



**THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
SENATE, SIXTEENTH SESSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

Location: Murray-Aikins Dining Hall, Second Floor

Time: 8:13 pm- 10:38 pm

Member	Attendance		Member	Attendance	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Chair Majiedt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Kostbar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Ararba	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lederman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Aybar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lipman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Barnes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Minkah	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Bigelow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Nambane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Castillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Shoemaker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Ferrigno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Situ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Glanville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Sterling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Gordon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Taylor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Terry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Khan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Zhang	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Koegler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Others in Attendance: Director of Leadership Activities Hilary Montague-Asp, SGA Clerk Mamadou Dia, SGA ADA Subcommittee Chair Elise Hinrichs, and Guest Speaker Milo Bisgaier

It is noted that there were approximately 150 guests in attendance.

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1. Call to Order at 8:13 pm
  2. Invocation

3. Attendance
4. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Motion by S. Castillo Seconded by S. Situ
5. Approval of the prior Minutes
  - a. Motion by S. King Seconded by S. Gordon
6. Open Forum
  - a. Guest Finn Kroll first asks room to raise their hand if they've thought of access within the past day, week and/or year. Then the majority of the room gradually raises their hands. Guest Finn then expresses the importance of this decision.
  - b. Guest Jameer says he learned from the last meeting that this resolution is very important. Accessibility is something often not talked about due to it being a subcommittee and that it's important and expresses happiness that so many people are here
  - c. SEC Chair Milo Flamenbaum thanks crowd for coming, goes over background as Chair of SSC, states regardless of tonight's outcome his hope is for the community to move united and expresses gratitude for the attention to this issue: conversations like this make SGA so special, he then asks senators to take a moment to consider why they ran for these seats and reflect on that. On said reflection, please consider their vote carefully. Respectful dialogue is what makes SGA a great place.
  - d. Guest Jane Richard thanked everyone for coming over here, expressing how doing this work can feel like speaking into a vacuum, but clearly this isn't the case. This endeavor will help students for years to come and is a very important cause
  - e. Guest Tara wants senators to think about this and have empathy for those with disabilities on this campus as others are the ones facing the problem and to please look from the eyes of others.
  - f. Guest Kayla wants to bring up that this is the work of generations of Skidmore students and based on the support here we need to continue this work as it impacts students every day and acknowledging the effort and importance when making this decision
  - g. Guest says while touring Skidmore all she wanted was accessibility, as she's one with both mental and invisible disabilities and the thought of their college experience being hindered by a lack of accessibility; is hard and wants this to be considered by senators deciding.
  - h. Guest wants to emphasize that disability exists within every space even when unseen and that making Skidmore a accessible place is extremely important, and it needs to be a consideration even if it isn't affecting you
  - i. Guest Nas wants to say that accessibility for people with disabilities is accessibility for everybody. Everybody last year was breaking their legs and their arms, and the school was failing to meet the needs of all these

students. And that this resolution is incredibly important as even now all these dorms are not accessible

- j. Guest Nadia wants it to be acknowledged that people can move in and out of [the state of] disability and separately as an international student it's hard moving into and out of the Skidmore campus while facing disability and not having support from family. That as a student trying to take classes the lack of aid makes it impossible to continue her education due to arbitrary requirements that are simply ableist. Skidmore needs to consider grace for students with circumstances that don't fit the status quo.
- k. Guest says when she was growing up, she wasn't sure if she could go to college due to lack of accessibility. Her first two years were tough because even at the D-Hall there was very little food she could have due to a lack of accessibility and deadly dietary restrictions. Slowly it's getting better, but this work needs to continue
- l. Guest recently joined Skidmore partly due to accessibility; there were some schools they toured that couldn't even be considered attendable. How would Skidmore look if it became even less accessible, how many more would Skidmore lose if it continues to not face this accessibility issue.
- m. Guest Amanda states it has understood she has some sort of disability, uses a knee brace and cane on and off. You see this thing's differently while working around your own disability and the disability of others. There's always a chance a very high chance that we will become disabled at one point in their life and it's wonderful to see everyone here who has a specific investment in making this campus an easier place to live and thrive
- n. Guest and SGA Judicial Board Officer Jazlin Chen states nothing is more exciting than seeing this room full of students interested in what's happening on campus. She expresses that students should find other ways to get involved, and having been a part of SGA for 4 years there is a learning curve to it. There's a lot of weird niche pieces to it and a thank you to those who ran for SGA positions and kudos to senators as well as everyone in this room. Advertises SGA as there are open positions.
- o. Guest Jordan says they are someone who doesn't consider themselves disabled but so many people they live with are. As someone who walks around campus, they see a lot of ways this campus is inaccessible and hears about it from people they interact with. Emphasizes the importance of people being able to navigate to this campus, be able to go to class, and get around. The more you think about how inaccessible this campus is, the more you spot it around.
- p. Guest just wants to say as someone with a younger sibling with a disability she really wishes it was something she didn't have to think about but in real life this is the case for so many people. And the work that has

