Lindsy: Let's start with introductions. I'm Lindsy; I'm a co-convener from last semester.
Candice: I'm Candice, a new co-convener.
Evan: I'm Evan.
Lindsy: She's also a new co-convener. Let's talk about how Caucus works. Three meetings to become a voting member. We're hoping to change this in the future.
Franklin: Hoping to bring voting to more people?
Lindsy: Yes.
Brendan: Are we keeping stack?
Candice: I will be.
Lindsy: We have some constitutions here for you to look over.
Candice: We're planning to form a committee for constitutional revision soon.
Paige: Is that information going to be posted?
Lindsy: It can be. Also, we need people for committees.
Candice: Committees include openings for students to give us an opportunity to be more a part of the decision-making of the college.
Emilene: Are they for Caucus members?
Candice: Committees are include faculty, staff, and students.
Lindsy: We have openings on the Conduct Board, Dining Services Committee, First Year Experience, and Big Marketing Group.
Candice: We need to get these filled up and keep students involved.
Cathy: To keep things in focus: there's Staff Forum and a lot of committees. Students have a voice in everything but personnel.
Wes: Do you have to be a voting member?
Candice: No, you don't even have to come to the meetings. But you should, to keep us updated.
Lindsy: Anyone interested?
Ryan C: I'll be on Conduct Board.
Amy: Dining.
Ben: Dining.
Yates: I want to be on Conduct.
Gretchen: Can I get more information on Big Marketing?
Clancy: What does Dining Services committee do?
Cathy: Advisory, student feedback, communication.
Emilene: Is it for both cafeterias?
Lindsy: I think only upstairs.
Frankin: I think they're pretty connected.
Gordon: Do they want 1st years students on First Year Experience?
Cathy: Sure.
Gordon: I'll be on that.
Kopano: I'll do Conduct Board.
Lindsy: I'd like to be on Dinning.
Alison: Big Marketing.
Brendan: We should post the student representatives on the site and up by Glad.
Lindsy: Alright, we need a vote.
Cathy: We may want to wait until next week so people who aren't certain can think about it and get more information.
Yates: What if we won't be here?
Lindsy: We can still vote you in.
Candice: Did everyone log in? It helps us keep track of voting members. Praises and Concerns lets you tell us what you’re glad about and what you think needs brought up. Last year we left off on...

Lindsy: Smoking policy, the exercise park, a community meeting, and the pub. Where do you want to start?

Ryan C: The pub!

Cathy: The proposal was to brew and sell beer. We put together the details and talked to our insurance consultant. It was difficult to find someone to insure us, and the total cost would be $70,000 per year. That’s too much, so we need to decide where to go from here.

Todd: Who did we go through?

Cathy: Our consultant shopped around. Everyone was unwilling to insure a school.

Todd: Because of brewing our own beer?

Cathy: Mostly.

Todd: What if we sold outsourced beer?

Cathy: We only worked with what we had in the proposal.

Wes: What about the offset of the money produced?

Cathy: There wouldn’t be a profit.

Paige: I saw having a communal space as the real priority. If we have to outsource, I say do it.

Cathy: We looked into having a third party contracted to come in and brew the beer. Right now we need to decide where we want to go with this.

Brendan: You said there were three policies involved – can we get more information?

Cathy: We can get a breakdown.

Todd: Did we look into our policy for the farm, with selling meat to the cafeteria, etc?

Cathy: We did, put it wasn’t enough.

Ryan M: I think we need to look into the placement of the pub, maybe in the new student space, whenever that gets built.

Rachel: I think taking the brewing aspect out of it goes against our original purpose.

Cathy: There are many options that we can pursue – keep that in mind for future meetings.

Lindsy: Smoking policy. The staff wrote a policy - Staff Forum passed it, Caucus did not. A student wrote a compromise, which did pass Caucus. Some neutral staff and students came together in a compromise committee in the last week of school, and the compromise was put into effect during the summer.

Rachel: Is there any way to make this evolution public?

Cathy: It came out on the President's All-L.

Rachel: It doesn't feel like a compromise. Can there be amendments? Like only enforcing the policy during business hours?

Candice: Make a proposal!

Cathy: If Caucus and Staff Forum pass it, it will be recommended to the President. If Staff Forum votes it down, it will go to a compromise committee again.

Ashley: The location of the smoking tents is a problem. Soil compaction in these areas is killing the trees. Tree crew is doing nothing but take-downs.

Paige: We can always make amendments. We have a right to.

Cathy: When it comes from Caucus, the ideas carry some weight.

Brendan: How is this policy different from the original?

Candice: There were different violations.

Clay: The first proposal had no smoking on main campus at all.

Yates: I understand wanting to protect these areas, but smokers are already feeling alienated. We have to be careful not to ostracize these people from society.

Emilene: We need to publicize the problem with the trees.
Amy: Everyone should have an equal voice. We do have a choice, and we need to choose whether or not to abide by the policy.
Candice: We have five minutes left.
Ryan M: Can we push the committee information to next week?
Lindsy: Yeah.
Clay: We need to introduce Ryan.
Ryan M: I'm Ryan Morra, the student trustee. I have the same voting ability as the rest of the board. They ask me for the opinions of the students, so I need feedback from you guys.
Cathy: The first board meeting is in the second week of October. Talk to Ryan about eating lunch with the trustees on the second Friday in October. They love to talk to the students, and a lot of students have made good connections at these lunches.
Ryan: They're wonderful people. They want to get to know the students. Big ideas have been generated at lunches in the past.
Candice: Everything else is tabled until next week. Praises and concerns?
Gideon: How does everyone feel about this place (Lower Glad Student Area) and time (6:15pm)?
Heather: We need more seats.
Clay: I don't like the time.
Candice: Everyone I talked to loved the new time.
Amy: What about Canon?
Candice: Good idea – we can look into that.
Ryan M: We could just rearrange this place.
Cathy: Just to mention, Student-l is back. The minutes and announcements will come through that.
Candice: Thanks for coming!
Lindsy: Don't forget a constitution.

End at 7:20