President Daniels Dinner Briefing Document on CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
SGA Presenters: Anthony Boutros ('20 President), Sam Schatmeyer ('21 President), Aspen Williams ('21 Senator), Lauren Paulet ('21 Senator)

SGA's Current Progress on Civic Engagement (Anthony, Sam)

- TurboVote
    - TurboVote is a voter registration initiative sponsored by President Boutros, and registers students for all local, state and federal elections for which they are eligible. The system is currently being analyzed for implementation at peer institutions to resolve privacy and data issues.
- We Rise
    - We Rise is an intersectional rally scheduled for the early spring, aimed at bringing together various student groups in an effort to raise awareness for political advocacy of various stripes
- Andrew Goodman Foundation
    - SGA is working to bring the Andrew Goodman Foundation to campus and increase voter and election awareness among the student body.
- IDEAL and FAS
    - SGA members hope to work with IDEAL and FAS to stimulate more debates between the College Republicans and Democrats, increase small discussions on pertinent issues such as the NFL Protests and gun reform in the wake of Las Vegas. In addition, SGA has moved forward on planning a MUNK debate in conjunction with IDEAL and Discourse.
- Cultivating Connections with Peer Institutions
    - Members of the SGA Civic Engagement Committee will be attending a multi-school conference on civic advocacy at the University of Maryland Notre Dame on November 28th.
- Faculty Student Interaction
    - At the recent SGA Fall Forum, members of SGA, IDEAL and the Faculty Assembly discussed the potential of building joint faculty-student projects on civic engagement, ranging from faculty-student panels on the definition of academic freedom, to joint rallies similar to We Rise.
    - SGA is reaching out to the International Studies Leadership Council to design a general model of improved faculty student interaction.
- Cultural Affairs Event
    - SGA is considering hosting a spring cultural affairs appreciation event with OMA.

Short Term Objectives on Civic Engagement (Aspen, Lauren)

- **Operationalize** the MUNK debates alongside the President's Office, IDEAL and Discourse.
- **TurboVote** - By 2018 ensure that at least 1,500 people are registered on TurboVote.
    - In conjunction to TurboVote, explore Democracy Works, a "nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the idea that voting should fit the way we live."
        - "For many college students, the way in which we live has changed since matriculating to the Johns Hopkins University. As a student interested in impacting my local community, it is within my own interest to seek out information regarding my own local elections. While many of our civically minded organizations on campus make a genuine effort to keep our students informed on when their midterm and local elections take place, Democracy Works offers a system called TurboVote which provides its users with the documents needed to register or vote by mail with an addressed, stamped envelope. Furthermore, all users who opt in receive text and email reminders with important election information, key dates, and deadlines. The key goal is to increase the national voter turnout, which the service has been able to accomplish through its partnership with over 260 other universities throughout the country. Unfortunately, JHU is not one of these partnered institutions and many of our students have found it difficult to stay civically engaged with their hometowns. I believe that hopkins should strive to embody the motto of Democracy Works and seek that voting and engagement on campus fits the way that our students live."
- **Work with General Counsel to approve TurboVote** through purchasing and contracting. SLI and DOSL support it, financially and through mission. 300 universities have it.
- **Expand student membership** for IDEAL and Discourse
- **Build relations** with Andrew Goodman Foundation
- **Develop a formal set of SGA ideas** to forward on the Agora Institute.

<u>Long Term Objectives on Civic Engagement (Anthony)</u>

- **Increase civic engagement collaboration** between students, faculty, and administration.
- **Engage with Baltimore on TurboVote**, expanding it to include all Baltimorean colleges and high school seniors.
- **Expand relations on Civic Engagement in Bmore** and with other universities

<u>Expected Discussion Points at the Dinner</u>

- Supporting TurboVote - General Counsel Approval
- Supporting TurboVote - Register Students to Vote
- Supporting MUNK debates

- Supporting civic engagement connections with other schools
- Supporting the Andrew Goodman Foundation