been done to bring more accessibility to this campus is so incredibly important.

- q. Guest shares struggle trying to get accommodation and have seen how hard it is to live without it. They were struggling without it almost to the level of life and death. A without accommodation they wouldn't be here today. Stresses the importance of accommodation as it makes the difference between people being able to live their lives.
- r. Guest says especially after hearing other people mention it, they really can't emphasize enough importance of accessibility on this campus, especially when hearing from people who must deal with it. In the case of housing accommodation, you can't even see your friends because of a lack of an elevator, it shouldn't even be up to consideration whether accessibility is important, it's a human right and the difference of being able or not able to live.
- s. Guest Ellory says anyone can become disabled at any moment and as a senator you can become disabled and this can impact you to and it's very difficult living on Skidmore without accessibility. With that in mind, if you can't consider empathy for others, do so for yourselves.
- t. The guest is the person who lives above Jahmeer, and she can't even go to their dorm because it's inaccessible. It's so hard to live and exist within this campus and it's hard even being able to find places she's allowed to be not only academically but also socially due to accessibility
- u. Guests mentioned that coming from a college that is so inaccessible are surprised to hear how inaccessible Skidmore also is. They were denied all their housing accommodations and due to dietary issues, a lack of a kitchen makes living on campus so much harder. Due to said issues something so crucial like eating is so much harder than it should be. Skidmore put them into a dorm that is unlivable because they thought their doctors' notes weren't good enough. The denial of housing accommodation is the difference between being able to live and not. Having a committee would allow students to actually fight for themselves rather than having to sit and listen as their lives are being trampled over.
- v. Guest Ally chose Skidmore because she had food allergies that are life and death bad, Skidmore really seemed like a college that was on top of these things. They found that Skidmore isn't as on top of this and 2 times this year they have almost died and been sent to the ER due to this. It's unfair that people can't live and have worse college experiences because of things outside of their control that Skidmore can change.
- w. Guest introduces themselves and discusses how Skidmore is built on the idea that creative thought matters. The reason they came here is because they wanted a place where their thoughts still matter. Skidmore is a place based on creativity and a space where all bodies and minds are allowed to

matter what Skidmore is built around, and that's not the case always. This meeting and the people showing support is what makes them feel seen.

- x. Guest Jazlyn hearing everybody's stories on people not meeting the accommodations and dealing with life threatening reactions due to their disabilities is shocking, the thought there are people who consider the thought of basic accommodations that makes life livable is a matter that needs to be decided on is shocking. It's clear this is necessary and stresses that
- y. Guest remembers when their brother got sick and caused them to classify as disabled made them think about how inaccessible this world is. Listening to everyone's experiences here tonight has been informative and hopes everyone here has space in their heart to absorb these stories while deciding.

#### 7. Executive Committee Reports

Motion by S. Lipman and Seconded by S. Castillo to move reports to end of meeting.

