The meeting began at 7:02pm.

I. Minutes

Minutes from last week were passed.

II. Executive Board Report

Morgan Lingar: Morgan said that mid-year evaluation forms will be emailed to the Presidents’ Council soon: one is a self-evaluation about goals being met during fall semester and one is about effectiveness of the members on the Executive Board. She requested that the Presidents’ Council take the evaluations seriously and submit the forms before the weekend. She reminded the Presidents’ Council that SGA doesn’t formally meet during JanPlan, so this would be the last formal until February; however, that does not mean that SGA is not active during JanPlan. She requested that the Presidents’ Council speak about what they intend to accomplish during JanPlan during the New Business section of the meeting. Morgan said that during JanPlan she will be planning Winter Carnival with Monica Davis and Archie Adams as well as working with the Accountability Task Force. Lastly, she noted that there was a Colby mug in front of those seated at the meeting who will be abroad or discontinuing their tenure on SGA: she thanked Milton, Bryden, Jonathan, Cole, Wayne, Bowen, My Phuong, Lizzy, Jenny, Em, and Jess. for their hard work and wished them good luck for next semester.

Kareem Kalil: Kareem announced the Presidents’ Council that this Sunday, December 9 Dom Kone will be speaking for Story Time in Page Commons. He requested that as much of the Presidents’ Council help set up as possible, as this is a new space for Story Time. Also, he noted that students have been asking for more Story Times, so JanPlan will be dedicated as a “Story Month”; there will be one Story Time each Sunday evening, totaling with three speakers in January. Lastly, Kareem announced that he and Morgan appointed Shane Rogers as the Multicultural Affairs Fellow; he said it was a difficult process but they are optimistic that the position will be successful.

Jean-Jacques Ndayisenga: Jean-Jacques noted that students have been asking about the school radio; as a follow up, Media Resources will soon be installing the necessary technology in the dining halls so that the school radio can play during meal times starting in January. Also, Jean-Jacques requested that if any members of the Presidents’ Council need to be reimbursed, he asked that they bring him receipts as soon as possible and no later than this week. Finally, he said that the Financial Report for the semester will be sent out at the end of this week.
Monica Davis: Monica emphasized that this week will be a push for the 1,001 Smiles toy drive; she will be tabling in Pulver during her office hours and has a goal to raise $300 in cash as well as collect toys. She reported that the Dinner with Dorm Presidents ice cream social would be much too expensive through Sodexo, and thus she plans to hold a study break in the Street so that refreshments can be provided without Sodexo and she can collect comment cards about what the student body wants from SGA in the Spring.

Jack Mauel: Jack named Jasmine Phillips as Dorm President of the Week. Also, he noted that there have been complaints from the student body about not being polled by Dorm Presidents; he will be sending information about Survey Monkey and requested that from now on every Dorm President poll their constituents about all motions on the agenda. Also, Jack said that during JanPlan he will be working on creating a motion to change the schedule for vacation breaks, so as to have a week long Thanksgiving break. Lastly, he recommended that Dorm Presidents send out their newsletters to their constituents tonight as the end of the semester is getting busier.

Anna Caron: As a follow up to Jack’s request for newsletters being sent out tonight, Anna said that she would share the rough draft of the minutes tonight with the Presidents’ Council. Also, the Committee Report for November will be sent out by the end of the week, so she requested that committee representatives update her with condensed committee meeting minutes as soon as possible. Lastly, Anna expressed interest in Shireen Smalley’s op-ed article in *The Echo* concerning bias reporting and plans to research the possibility of implementing a more thorough reporting system over JanPlan.

Rachel Jacobs: Rachel did not have anything to report.

**III. Dean’s Report**

There were no deans present at the meeting.

**IV. Community Forum**

There were no community members present at the meeting.

**V. Old Business**

**Motion 1:** Jessica Moore of Piper proposed that the Knitting Club be approved as an official campus club. Representative Amelia Chambers spoke about the club promoting fiber art on campus. Bowen Tretheway moved to question. The motion passed; the Knitting Club is officially a campus club.
**Motion 2:** Marshall Donner of Taylor proposed that Style be approved as an official campus club. Representative Grovenia Perryman spoke about the club taking individuals’ dance and costume styles into account. She is a dance major and would like to raise awareness about issues on campus through dance, such as performing for Pride Week. John Williams moved to question. The motion passed; Style is officially a campus club.

