee to finish up the website. Hopefully it will also be ready during J-term.

Senator Vargas: Aside from the First Year Committee work, I will be introducing a bill tonight to expand access of tampons, pads, and condoms to residential halls.

Senator Vijayakumar: Nothing new.

Senator Goldfield: Nothing new.

Senator Fleischer: I’ve been in contact with David Provost, but it’s looking pretty slim.

Senator Warfel: Aside from the bill, I have followed up with ____ about budgeting condom responsibilities.

Senator Pandey: Nothing new.

Senator Mahboob: The Student Educational Affairs Committee and I are working on bringing a financial literacy series to campus over J-term. We’re cooperating with the CCI and a few other administrators on this.

Senator Pustejovsky: I am presenting a bill later today about the possibility of a co-curricular transcript.

Co-Chair Wright: This will be my last SGA meeting, my hope is to send Tina Brook over J-term. I will be here, but I will be handling Community Council matters. We are now moving forward with two prominent recommendations. One is to expand the current facilities timeline for establishing gender inclusive bathrooms on campus. We are working with members of Facilities to find out where the timeline is at. The Trans Affinity Group and the Middlebury Anarchist Coalition brought a recommendation to Community Council that I helped workshop, the recommendation expands the idea of gender inclusive bathrooms to make these bathrooms truly accessible. Community Council is working to change the language of the timeline so that the recommendation is well received when passed.
The second is a recommendation addressing racial inequity on campus. The working title is “Support for Communities and People of Color at Middlebury College” that outlines three prominent areas. One is increased anti-racist, anti-transphobic, anti-xenophobic, and anti-ablest training for faculty and staff who work with students. Other specifications discuss hiring an anti-racist consultant or permanent member who can consult administration on anti-racist policy. We are working with Miguel Fernandez to move forward with an inclusive recommendation and with the commitments outlined in the recommendation. We are also hoping to undergo a website review and redesign over J-term.

Sohn: I am disappointed in check ins, it seems that we are not doing all that we should be doing.

V. Old Business
a. Rae Aaron and Jin Sohn: Support for Black and Minority Students Resolution
Speaker Aaron: Is there a motion to discuss this to 8:00 p.m.?
Seconded
Speaker Aaron: All in favor? All opposed? All abstaining? Is there a reason as to why you oppose?
16-1-0 (Mahboob)
Senator Mahboob: I had asked some constituents to attend and in respect for his time, I would like to discuss it first.
Senator Pustejovsky: Are we delaying it to allow Charles to come and speak?
Speaker Aaron: No, he just suggested it. [Addressing guest speakers] Would you prefer to wait or discuss now?
Dom: Talk about it now.
Speaker Aaron: Is there a motion to move it back?
Senator Andrews: I motion to move it back.
Seconded
Speaker Aaron: All in favor? All opposed? All abstaining? It has been moved back.
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Speaker Aaron: Are there any comments, updates, or amendments?
Senator Fleischer: In terms of hiring and outside conflict mediator, have you talked about finances? Is it just for this bill?
Speaker Aaron: We don’t have specific finances and are not sure how it would be manifested. We are hoping to include points we find important then host follow up meetings afterwards.
Senator Pustejovsky: I know there has been talk of hiring different people, showing there are spots in administration for this. Including what kind of person is important to bring to campus could be beneficial.
It’s not necessarily our issue to think about finance at this moment since administration is already thinking about it.

Speaker Aaron: Any new concerns?

Senator Vijayakumar: Clarification of the website’s nature? I understand the intention but I want to know exactly where it’s going to be situated.

President Sohn: Where do you suggest it should be placed?

Senator Vijayakumar: I was just curious if there was any conversation about where this would be placed.

Speaker Aaron: There is no central source to know what is going on. The ideal would be an easily accessible page on the Middlebury website.

Senator Mahboob: What kind of diversity training is currently in place for faculty?

President Sohn: There have been trainings led by an outside group, organized by Annie Lloyd. If you want to know about training discussions I suggest reaching out to her or to Miguel Fernandez.