- a. Presidential Report with SGA President Majiedt
- b. Executive Vice-Presidential Report with SGA President Majiedt and Senator Gordon
- c. Academic Affairs Report with VPAA Barnes
- d. Budget and Finance Report with VPFA Castillo
- e. Student Life Report with VPSL Kostbar
- f. Club Affairs Report with VPCA Minkah
- g. Institutional Diversity Report with VPID Lederman
- h. Engagement and Outreach Report with VPEO Ferrigno

#### 8. New Business:

- a. **Proposed Committee on CIA Discussion, Resolution 36-20: SGA Vice President for Institutional Accessibility Act, and Resolution 36-21: SGA Committee for Institutional Accessibility Act**

Let it be noted that SGA President Majiedt went over norms at the start of the senate session and due to technological issues, the video and slideshow was unable to be presented. Hence, the CIA working group started with their statements. Once we were able to operate the slideshow, we moved to that after the statements. The video was not presented.

- i. Introduction and Community Norms by SGA President Majiedt
- ii. Statements and further Information by the CIA Working Group
  - 1. Short Video Presentation
  - 2. Slideshow Presentation
    - ADA Subcommittee Chair Hinrichs highlights a distinction between the working group bringing this

issue forward and the ADA subcommittee. While there is some overlap, this working group is primarily students unaffiliated with SGA. Within this past fall, there have been 4 initiatives within the ADA subcommittee. An Accessible Map, a door button reporting system, transit system initiative and they are continuing these initiatives and their plans to expand (See Slides).

- The main benefits and things that would be improved if this motion was to pass; this would guarantee the Chair the ability to vote, collaborate and be allowed within the decision-making process of SGA. This would alleviate the workload for the CIA and increase the scope of issues the CIA would be allowed to work on.
- Clearing up some misunderstandings: This resolution if passed would not go into effect until May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- We will not be seeking a significantly higher budget just the body under which they are done.
- This resolution will not take away IPPC seats or displace senators from their current IPPC seats.
- Skidmore has the highest percentage of disabled students within the big NY6 colleges student bodies. Note that Hobard & William, St Lawrence and Union have a similar structure and size as Skidmore while serving a significant a smaller number of students about half the amount and yet have the same resources as students. Colgate College, which is the most comparable to Skidmore College, has an extensive list of accommodations for their students (See Slides). Skidmore College did a complete revamp of their websites and yet their drops down list on their accessibility webpage only has 4 topics which is sparse of actual useful information. All accommodations are handled primarily by 2 staff members who serve 700 students, leading to an excess of delays and lack of actual power.

### 3. Statements and final Information from CIA Working Group Members

- S. Kostbar greets the entire room and thanks them all for being here and thanks senate for their consideration. He acknowledges feedback on project group meeting minutes and agrees they could use revision to reflect the level of professionalism that is incumbent of SGA and has gone over meeting minutes and corrected them. He emphasizes that the student body is here and asks senate members to acknowledge their wants and needs as that is what SGA is for. He adds the work towards an accessible Skidmore; did not start and will not end with this resolution. It behooves all people who care about accessibility to get involved at Skidmore.
  - ADA Subcommittee Chair Elise wants to set a boundary for senators to please refrain from using words like brave, strong and inspiring; most people on this team do not feel brave for bringing this up to senate. Cautions against using the words brave or strong when speaking on this work as it's a matter of living and not some special occasion.
  - S. Shoemaker encourages those who feel strongly about this project to vote yes or no
4. Motion for non-senators to speak by S. Lipman and seconded by S. Khan
- Guest Speaker Milo Bisgaier is so happy to be here tonight and is so happy to see people supporting this initiative. His peers and him have spent so much time working on this initiative sacrificing their time to make this happen. Invites anyone to come to work with him if they have any issues. Guest Bisgaier read out the working groups list of initiatives: Aggrieved Absence Policy, Technology within the classroom, Standardized sickness policy, Standardized Break for 3-hour classes policy, Health services re starting medication and covid test delivery system, Standard accessibility guidelines for all-college events, quiet dining zone. Guest Bisgaier encouraged the senators to look around themselves now; these are their peers begging them (the senators) to help them (the peers/students). Voting yes on this resolution is helping them. He adds that the senator's power to act by necessity

comes from the student body to the people sitting in this room.

iii. Q/A Period

1. Q: S. Minkah asks what resources or support would the working committee need from administration to be most effective? And asked if they could share any examples of successful accessibility initiatives and how would they incorporate them into Skidmore?

