December 1st, 2015

To: President Sullivan, Provost Rosowsky, Vice Provost Stevens  
CC: President’s Committee on Alcohol and Other Drug Use, Student Government Association Senate  

RE: SGA Special Activities Fund for Targeted Dates

It is incumbent on the entire UVM community to address the issue of alcohol and other drugs misuse and abuse on campus. We know all too well the impacts that behaviors and choices can have, not just on the person making poor decisions, but on the peers who surround them, and the entire community. SGA Vice President Davis and I applaud the commitment to this issue that we have seen from administration, faculty, staff students, and especially the work that has been shared with us by the President’s Committee on Alcohol and Other Drugs. For our common good, we must promote a safe and healthy atmosphere for teaching and learning to take place at the University of Vermont.

In theme with “One UVM,” a slogan that has been used by yourselves, the Faculty Senate and others, we believe that the SGA, too, has the responsibility to step up to the plate and do what we can to promote a healthy UVM.

Vice President Davis, SGA Treasurer Roger DaGama and I are excited to announce our intent to establish a special supplemental fund in excess of $20,000, from the Student Government Association, specifically for our clubs and organizations to use to host healthy events and activities on dates that are identified as having a high-risk for alcohol and other drug misuse throughout the year.

We believe that student engagement in co-and-extracurricular activities is critical for our wellbeing, and for the enhancement of the student experience. Our 180+ clubs and organizations are a tremendous asset to our University and must be provided with the resources to grow and impact the lives of our classmates. We expect the fund to be available starting Fall 2016, along with the launch of our Peer Advising Program, once the student activities fee proposal we have made is formally approved by the Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

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