Senator Mahboob: I would like to make another point; think about what is missing rather than what is included.

Co-Chair Wright: I agree. I support all of the content; however, it misses the chance to outline specific ways for collaboration. While SGA really digs into the conversations, it is not within their scope to facilitate these conversations with faculty as it is Community Council’s. A friendly amendment would be to continue working with Community Council in pursuing this goal.

Speaker Aaron: On Senator Mahboob’s point… our work is not done after this is passed. There will be more conversations after this. Any further recommendations or amendments?

President Sohn: I would like to know other senators’ opinions on holding people accountable.

Senator Pustejovsky: Is it on us to create Ad Hoc committee to push for these issues? Where is this going to come from? Who will be the implementer?

President Sohn: We can create Ad Hoc committees within the SGA for the student body, but we cannot for-. 

Dom: What kind of retroactive absolvient would be included under this bill? Is it on a case by case basis or anything that has been updated by the Community Board?

Speaker Aaron: That was our biggest concern. We do not know how that would be implemented. It would probably just bring up conversations about the Judicial Board’s role. Do you think it would be better changed or left out?

Dom: I have no idea how this political process works. I would appreciate more clarity.

Speaker Aaron: It was meant to be focused on students with specific backgrounds that haven’t been exposed to “what plagiarism is” and accidentally end up with it on their permanent record.
Senator Gosselin: Amendment? Replace retractive repeal with appeal.

Speaker Aaron: He (Charles) wants it to be “retroactively” taken off of the record if the policy is implemented in the future.

Dom: Does the SGA have any kind of program to address the cultural imbalance, so we don’t have to do it retroactively? This way people aren’t thrown into a process they aren’t prepared for.

President Sohn: There might be a current initiative, but I don’t know too much about it. I will look into it.

Senator Warfel: Should we have a policy that FYS directors go over the guidelines and expectations of Middlebury College?

Speaker Aaron: We could change the point to “look into specific ways in orientation to draw attention to students from disadvantaged backgrounds.”

Campus (Ben Dohan): There is a mandatory event during orientation that covers the honor code.

Senator Pustejovsky: I don’t think the fifth point weakens the bill. Maybe we could add language saying it is dependent on further work with the Judicial Board. I would be fine just leaving it.

Senator Mahboob: Point number 2, who is in charge of creating this website?

Speaker Aaron: We did not.

President Sohn: I believe there were talks that it would be under Miguel Fernandez’s office.

Speaker Aaron: As for as Co-Chair Wright’s amendment, it sounds like we’re putting it on the Community Council to do.

Co-Chair Wright: I think it is the responsibility of Community Council.

President Sohn: I don’t want this bill to come across as being just Community Council. I think administration and Community Council should be tied together.

Co-Chair Wright: It is the most direct form to make sure this is discussed with all constituencies in one place.

Senator Pustejovsky: Maybe we can change “refer” to “work with.”

Co-Chair Wright: I have a comment on Point 5. This applies to a wide variety of disciplinary measures. When Charles Murray came to visit, discipline was given in a way that didn’t adhere to our handbook policy. The flexibility of this clause makes this bill more important when discipline is given in an unequal manner.

Senator Pandey: I agree, but at same time feel that these trainings, theoretically it’s provided but can my brain process it? I suggest a more spaced out approach.

President Sohn: As a friendly amendment, can we add that the “SGA encourages administration to delegate and assign offices accordingly.”
Speaker Aaron: Motion to vote?

Motion

Seconded

Speaker Aaron: All in favor of voting? All opposed? All abstaining? Everyone is in favor of voting.

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Aaron: All voting yes? All against? All abstaining? The bill is passed.

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VI. New Business
   a. John Gosselin: Approving Club Tennis Resolution

Speaker Aaron: I am on the club tennis team but will not talk about it to remain unbiased. Just want to let you know I strongly support this but will be abstaining.