A: ADA Subcommittee Chair Elise would need to meet with several administrators; residential life, facility services, OSDI, would be huge in broadening their reach. 2. A functioning transit system required a lot of research, one college that comes to mind is Dickinson, would be a huge help to Skidmore

2. Q: S. Castillo asked how would a role in SGA better allow them to pursue connections?

A: ADA Subcommittee Chair Elise: The tricky thing they experienced as a subcommittee chair is if they email administration, administration does not have to respond, as an SGA chair position would hugely help in making first contact with people who are better apt at fixing these problems.

3. Q: S. Castillo asked if the team has heard any legitimate arguments of downsides to this motion passing

A: ADA Subcommittee Chair Elise answered that currently there are many unfilled seats, and there is a concern that adding another committee would make it hard for senators who are already stretched thin. However, this initiative would not pass until next fall so they would have time to adjust.

4. Q: S. Minkah asked if in their experience working on CID have, they had a struggle juggling diversity and accessibility.

A: S. Shoemaker says that last spring ADA subcommittee was unhaired and they were still able to serve disability specifically international student and immigrant student support. Religious student life was also served.

iv. Discussion Period

1. S. Castillo just wanted to say from her perspective having sat in CID, the subcommittee was inactive last year, the disabled population saw how lacking SGA was in trying to

help them played a part in them not interacting with SGA. That if you don't make people feel supported, how are they supposed to feel comfortable interacting? That you must give people the chance to succeed. If Senate doubts this project due to hypothetical apprehensions, you (Senate) are choosing not to believe in it, and that it's just hating. Now sitting on VP position, she has seen how differently CIA was treated and it's been on them to have to fight the administration for these issues. The people being affected by these issues should also be allowed to fight for themselves which is what resolution would provide

2. S. King expresses that this topic is a representation of a larger problem ahead of us. Some have asked why the administration doesn't do this. But that's not relevant; the issue has been brought forward to SGA, and it's on SGA to respond to these issues.
3. S. Ferrigno expresses that this is hard to say as she has a different opinion than her peers. Her disagreement is not because she doesn't support this issue. She herself has a multitude of disabilities and is passionate about this issue. She believes this structural issue will not make a relevant change in accessibility within this campus. The onus for change belongs to the administration not on SGA by changing the structure of SGA. A no to this resolution does not mean accessibility will be ignored, these issues could be equally successful within the subcommittee structure
4. S. Minkah introduces himself and expresses how big an honor it is to be here on a historic day. The SGA is supposed to represent the student body, looking around the room, you can see the voices of the student body all resounding to pass this motion who are we as senates of SGA to disagree. Committees are thriving because they were given a chance, and 10 years from now it would be ridiculous that people even had to debate on these issues. People are unrepresented and need a voice.
5. S. Kahn notes that he has been serving on the CID for 4 semesters now, and accessibility is just an agenda item in his meetings. They're only allowed to allocate 10 minutes to these issues. A subcommittee is not sufficient to work on such large initiatives and is in full support for CIA to be formed and provides full endorsement.
6. S. Aybar expressed as a senior and former VP who has served on SGA for 3 years, has worked closely with a lot of

administration here at Skidmore and unfortunately a lot of the problems being discussed today. SGA is a slow-moving bureaucracy, and we are students just like you and as much as we want to see these things happen. It should be on the administrators, not SGA.

