I. Call to order
II. Roll Call
   a. KC, SM & CO absent until 7:15pm
III. Introduction of Guests
IV. Vice Presidents Report
V. Focus Group Reformation
   a. Short Term Goals
      i. DG – making the campus 100% smoke free, this creates a safety problem if people have to leave campus to smoke.
      ii. AnBr – I’d like to see better dining commons hours, open earlier on the weekends, open later weekdays.
   b. Mid-term Goals
      i. JF – I know we have passed a resolution, but the seating arrangement in Bristol Chapel – happen within next semester.
      ii. DG – I think creating a discussion about better facilities, introducing academic facilities and a gym.
   c. Long-Term Goals
      i. MG – it might be a good idea that since we are a choir college to have our own performance space.
      ii. SM – there was discussion when looking at the master plan of the college – we decided to keep it because of the historical value.
      iii. RG – Library hours and shuttle hours; I’m assuming that these are contract issues but I think we should be thinking about them.
   d. EW – be mindful that the resolutions that you are modeling and passing are supposed to be representative of your constituents and the entire student body; not just your own ideas.
VI. Goals & Action Steps
   a. EW – we need to look at our goals and action steps and see how to make these things happen. Keep this in mind when you propose things to Senate.
   b. Things to look at...
      i. Dining Seating
      ii. More Senators
      iii. Refreshments
      iv. Smoking
      v. Dining Hours
      vi. Performance Hall
      vii. Library Hours
   c. MG – wouldn’t library and shuttle hours be more mid-term goals.
d. EW – you can take anything from this list and work with it.
e. CO – shuttle hours will be more often next semester because of the new college.
f. LS – it is something that the administration will be working on.
g. CO – the past two senates have worked on dining commons hours, it was tried in the past and was not cost effective.
h. LS – small changes would be better.
i. EW – make sure that your constituents know when the dining commons hours are; this is something that our students get in the habit of following.
j. JF – will we have any success in changing substantial in dining commons hours?
k. DG – I think it matters what we want to change and then what we can actually change.
l. EW – reformulate these goals and then talk to your constituents.
m. SM – I can’t think of any other ways to draw people in to Senate who aren’t already interested. I don’t think it’s a matter of making Senate more appealing to them, maybe we should not have this as a goal and focus on things that we might actually accomplish.

VII. Old Business

a. Website Update
   i. EW – steps before the website is launched.
      1. Website is presented to the E-board
      2. Website is presented to the Senate
      3. Website is presented to the Student body (open session)
      4. The letter about the new college & the website will come from the President.
   ii. MF – perhaps it would be good for the Dean to cosign the letter with the president. It shows more of a resolve on our campus.
   iii. SM – we’re talking next week correct?
   iv. EW – that is the plan.
   v. SM – is there anything we should inform our constituents about yet?
   vi. EW – wait until the ball store starts rolling.
   vii. AB – will the forum be held with President Rosanski or Dean Annis?
      1. EW – I believe the Dean is planning on being there/

b. RSO Senate Representation
   i. EW – have this as a kind of election, have each RSO elect a representative to speak for them in Senate.
   ii. DG – would they be a Senator?
1. EW – yes, it is a good representation of our entire student body.

iii. DG – is that what general assembly is for?
   1. EW - They have reports but this is more involved and a direct influence.

iv. SM – had there been any thought to exceeding the number of students per senator?
   1. EW – yes.

v. CO – it is laid out in the constitution how senate elections take place, also if you are having individuals come forward from each RSO – this is asking a lot of each RSO. I think this is going to overextend our students – too many people to try to represent one student.
   1. I’m asking the RSO to find someone whose job would exclusively be a senate liaison.

vi. DG – I think this could be a conflict of interest, almost like electing a lobbyist come into and represent them...
   1. EW – if you feel nominating someone is a good not a good idea.

vii. AB – I think it’s a problem as well because of duel representation.
   1. EW – I’m just trying to bring more Senators into senate.