Senator Gosselin: The Student Organization Oversight Committee saw the Club Tennis presentation and were impressed by it. The committee wanted to approve Club Tennis due to their dedication, well-organized structure, and membership. After they were approved, they were not allowed to be a student organization because of the rule regarding club and varsity sport overlap. The committee feels that Club Tennis is sufficiently different from varsity team because it is co-ed. They have also been active for a while and have already been consistently reserving court space. This is not necessarily asking for money, but more trying to reserve court space as a team rather than individual team members reserving individual court spaces. It has been difficult for them to coordinate, but they have coordinated it which shows their dedication.

Club Tennis (Lizzie, Jonah, Brent): We received a grant from the USTA a couple of years ago to help us get off the ground, but we have now exhausted our funds of $250. We also don’t have an official Middlebury email address, it would be nice if we could have that. The club was started a few years ago, we have about 160 people on the email list, 6% of the student body. Throughout the three years we’ve had 60 consistent members, this semester we’ve had about 20. We compete 2 or 3 times a semester.

Club Tennis is extremely important because people come to Middlebury looking to play sports, but they can’t since varsity is not all inclusive. The Men’s Varsity Tennis Team doesn’t hold tryouts, so people hoping to try out contacted the varsity coach and were just told “no.” On the other hand, we differ from Intramural Tennis in that we are much more structured and competitive.

We have a personal recommendation from the Women’s Varsity Tennis Coach. We’ve been working with the two varsity coaches for the last three years to coordinate. They give us their old tennis balls and we try to avoid conflicting court times.

Speaker Aaron: Before questions, Derek Ducet from Student Activities will explain why is there a past policy.

Ducet: I am not here to oppose Club Tennis, but I have serious concerns about this resolution. 1. Principle 2. Financial responsibility. The first thing I would notice is they are, very reasonably, not asking for money which is wonderful. If we permit unfunded student organization with known out of pocket expenses, we are creating an organization only open to students who can pay. I have an objection to that on equity grounds. Hypothetically, if we did fund it, then you would be sidling your successors with the
financial responsibility of further requests that are sure to come. Funding Club Tennis determines whether you will fund other clubs in which a varsity team already exists.

Club Tennis: It is the SGA’s role to help all students carry out their extracurricular affairs. If there are concerns about other groups, then each group should be evaluated based on its own merits. We have long lasting demand and just want to be judged on our merits. In terms of marginal benefit and marginal costs, we are asking for very little that would benefit us very greatly. By not giving us this small amount that we ask, it only inhibits our progress. We would like funds, but the amount we ask is extremely low. Also, we differ from varsity in that we want to include everyone regardless of their financial situation. The few funds we ask for would go towards increasing inclusivity. We spend an average of $272 per year which significantly smaller than what is spent by most other student organizations.

Senator Pustejovsky: I appreciate precedent idea, but is there a way to set up a fail safe? Perhaps if SGA only accepts a certain number of club sports over a certain amount of time?

Peter: What I propose is that through Athletic Affairs, petition open tryouts for varsity teams. New clubs can be formed; however, we have guidelines as to what clubs can be instituted.

Senator Pustejovsky: I don’t think opening tryouts would solve this issue because varsity is an entirely different decision culturally. Placing a cap about how many new varsity paired club sports created is an idea.

Senator Warfel: I think sometimes varsity is such a high level that is not easily achievable, and for people that don’t want to commit so much time, club sports is a necessary option to have available. If we only have varsity sports and no paired club sports, it perpetuates an exclusive athletic culture.

Senator Pustejovsky: [Addressing Peter] Could you estimate how many new club sports could be accepted in a three-year period?

Peter: It depends, travel plays a significant role in how much funding is given to a club. I would like to include that we are working on extending travel costs which will further drain our budget. Any new club sport implies additional travel costs.

Ducet: You could also make your program more robust, competitive, better organized. I could certainly help you with this.

Senator Warfel: If we go down the route of accepting a limited number of clubs, then maybe limiting new clubs to a certain number of funded competitions their first year would be an option. Also, I know there are a lot of different under-varsity teams that coexist but don’t communicate. Perhaps combining them would be an option?

Co-Chair Wright: So, you were approved?