7. S. Koegler says the work that has been done is incredibly admirable, but the way this vote has unfolded is incredibly unfair. There are a lot of people who are facing animosity for bringing up rightful grievances. Everyone here doesn't really know everything going on in SGA. There is a lot of pressure being put on people to say yes or no. SGA students are all just students in this room.
8. S. Sterling starts by thanking everyone coming here tonight, mentions how her sister is disabled and all the issues that have come up tonight are things that she has had to consider. Changes need to be made by Skidmore; she has spent hours thinking about this vote, going over the proposal, talking about the votes. She does not believe the proposed changes are the best ways to go about addressing these issues. Expresses that she would be happy to go over her vote and please do not hesitate to reach out,
9. S. Glanville reads out CSL Subcommittee on Sustainability Chair, Madeline Bace, statement. She expressed that she believes this new structure would better allow the CIA to access resources to better address students' needs and accommodations and provide her full support.
10. S. Glanville states that accessibility is a very serious problem on this campus. She, however, is still hesitant on supporting this change as there already a lack of ability to fill seats and adding another seat would exacerbate the issue. She believes these resources are better spent allocated to committees already supporting these issues
11. S. Lederman informs that she is the senior class president, longest standing senator and has sat on the CID for these past 4 years. Commends this group of students who have given this student government a chance. Last week a lot of talks were about how this vote would set a precedent and would give any student on this campus who are passionate about an issue to start a committee an opportunity. Precedence, however, is not a bad thing. Why shouldn't students who are passionate about such crucial issues be allowed to advocate for themselves? All people on SGA are

good people and please do not hate those based on their vote.

12. S. Lederman expresses that she is the current head of CID, addresses senators to remind them of their roles as senators, which is to amplify student voices. These concerns are known and while they were trying their best using proper subcommittee channels to address these issues, it's not working. Structural challenges of SGA are not always able to address everyone's needs. Even if you don't have faith in these issues, no harms were really brought up on why this would not work. So, she sees no reason as to why people wouldn't vote yes.
13. S. Nambane expresses that with her experience on CID having heard a lot about these initiatives, she joined CID to work on Diversity and inclusion. CIA becoming an official committee would allow CID to actual work fully on institutionalized diversity rather than some mixed party that doesn't have the time or resources to focus on either issue.
14. S. Taylor says that she thinks turning this subcommittee into a committee would bring voices to light. Specifically, on the bereavement part she was forced to make a decision between going to a funeral or going to class. Also, this school is so expensive and that we are paying for our degree, and all students should have the ability to be able to go to the classes there paying so much for
15. S. Gordon shares that being a subcommittee would take much longer to solve these issues compared to being a full committee. Often marginalized people are forced to wait, and paraphrases "Theres never going to be a right time so we might as well just do it now" (Martin Luther King Jr).
16. S. Terry endorses this resolution.
17. S. Zhang shares that he has considered this decision for a very long time, as someone who's a very fierce advocate and usually tries to speak up. The college should serve students to get their degree and a college that doesn't do that is a failing college.
18. S. Kostbar shares that this project is a labor of love. It's been his pride and joy and that he's lost sleep, and lost time that should be spent with friends and family. He's heard the idea from other senators that we do not have the ability to make change on these big issues. However, he disagrees that SGA doesn't have the ability to make changes. All

those who came today in support, please continue engaging with these issues.

19. S. Shoemaker expresses one final thing; a lot of people in senate have expressed that they're allowed to disagree with him; and he's allowed to disagree with them. He knows what his community needs and the work that has been done today was monumental; disability has changed in Skidmore since the moment that he and his friends got here. Change starts in SGA, and he's begging senate to consider when making their vote.
20. President Majiedt thanks everybody for coming. As their president seeing them showing up makes her so proud, makes her family back home so proud. Just to clarify a few things, we will not be adding more senator seats. She expresses that the Senate has always had a surplus of senators on the BNF and CSL committees. The people interested in these committees please consider moving to other committees and showing some interest in the committees for equity. Just to mention the structure of SGA, it was Nathaniel Lowell who started initiatives like: Free Laundry, Contraception's, Free Period Products which cost 30,000. She expresses no offense to the administration but adds that they are not going to pay for these things. Sometimes we (SGA) must take matters into our own hands. Lastly, she adds that people already know she's always been For the People, By the People. She expresses that they (Senate) don't have to do any of the work as she and the CIA working group would have to. She asks that they (Senate) please do not put the structure before the people and please be here for the people.

**v. Resolution 36-20: SGA Vice President for Institutional Accessibility Act**

Motion by S. Minkah seconded by S. Khan to vote on resolution as is

vi.

