

SGA Minutes 1/20/09

Roll call

Finance: all present

Act: all present

Cola all present

CODEEEE: chair Jones excused

Action: all present

PR: Krodel excused

Academics: Sen myers, chair steele excused

No minutes from last week

Public forum: no one

Emergency business: Appointments

Motion for app.

4 peeps

Mandy: introduce yourself, potential senators

Kate Ash: My name is Kate ash junior Poly science major, served as a sophomore

Lucas: Today is his birthday,

Mikayla: looking to get appointed, natural resources major

Emma: eddy foster not here, previous cola experience, was gone campaigning for barack, more senators know about him than I do

Goodies: what do you each think you bring to senate

Lucas: Civil engineering major, loves music and math, well rounded person, bring experience in math and music to sga, can contact people good with math, engineering majors, loves the arts, can communicate ideals well

Mikayla: I am studying natural resources, interested in environmental issues, working on environmental issues on campus, working in work study with office of sustainability, working with city govt, and a water group, well connect with environmental playas, use my connection to develop solutions to problems

Kate A: offers new voice, has served before, have had new experiences, not unique from us, she knows diverse group of people, goal setter, reflects on decisions, has unique relationship with administration, works with them closely, also starting to volunteering with off campus women's issues.

Van Backer: How many on and off campus spots

What do you admire most about selves

Mikayla: not into admiring myself but I like writing and communication my ideals, passionate about certain issues, worked hard to get where I am in regards to my position and relationships with on campus people specifically in the office of sustainability

Kate I admire my people skills, generate a lot of support in my working groups, I love to support and lead, admire my emotion and passion for what I do

Lucas: I love how diverse and passionate I am, I love music math and sport, golf, music and math and sports

Glynne: for Lucas and mikayla why run now?

Lucas: I was approached by jimmy candon, wasn't sure at first then I realized I bided my time in hs, I wish I was more active I want to be able to say I was involved

Mikayla: basically I saw it on a listserv I'm interest now because I've kind of worked outside the system so far in clubs and working on these working group for certain issues, but now this opportunity came to with the CODEEE opening and it seems like a perfect opportunity for further development of the goals I want to achieve

Just: if you could change one thing at UVM what is it

Lucas: change the weather ha-ha, really make things more compact

Kate A: this is going to sound corny change the SGA image, the student body has no faith, students are passionate about issues that aren't picked up by sga, would love to relationship with student body be better

Mikayla: greater student awareness on important issues, recycling is important, visibility of different issues and events, not publicized enough

Jeff: what project will you take on?

Kate Ash: visibility and image of sga, technology fund faculty have issues with tech that takes up valuable class time, make them understand it better, make a more Mac friendly environment, third I would like to see access for the physically disabled

Mikayla: bottled water it is pretty important to address, composting recycling could defiantly be improved also id say just coordination between different departments, developing a more coherent environmental policy

Lucas: Budget Deficit I want to look out for workers that could lose their jobs, help make good solutions

Walsh: one word to describe yourself

Mikayla: curious

Lucas: crafty

Kate A: enthusiastic

Emma: Eddy's favorite is blue and he is progressive, fun and green

Wong: Why are you an ally to all students

Kate A: I wrote it because I felt it makes me unique which is what the app asks, I'm a Vermont student whose involved in many things that others are, would like to work on becoming more of an ally, I use the word common because none of us stand out because UVM is diverse

Candon: motion of exec

Mandy: all in favor

It passes

Mandy gives oath, they all accept

Any more emergency business none

Mandy New business: none

No Old business

Exec reports:

Mandy: good evening welcome aboard newbies, constitution committee will meet again, I need one person from each committee to show up, if you don't want to then someone else do it, attendance at committee, chairs email me attendance, we are tracking, finally I'm sorry for not sending out the agenda I'm sorry for screwing up

Just: are you implementing voter transparency,

Mandy: if you bring it up we'll vote on it, if we want to make it mandatory we can have a conversation about it.

Wong: what's the status on the new minute taker

Mandy: Seth is the minute taker for now, we need a new one, put the word out

Just: How much is it

Mandy: its 9 dollars an hour give or take

Jay: ok standardized signature it's a good way to make uniform policy for communication at the bottom of email put your name title and area and contact information, it one thing to do to ensure consistency, next Thursday we had a great meeting discussed expectations, but I'll talk more about it in the future, conduct when there are speakers. Be a good listener, keep a clean workspace, use office, but clean up ya moma don't live her, medical leave policy is up for you to view, Emma and I have looked at, put your comments up now, I have hockey tickets for Friday night, I have feedback survey closes tonight at midnight, I have some stuff here to look through, sen Ash brought up tech innovation committee it met I gave them the survey, about course information on registration page, stuff about wireless, interesting data more than willing to pass it on to concerned individual, still soliciting apps for student action chair hoping for another, there will be a chair by Tuesday hopefully. VSOP went out on Sunday, I will resend the link take it and encourage other to take it. It's an important gauge for SGA. I will walk around with tickets if you want one let me know policy paper is going around.

Tom: pass around the survey please

VP Kennedy: appointments sorry about comm. Break-down, I will reclaim the listserv we need a secure way of talking, I know that cynic wants to know but there is a limit to that, there are a lot perspectives I would like to hear them. Do not let your concerns with the process influence you decisions and you didn't. Retreat Saturday morning there will be food, Saturday 9-6 Sunday 10-7 email Mandy with an excuse, try and come up with issues pertinent to senate, need to know I can use picture of you for senate website, let me know if you have an issue with that. Budget me and Bryce are putting together a committee with Vasilis on the budget if you're concerned or want to get involved contact me, that's it, questions about the retreat let me know.