Club Tennis: We were approved but…

Ducet: Sue was not aware of the long-term policy of not duplicating varsity programs with club sports. [Addressing Club Tennis] You were aware of this policy because I shared it with you two years ago.

Club Tennis: The conversation was that the SGA would not approve us for funding, which most of the conversation centered around. Some other schools follow rules like ours. Williams approved a Club Tennis Team two years ago. We are recognized by the USTA as a co-ed organization since we play
mixed doubles which is not play at a competitive level. This coming week we are holding elections to establish our future organizational structure. In doing so we attempt to maintain a balanced gender representation in our Co-Chair seats, making our co-ed quality a defining factor.

Co-Chair Wright: What are benefits of being approved officially as a club?

Club Tennis: One is the club email. Students are more likely to look over them since they are not sent from within the college. Since we are not on the Middlebury website, publicity is also a major problem. One of our members only recently joined as a sophomore because he only found us just this year despite posters and regular attendance of the Student Activities Fair.

Co-Chair Wright: Where is the $272 coming from?

Club Tennis: At the very beginning we got a $50 grant from the USTA. The rest is from us.

Co-Chair Wright: You seem very well organized, you just need approval for funding. Would a good benchmark be that you must be competitive in organization to be considered for funding?

Ducet: I don’t think so, there are lots of groups that organize thoroughly. Do not consider this in isolation. Consider the financial liability this opens the SGA up to and the precedent it would set.

Senator Andrews: We don’t have financial ability to support every organized club. I don’t think it’s fair if we decide which clubs get funded or don’t get funded.

Senator Pandey: Is there no middle ground? [Addressing Ducet] Your argument was more financial, theirs was more centered around publicity. Could we approve them without financial support?

Ducet: Unfunded club sports pose real concerns in terms of equality. Other clubs may have higher out of pocket costs than this club, precedent is a slippery slope.

Club Tennis: In terms of out of pocket costs, those who can have been generous in giving money, those who can’t aren’t pressured to. If we don’t get any funding, then no one can participate. It is in the best interest of the people who have given money that we find some way to move forward. This is applicable to other and future club sports. Is it not possible for the SGA to spare, at most, $200?

President Sohn: Is the $272 per year for each person, or as a whole?

Club Tennis: Total.
President Sohn: If it was made per person, how much would you estimate that to be?

Club Tennis: I would estimate a little under $10 per person.

Peter: There are also the federally mandated travel costs.

President Sohn: If there was one main reason you wanted to become an official organization, what would it be?

Club Tennis: To continue what we’re doing and offer students a tennis outlet that is not offered elsewhere.

President Sohn: How much growth do you expect in the next three to five years?
Club Tennis: In terms of matches, I do not expect any growth. In terms of student members, I expect it to remain stable in the 20 to 30 range.

President Sohn: I think your relationship with the varsity coaches is very interesting.

Senator McCormick: Point of clarification, she is the Interim Head Coach. She was the Assistant Coach last year and will most likely not be the coach next year.

President Sohn: Would the varsity coaches be a good outlet for publicizing Club Tennis?

Club Tennis: I don’t think varsity teams have the access to publication that we want.

Senator Goldfield: Students should be able to partake in what they want to since Middlebury is so expensive to attend. The resolution says you want a funding cap similar to other club sports.

Peter: The funding cap is an average of the last three years. Since they are a new organization they have no average, but they cannot go beyond $1,000. Partially funding would be difficult, arbitrary, and unfair.

Co-Chair Wright: I motion to create an ad hoc committee.

Senator Pustejovsky: Is it possible to give an organization an email and ability to reserve practice spaces as a start? Can we give them certain abilities and then add on?

Club Tennis: That would be helpful in immediate term. I just want to stress that we only want a little support to continue what we have been doing, this is a very real organization that will be greatly affected.

Senator Fleischer: What if we put this bill through and look at it in a year to see what happens. Test it out with only a $300 risk.

Senator Gosselin: Great idea. I second motion for an ad hoc committee.

Speaker Aaron: [Addressing Ducet] Can we allow the email address access and court reservation, then create the committee and discuss this more in depth later?