Member	Resolution 36-20		Member	Resolution 36-20	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Chair Majiedt			Senator Kostbar		
Senator Ararba	Absent		Senator Lederman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Aybar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lipman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senator Barnes	Abstain		Senator Minkah	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Senator Bigelow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senator Nambane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Castillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Shoemaker		
Senator Ferrigno	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senator Situ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Senator Khan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Zhang	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Koegler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Motion by S. Ferrigno to take a 5–10-minute recess, seconded by S. Kostbar.

Motion by S. Castillo to remove Resolution 36-21 from the agenda, seconded by S. King

**vii. Roll-Call Vote on Resolution 36-21: SGA Committee for Institutional Accessibility Act**

Member	Resolution 36-21		Member	Resolution 36-21	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Chair Majiedt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Kostbar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Ararba (Absent)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lederman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Aybar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lipman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Barnes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Minkah	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Bigelow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Nambane	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Castillo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Shoemaker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Ferrigno	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Situ	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Senator King	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Terry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Khan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Zhang	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Koegler	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

**b. Presidential Nomination**

IPPC Committee on Intercultural and Global Understanding: Elise Hinrichs

Motion to table CIGU nomination by S. Bigelow and seconded by S. King

- i. Introduction by SGA President Majiedt and VPID Lederman
- ii. Q/A Period
- iii. Discussion Period

Motion to adjourn senate at 10:11 pm by S. Minkah Seconded by S. Castillo  
Motion opposed by S. Lederman and seconded by S. Situ

9. Senators Forum

- a. S. Ferrigno expressed that accessibility initiatives should be pursued.
- b. S. Koegler stated that the way the vote was handled, and the number of people present was completely unfair to the senators present. As someone who was in support of the motion, S. Koegler shared that she was still mocked and ridiculed by others and felt attacked even though she voted yes. S. Koegler expressed that it was not fair and emphasized that moving forward, when handling sensitive situations like these, there needs to be a better way to manage them.
- c. S. Lipman stated that he could not say what they wanted to say because he did not want to be pressured. S. Lipman shared that he's a student with a learning disability and wanted to be extremely clear that since joining Senate in his freshman year, he has fought tooth and nail to make Skidmore more accessible. S. Lipman emphasized that every single person in the room has worked very hard. S. Lipman explained that the reason he voted no was because of the documents he read and because of what happened the previous year. S. Lipman stated that SGA is both a professional organization and a student organization and wanted to make it clear that when facing casual student issues, professionalism is critical. S. Lipman noted that the school took away SGA's ability to send all-student emails and stated that talking to the school is a privilege, and to continue having that privilege, SGA must continue as a professional organization. S. Lipman concluded by stating that SGA is a family and a professional student organization.
- d. S. Aybar stated that his passion is finance and shared that they would even be willing to drop that passion and his seat for Budget and Finance to join the CIA because he cares deeply about these issues.
- e. S. Castillo stated that while everyone has differing opinions, during emotional times it is still unfair to restrict a crowd from attending meetings. S. Castillo acknowledged that while it may be uncomfortable, transparency is a crucial part of SGA, and members need to be able to hold their heads up high and bear negativity as part of their role as SGA professionals. S. Castillo urged that if individuals voted no because they did not believe in the motion, they should step up and do something, rather than simply stating it could have been better. S. Castillo encouraged taking action to make the campus better and stated that feeling bad is part of how the world works and that people cannot ask others not to judge them. S. Castillo emphasized that pressure should not stop representatives from sharing honest opinions and that those being represented deserve truthful,

unfiltered thoughts. S. Castillo concluded by stating that for those who voted no, there is significant pressure to step up and take action.

- f. President Majiedt stated that no matter what happens in SGA, members must come together united to do their work. President Majiedt emphasized that this was all that was being asked and encouraged everyone to continue doing their work. President Majiedt also invited individuals to drop in with questions and to listen during drop-in hours the following day.
- g. S. Kostbar stated that if anyone had lingered concerns about how the project or the evening went, they would like to hear any questions, comments, or concerns and expressed hope that people would take them up on the offer.

10. Announcements

11. Adjourn at [10:11 Opposed] at 10:38 pm

- a. Motion by S. Minkah to adjourn seconded by S. Lederman