viii. SM – my concern is that we are looking at this more as a representation of each RSO rather than a representation of the Student body (the purpose of Senate). Could create narrow focus.
   1. When I was in senate two years ago I was a member of the ResLife staff, so I had more to contribute.

ix. LS – I believe that Lawrenceville uses its RSO basis as their Senate. See what the dynamic is there and then come back.

x. SM – my other concern would also be the duel concern issue.

xi. EW – thanks for expressing yourselves, you came up with things I didn’t even think about, I’ll review this again.

c. Green Campus

i. EW – I met with Steve Hitzel and Nils.

ii. What we’ve already done:
   1. Florescent lighting put into the globes in the dips.

iii. AB – I know that there are forms of light sources that are more energy efficient but its very unaesthetically pleasing. Could we look at bulbs that have a more pleasing affect?
iv. EW – what they wanted to try out was test a few select rooms on campus to see if the students liked it – see if they actually like it.

v. EW – also I’d proposed the idea of using motion sensitive light timers.

vi. CO – we need an override button on each.

vii. DG – what about in each room?

1. EW – its about $150 per room. This could be a long-term suggestion; my goal would be bathrooms and practice rooms.

viii. MF – can we see data on the amount of money we are spending on electricity and how much money we could save?

ix. EW – trial run on the motion sensors (basement in the library).

VIII. New Business

a. Great Plains Resolution

b. Dining Commons Resolution

i. MF – specifically has to do with the bar seating in front of the staircase.

ii. CO – motion to amend line 22 to the spring semester of 2008.

iii. AnBr – I think it’s a good idea because a lot of the times between 12:30 and 1:00pm there are too many people standing.

iv. LS – I don’t know how feasible the spring semester is.

v. MF – I just thought that it would be more feasible because of the break.

vi. LS – yes but it’s a custom piece of furniture, and whether or not the cost is associated with necessity.

vii. SM – would the senate like to use the president’s cabinet and see how feasible this would be?

viii. CO – motion to amend line 22, take out “year of our lord”

AB – seconds, passed – 1 abstention.

ix. AnBr – motion to pass amended resolution – RG seconds – 7 yays, 4 nays, 1 abstention. Resolution is passed.

1. CO – I would like to not pass this tonight, I feel like we as a body are jumping into this too fast without consulting our constituents. I’d like to see this tabled for a meeting and us to go to our constituents.

2. MF – I feel like senators have received communication about the seating problem and as long as we are making a positive change its ok.

3. AB – my constituents would like a place to eat lunch.
4. LS – I agree, get feedback from your constituents and give them a choice.
5. MF – I think the time has come to make things happen.
6. SM – I think that we did discuss this in the beginning of the semester, but because it was handled by a senator who is now no longer a senator therefore nothing went forward. I believe not consulting our constituents would be a rash move.
7. CO – I never discussed this with my constituents, I need to go and talk to my constituents, and our job is to represent our constituents.
8. EW – we did have make it happen day, and 22% of people said that they want to
9. JF – motion to extend the meeting for 10 minutes – CO – seconds – passed.
10. AB – we’ve heard from a large portion of the student body, this resolution is not binding – I think that every day we don’t do something that is time wasted.
11. SM – I like Chris would not feel comfortable voting on something without consulting my constituents.
12. CO – I’m in favor of this, but if you ask me to vote today, I’m going to vote no – we need to represent our constituents.

x. LS – come up with a timeline and do more research – come up with a final design and take this to your constituents.
xii. AB – I suggest that we distribute the resolution now and begin discussion and the beginning of the week.

IX. For the Good of the Order
a. RG – what about the results from the resolutions that we’ve passed?
   i. EW – I’ll be emailing that information to you – I’ve been in contact with the authors of the resolutions.
b. EW – does anyone have a conflict with next meeting?
   i. I’ll get back to you about that...

X. Adjournment at 8:09pm.