

AGENDA

9th Meeting of the 2018-2019 Student Government Association Senate

October 2, 2018 | 7:00 PM | Livak Ballroom

Call to Order

Roll Call

Public Forum

Catherine Alexander – Office of Fellowships, Opportunities, & Undergraduate Research

- FOUR – drop-in hours at The Hub, home office in UHN
- Help with competitive fellowships for home and abroad
- Many current undergraduate awards available
- Other awards available for graduate students
- Also oversees UVM Student Research Conference, PEP program, OCME
 - Thesis students required to attend Student Research Conference
- Research help available, too
- Truman award available for graduate studies for students with significant leadership experience
- Udall Scholarship available for leadership, public service, commitment to issues related to Native Americans or the environment
- Boren Award available for study abroad students who want to learn a language

Rafael Rodriguez – UVM ResLife

- Not in attendance

Keith Pillsbury – Ward 8 School Board Commissioner

- Designated as student ward to get them to vote
- Want to attract students to politics and to give them a say
- Burlington High School is in desperate need of renovations
- Largest project the city has ever had - \$70 million
- Over 50 languages spoken by Burlington families
- Don't have enough outlets, energy to heat the building, and is not accessible
- Burlington rent is affected by this renovation plan – to add, a high school that makes a city proud makes more people want to live here.
- Will be in the ballots in November.
- Has a list of landlords for University Terrace, if you're looking for housing
- Feel free to help with voting

Old Business

Bill Allocating Funds to UVM Cycling

- Qualified for Nationals, looking to send 10 from UVM to it
- Looking for funding for transportation and entry
- Eventually hope to reach Division 1
- *Passed*

Bill Recognizing Vermont Student Assembly for Public Health (VtSAPH)

- *Passed*

Emergency Business

New Business

- Bill Allocating Funds to Crew
- Bill Recognizing Chicks on Sticks Vermont

Executive Reports

Speaker Scannell

- I appreciate our meeting efficiency
- We lost a member of the UVM community, Nikisha Falcone. She will be very missed and remembered fondly. Take care of one another and of yourself. Reach out if you need any help.

Vice President Natanagara

- Keep in mind those who are not with us today as they grieve.
- This is something that rocks an entire community – never feel guilty for any pain you may have.
- Gillian will be representing SGA in planning an event or vigil for this tragedy.
- 36 applications for 4 positions on SGA – sent out a Doodle Poll for interviews

President Foley

- My condolences to anyone who knew Nikisha.
- Want to confirm faculty senate positions
- UPB is looking to run step-up training for senators prior to Fallfest for students to help increase awareness of sexual assault and other related issues.
 - Gaging interest – will send out a doodle poll with time availabilities.
- Going to create a food insecurity ad-hoc committee in hopes to create a bigger food pantry on campus for undergraduate students.
 - Want to have created this by spring, possibly with food drives through clubs and organizations.
 - Want to table in DC to give out snacks and food to students with the swipe of a Catcard.
 - Working on a swipe program to donate unused swipes to students that need them.
- Working with IRA for changes to bus routes on campus

Treasurer Percoco

- Not in attendance

Committee Reports

Club Affairs Committee

- Take care of yourself
- Posted bad standing list in SGA office
 - All clubs have not completed work, or the work will be late
- Want to reinforce that I will be abstaining from all club-affairs related bills
- For all club recognitions, there is a channel in Slack that you can reference before the meeting – please use that before the meeting to answer many questions regarding member lists, etc.

Finance Committee

- No updates

Student Action Committee

- Have been in contact with library for free printing solution.
- Have details on TED event
- Meeting with ResLife for feminine hygiene restrooms
 - Are doing a trial run on availability in public restrooms on Redstone.

Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity

- Currently working with Interfaith center – would like to put on an event “Voting is a Spiritual Practice”
- Will be visiting SAS and drafting a report on health insurance at other schools
- Creating suggestion boxes for identity centers on campus
- Going to meet with Mosaic Center

Committee on the Environment

- Set up Environmental Collaboration meetings
- Met with office of sustainability to talk about carbon neutral and climate pledge coalition and looking to waste and electricity use data
- Made survey to get student input on what COE should be doing
- Attended Dining advisory board meeting and working on issue of bugs in food
- Speaker Scannell is working on compost and waste projects
- Preparing for clean energy forum

Committee on Legislative and Community Affairs

- Campus planning focus group tomorrow at 7pm related to neighborhood project
- Friday 3-4:30 have community coalition in SGA office
- Meet & greet with gubernatorial candidates is coming together, working on dates and planning.
- Meeting with Pres. Sullivan on Safe Ride Home – trying to overrule risk management policy
- Fresh Check Day is next Wednesday

Public Relations Committee

- Will be doing promo for Hurricane Florence Fundraiser
- Working on club spotlight
- SGA newsletter went out, any changes let us know.
- Working on SGA to you forms for around campus
- Tabling will start this month, and will do it for finals
- Email list for administrators – will update them on SGA work later on
- Working on setting up livestream for SGA meetings

Academic Affairs Committee

- Looking into getting online course to gauge interest for Arabic.
- Coordinating notes and outreach to advisory groups
- Spoke about mental health in relation to requirements for education and to improve fluidity in options for learning
- Looking to expand peer mentor programs

- Senator Bouffard is starting a report on syllabi and textbook information for course registration

Senatorial Forum

- None

Senatorial Comments/Announcements

- Playoffs for broomball
- Hosting a home screening at Brennan's for Partners in Health Engage.
- Tomorrow is email Gary Derr day.
- Will be meeting with Annie Stevens about mental health

Final Roll Call

Adjournment