Ducet: I need some criteria of what would constitute this privilege.

Senator Pustejovsky: Can we move this to J-term?
Speaker Aaron: Since we are not passing this yet, but we understand this club is an exception to the policy we’re looking at, would it not be possible to create an email for this specific group?

Ducet: That sounds reasonable, but how do I draw the line with all the other groups? If we have criteria, that’s fine.

Senator Pustejovsky: I can write up some policy to finish this as soon as possible.

Ducet: If you decide to move in this direction, you are setting yourselves up to potentially fund other organizations.

President Sohn: I also second the ad hoc committee.

Senator Mahboob: Point of inquiry. What is the ad hoc committee responsible for?
Senator Pustejovsky: We could choose people to be on it to determine the future of all club sports with dual varsity teams and the criteria. This whole meeting but more in depth.

Speaker Aaron: Senator Gosselin, do you want to be head of the committee? All in favor of creating an ad hoc committee? All opposed? All abstaining? Committee created. Senator Gosselin will be head of the committee, who would like to be on the committee? [Senators Pustejovsky, Goldfield, Schurer, and Andrews volunteer]

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Peter: In common agenda, Laurie Patton wanted Communicating Across Difference. She gave $2,000 and then President Sohn and I wrote the language. Clubs must present to the Finance Committee together and neither club will be given the upper hand financially.

Senator Pustejovsky: Motion to accept.

President Sohn: Seconded.

Speaker Aaron: All in favor of accepting this? All opposed? All abstaining?

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b. Hannah Pustejovsky: Co-Curricular Transcript and Community Learning Objectives Resolution
Senator Pustejovsky: We have created new platforms to replace Middlink, one of these is called Presence which has an option for a co-curricular transcript. This offers community standards that are credit based. This is something that we would be something that we would work on, it won’t be finished immediately. Hopefully this will bring more community members together, take pressure away from cultural organizations to educate the community, create more community engagement, and take some pressure off of having a P.E. credit. We would work on this next semester and hopefully establish a pilot program in the fall. Any major objections?

Senator Goldfield: Can you define what a co-curricular transcript is as you go through it? Also, have you reached out to other schools that have done this?

Senator Pustejovsky: Yes I can do that, and I’ve talked to some of them.

President Sohn: Could you or Educational Affairs report back in the senate as to the advances?

Senator Pustejovsky: Certainly.

c. David Vargas: Fund Contraceptives and Feminine Hygiene Access Pilot Program Bill
Senator Vargas: Earlier this year, we passed a bill to provide pads and tampons in public spaces, unfortunately these spaces not always open. The idea is to expand availability outside of public spaces and into residential halls. As per research that the committee did, there is no concrete funding and practices differ widely between the halls. We don’t know where the money is coming from and there is no uniformity. We chose Battell because it’s a controlled environment. The idea is that one side will have less expensive dispenser and one side will have a sturdier dispenser.
Senator Warfel: The Sexual Relationship and Respect Committee will work on this during J-term, restocking the containers and collecting data. Then in spring semester we will revisit the bill with more solidified data.

President Sohn: I spoke with the previous president about this. When she was thinking about implementing this, her biggest concern is that not all residence halls have permanent dispensers. Does Battell have permanent dispensers?

Senator Warfel: We found an alternative, a dispenser that would hold tampons, pads, and condoms. It’s $35 each and we would stick them to the walls using command strips. We have spoken to facilities about this and they approved.

Senator Goldfield: Did you ask anybody about how used the pre-existing dispensers were. Is the SGA still funding them?

Senator Warfel: They’re still being funded by SGA. Facilities refills them. After we gather information from the pilot in J-term, we’ll talk to facilities who will later oversee restocking the dispensers. There was also talk of having different organizations restocking them as a form of community service.

Co-Chair Wright: Motion to vote.

Senator Fleicher: Seconded.

Speaker Aaron: All in favor of voting? All opposed? All abstaining?

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Speaker Aaron: All in favor of this bill? All against? All abstaining?

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VII. Adjournment

Meeting ends 9:07 p.m.