**Motion 3:** Kylie VanBuren of Grossman recommended to the College Affairs Committee that dorm residents be given the right to vote if a registered party can be held in their common room or individual rooms. Kylie spoke about how there was a registered party held in Grossman that led to a lot of residence hall vandalism, and her constituents talked to her about the possibility of having a more democratic say in when registered parties can occur. Monica Davis asked about whether common rooms are eligible for registered parties, and said that a neighbor doesn’t necessarily have a right to control what happens in a fellow student’s room and recommended to strike the section of the motion that has to do with individual rooms. Kylie said her constituents were more concerned with common spaces. Cole Yaverbaum moved to amend the motion by striking “or individual rooms.” Bowen Tretheway moved to question on the amendment. The amendment passed. Erika Hinman spoke about her work with registered parties and noted that adding this motion might burden the process of registering parties. Jess Moore polled her constituents and said their biggest concern was whether it would be a majority vote. Bowen Tretheway asked the same question. Kylie said yes. Wayne Kim asked whether courtesy hours were taken into account for registered parties. Pasquale Eckert said courtesy hours are taken into account. Rachel Jacobs pointed out that registered parties must end 30 minutes earlier than courtesy hours begin (e.g., if courtesy hours end at 1am, a registered party must end at 12:30am). Pasquale Eckert said if security does beginning and ending checks during registered parties more thoroughly there would not be as many problems. Monica Davis spoke about this motion making registering parties harder which is not a good thing. Morgan Lingar spoke about if a person had an athletic event and standardized test the next day, this policy would be helpful and that having a more complicated feedback system where individuals can explain why they would not want a registered party to take place. Cole Yaverbaum asked Kylie what the specific issue was with the party was in Grossman. Kylie said the vandalism and volume were the main issues. Cole Yaverbaum said that there are options for living in quiet dorms. Michael Loginoff talked about courtesy hours are useful enough. Bowen Tretheway moved to question, but by hand vote the Presidents’ Council decided to continue discussion. Monica Davis asked whether this motion was for a case-by-case basis or long-term. Kylie said she thought of it as a case-by-case basis (e.g., there would be a vote for each registered party). Jack Mauel pointed out that in addition to scheduled courtesy hours, if a person asks someone else to quiet down they are required to do so. John Williams said this is a good idea but it might be easier if the party host did an informal check prior to registering the party rather than making it more complicated. Jean-Jacques talked about how this motion makes registering parties more complicated. Tionna Haynes echoed John Williams’ comment about suggesting it be a more informal process. Erika Hinman noted that registered party host must live in the dorm in which the party is hosted and the host must email the entire dorm. Nick Zeller said this year the College has experienced 30% less vandalism than in past years and that registered parties are correlated with that drop, and making the process of registering parties more difficult would be
harmful. Kareem Kalil said that perhaps constituents should have a method of informing whether they agree with registered parties in their dorm. Cole Yaverbaum said this is a good idea and addresses an important point but perhaps Jon Kalin should talk with Community Advisors about it. John Williams moved to question. The motion failed.

**Motion 4:** Matt Mantikas of Drummond proposed that the Financial Priorities Committee and College Affairs Committee allocate the revenue generated from parking ticket fines directly toward student events and initiatives rather than contributing it to the General Fund. Matt said this is $40,000 that could go a long way for us in terms of initiatives like concerts. The General Fund is the endowment which is hundreds of millions of dollars, so subtracting $40,000 wouldn't be that much. Cole Yaverbaum wondered whether faculty or administration would be opposed because it is punishment money. Justin Deckert moved to question. The motion passed.

**Motion 5:** Carter Stevens of Foss called for a constitutional referendum to change Article VI Elections by striking rules 7, 9, 10, and 11, and replace with those one the attached sheet. Rachel Jacobs prefaced this by saying the motion must be voted for unanimously, or there would have to be a full student referendum. Carter Stevens spoke about making the election process more efficient and technologically updated. Jack Mauel said that there are grammatical issues, which were fixed. There was a vote on whether the motion would be discussed, which was passed unanimously, and the Motion 5 was transformed into Motion 6.

**Motion 6:** Carter Stevens of Foss called to change Article VI Elections by striking rules 7, 9, 10, and 11, and replace with those one the attached sheet. Morgan Lingar requested that all qualms be shared. Cole Yaverbaum asked for a clarification on number 9. Rachel Jacobs said the expenditure limits were lowered. Cole said she likes the addition of offering financial support for those on financial aid. Rachel said that that was necessary. Ethan Crockett asked if this was passed, would it automatically override everything in the current constitution. Rachel said yes. John Williams asked why the receipts need to be returned within 24 hours. Rachel said this would be easier for the Parliamentarian to keep track of whether someone would exceed their limits. Marshall Donner said the financial aid part was great, but brought up the point that some people might not be on financial aid but still be unable to pay for campaign materials. He suggested that the motion be amended in section 7 to read: “However, if candidates feel they need financial support...”. Bowen Trethewey moved to question on the amendment. The amendment passed. Bowen asked for everyone to raise their hand about whether they spent money on their campaigns. After people raised their hand, he asked why it is necessary for those running for Dorm President to allow $25 to be spent. Cole Yaverbaum said even if not many individuals running for Dorm President use money to campaign, it is nice just to have in case. Monica Davis said that she does not think Dorm Presidents are less competitive but rather the elections for Dorm Presidents are based on more personal experience within dorms. Ethan Crockett said that $25 is such a small amount that it's not a huge issue. Jess Moore said that the $25 is a nice option. Bowen Trethewey moved to question. The motion failed with 31 yesses and 1 no, and now a campus-wide referendum must take place. Morgan Lingar asked Em Jamieson why she voted no on the motion. Jack Mauel said that people should not be bullied for their voting choices.
**VI. New Business**

Nick Zeller requested to withdraw Waynes mug because he is not going abroad.

Pasquale Eckert spoke about how he is researching the prospect of installing security cameras on the entrances to the Alfond Apartments.

Justin Deckert spoke about meeting with Jed Wartman and Katrina Danby about Career Center Official Notices.

Michael Loginoff spoke about how he and Brittany Chin are working on plan a dance to be held during JanPlan.

Cole Yaverbaum spoke about vandalism in the Alfond Apartments and talking about the Alfond Residency Forfeit policy in a more widespread way. Wayne Kim said that they are talking about the current methods for residence hall vandalism, and potential changes that could take place. Cole Yaverbaum said that there are ways that vandalism can be reported anonymously but if the accused denies it, then there is no follow-up. Pasquale Eckert said you can remain anonymous to the students while not remaining anonymous to the administration. John Williams noted that if the perpetrator denies committing vandalism and there is a hearing, then the reported can be called in to give another account of the event.

Monica requested that the Presidents’ Council send suggestions for Winter Carnival to herself or Morgan Lingar.

John Kalin said that the first-year class voted down the lip syncing contest.

Wayne Kim moved to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 8:10pm.