SGA Approves Bills for Expanded Course Descriptions and Burlington Police Department Resolutions

On Tuesday February 21st, the University of Vermont Student Government Association approved two resolutions; one regarding the expansion of course descriptions for undergraduate classes and the other discussing funding of additional police patrols in Burlington.

Upon passing this first resolution, teachers are asked to include assignment types, weight on the course grade, the method of instruction for the class, attendance policy, how prerequisites will be used in the course, the knowledge that students will have after completion of the course, the value added, an explanation of the topics and principles of the course, and examples of previous books used in the course. The Student Government Association hopes that this resolution will allow students clarity in course selection.

In a different vein, the Student Government also decided to uphold Senator Goodrich’s resolution to declare disapproval of the allocation of $35,000 to go to the Burlington Police Department for six extra officers on the night shift from 10pm to 3am. The SGA feels as though, “this program will be an ineffective use of student funds…encourages the administration and the Burlington Police Department to explore alternative possibilities including student input that would provide and promote a healthier relationship between University of Vermont students and the Burlington police officers” We encourage BPD and UVM to pursue projects that help with community building and relations as well as restorative justice programs.