Gideon: Welcome everyone. We have some new voting members tonight: Lauren Kriel and Jason Carter and we must reaffirm the voting membership of Ben Beatty-Owens and Alex Morris. Are there any committee reports?

Allison: Big Marketing committee met and they will soon be coming out with a survey so that students may self-describe WWC as they see it. You should do the thing.

Gideon: The co-conveners met with staff forum leadership (Katie Green, Ellen Querin, and Pete Turchi). We mostly focused on community meetings and how staff forum could show more involvement. We also had to amend the smoking policy to reword a few things and reconsider the boundaries of “central campus”. Some of the art professors had a problem not being included in the policy.

Candace: The new boundaries would be cut off at the end of the art buildings so that the Village is still excluded in the boundaries of central campus.

Gideon: The opinions of the majority of the art professors reflected the sentiment that the rules were already not being followed and that they wanted to be included in central campus.

Franklin: Will a structure be made for the art buildings?

Candace: There will be ones at Kitteridge and the Village.

Franklin: Not convenient!

Gideon: For the locations, these were only recommendations because there is no policy change to be made.

Nathan: What is the purpose of the 7pm rule?

Paige: To help with noise issue and the problems with alcohol and drugs, etc.

Gideon: Now we must vote on the smoking policy.

Vote: Proposal A- passed 19 votes, 3 abstentions  
Proposal B- passed 20 votes, 1 abstention  
Recommendations: passed 17 votes, 6 abstentions

Paige: These go to buildings and grounds for consideration.

Candace: Now RISE will give a presentation*points*
Kelly Kelbel: We’d like to give you an idea of what we’ve done over the past year. The project is run by a grant that Cathy Kramer helped us get. We are now focusing on getting a 3 yr grant to continue our work and we would like to get some feedback from Caucus. Here’s an overview of what we’ve been doing:
- Professional training for rape crisis
- Sexual misconduct hearing panel
- training for RD’s RA’s and peer group leaders
- support groups for victims
- creating a zine
- “Rise up and speak out”
- “Let’s talk about sex”
- Vagina Monologues are coming up
- Take Back the Night

Erin Murphy: A huge part of the grant is support services and all of the RISE advocates are willing to provide one on one services to any one who needs them. I am putting on a writing workshop about healing from traumatic experience coming up soon.

Kelly: What, if anything, would you like to see us do with the grant?

Alex M: Is there going to be a change with the lock system?

Kelly: They are changing them out to swipe locks over the summer. This is a big part of the grant.

Paige: Are there going to be any activities oriented around men?

Mandy: We’re working on a workshop on healthy masculinity and possibly a course for next fall.

Ernest: How much money is going towards the new locks?

Kelly: $22,000 of the grant is going to this. For the next grant, we’re working with wellness on possibly creating a healing symposium as well. Thanks for having us.

Gideon: David Harper from computing services

David: To have the best wireless connections possible, we’ve realized that XBOX 360’s are a problem. They break wireless networks for some reason. Please ask your friends to unplug them when they are not in use. Also, we have a grant here going to representative Keith Schuller trying to get fiber optic internet (which is really good and would benefit the region.)

Franklin: It’s also better in bad weather

David: Write to Schuller.House.gov and let him know you support this.
Cathy: Is there a plan for Campus-wide wireless?

David: That’s a long term goal, for this year we’d lie to have some form of wireless in all the dorms.

Candace: Are there any other projects you guys are working on?

David: Wiring more classrooms, we’re also purchasing a new course management system.

Cathy: Any outdoor wireless areas?

David: we’d like to but the terrain is very challenging

Gideon: Thanks for the report David.

Candace: We’re looking to form a committee to improve the grant process. I will be on it. Is anyone interested?
   1. Adam Platzer
   2. Clay
   3. Hanna
   4. Franklin
   5. Lindsy
   6. Allison

Candace: I just want to announce that Sandy Pfeiffer will be in Sage for an open discussion on February 28th.

Paige: Will there be a state of the college address anytime soon?

Candace: The first one is being planned for next spring.

Cathy: You could possibly propose that the fall convocation happen once school starts instead of before.

Candace: We will be talking about the trails soon, everyone should fill out the survey sent to them.

Clay: Are there going to be some change in the volunteer program?

Cathy: We found out we cannot have a volunteer program in which the volunteers receive something for their services. There are problems with the labor laws. Some of the volunteers must choose to stay uncompensated or be paid a minimum wage.

Clay: Contracting isn’t an option?
Cathy: Not under these circumstances

Candace: That’s all for tonight. Meeting adjourned.

Praises and Concerns:

“College is becoming too much of a business.”

Caucus agenda on the inside page (this is something were working on)

There should be a tv in lower Glad.

Old subjects should be limited in meetings.