KevKev: where is the retreat

Emma: in here

Porter: hello, 8 buck increase will be 4 per student, I sent budget packet over break, I've been researching the past budget. We're working on being more efficient, last year we were way over budget. Future we will have a more equitable budget, those budgets are due on February 26 to create awesomest budget ever, end story budget will be tighter than it has been in the past, in happier news, I made a 600 buck allocation to a special student. On BOT audit committee, I will miss most of meeting can someone else be the student representative, if so let me know via email, cool committee to be a part of. Good feedback from the senate survey, I will be more visible this semester, I think I'm doing a good job I do 20+ hours in the office, if you want to know anything just stop by we'll chat. Today was a great day for me

Jay: I want to draw attention to 1 time expenses and commend him for building it into the budget

Sen VD: how were we 800K over budget why didn't we stop

Porter: not really over budget pool of extra money grows, we aren't in a deficit it's not as bad as it sounds I want a budget that is fully used

Just: I was under the impression that we weren't increasing the budget, can't we avoid doing this

Ben: the fee increase was based off we haven't increased it in two years, you have to do it gradually, it part of having a budget that reflect on costs not extra money from years before, we want to base it strictly on the student activities fee

TFord: what are the requirements from profession development fun

Ben: none it is there to enhance education in ways that can't be done at UVM, this example is a woman who got her research excepted to a conference in some place and it will expand her learning in ways that she can't do it here at UVM, it's based on a letter that details her area of interest.

Finance

KevKev: Porter did a good job of budget so I'll avoid that, we had one day of meeting because of the holiday, gave some cash to feel good, two members accepted into the global initiative, a conference that you have to be invited to apply for Bill Clinton will be there to talk about poverty and food shortages, that's cool, so we threw them a bone, we are going to try and create a fund raising committee that flopped, so if your interest in doing it now we are sending around a signup sheet its open to anyone, sign up and come to a meeting so we can raise funds that concludes my report

Activities

Sander: sup, past programs, ALANA bfest =success, big thanks to them, especially Amanda Wong, last week clubfest 100 student showed up nearly 20 organizations WRUV Dj, upcoming winter activities week, this will happen feb 9th-18th, thought and comments let us know, following up on ALANA, there will be an SGA ALANA summit, because it's clear we don't have a good relationship with these organizations, we want to rectify that and be more responsive to these groups, that will be coming up, if you want to come let me know, reoccurring things, SGA policy workshops march and April, for club leaders to better understand our policies, working with Davis center ops to make this building more responsible to clubs SGA clubs award banquets this semester, and SGA field/ BBQ coming up

Wong: wondering if you were going to host CCQ as well as ALANA?

Sander: originally just ALANA, were going to focus on ALANA first then expand out to others, especially ones that we don't recognize so we can become responsive to them

Candon: why do ALANA and BBQ fall to you and not PR

Sander: it's something I've wanted to do for a while, it falls partially under my jurisdiction, it is a tool to improve relationship with ALANA

Nick: BBQ is geared towards club networking, it's geared toward social networking

Shackett: Hi guys and Gals, welcome Lucas, didn't know anything when I got here so you have a lot to learn, were doing mayoral debate, taking questions from a bunch of smart peeps, not sure where Glynne is he will be the moderator, 1 faculty for the debate, 1 student from SGA, 1 student at large, and Joe Spidel, we reserved the maple ballroom and this place which do we want, looking to advertise in the cynic

Tyler: what up not really much to say we were talking to going to Montpelier to lobby, but we've met resistance from an office and were having a meeting with but we will be going Shackett: talked to Eddy last week he will take party smart it won't cost that much money to improve it talk to porter and Blanka to see if I can get some

more money for party smart campaign. Comm coalition Gail and Alicia found that some students worried about tuition for the next 2 years, were throwing together a money saving packet, another thing is a letter to the parents of incoming students, it's a welcome and disclaimer to be mature downtown, me and Glynne are going to draft a letter to the parents of students living off campus, Burlington PD forum last week, UVM not the biggest concern, if anyone wants to come let me know we need representation

Just: how do you find out who's off campus?

Shackett: don't know we'll just send it to all juniors

CODDEE

Crowley: no report cause Bryce is gone

TFord: complaint about cell phones in the library working on it, meeting with Annie Stevens about 300 extra students, and the naked bike ride, working Alex on completing bike rack audit, worried about phone service will be ended in res halls, we might try and make prepaid phones available, in contact with person over people keeping their windows open and breaking pipes and wasting heat, people leave windows open to smoke drugs, others do it to keep temp livable, get that fixed if it is because it will save us money

PR

Rifken: no chair Krodel, VSOP is out its cool, me and Seth have been working on the breakfast, Sunday feb 2 10-2 if you have griddles let us know, working on fanfest, more to come, in contact with Sarah Ruhan and you want to let her something let me know I'll get her

Just Where is the Krow

Everyone: DC

AA

Steele: Circular affairs committee met, working out the scheduling exam for the fall. Couple issues for fall exams classes have ended Thursday and people have to take an exam the next day that sucks were working on changing it so there is a buffer, an idea is to move the reading day in the middle to Friday, it's there because you can't have three exams in a 24 hour period so we have to get around that policy because I don't think it's necessary completely, next fall we will start early to buy time for a reading day, and a fall break in October and I can't remember what the third day is for. Last issue voting on axing phys ed many philosophical and financial reasons for axing it, next meeting Monday 4-5:30, it's a rowdy debate I think its going to happen, considered a resolution that we passed last year, I'll leave it at we are still working on priority registration, myers and Jeff are auditing the academic integrity hearings

Wong: Curious about Thursday reading day?

Steele: I'll get back in touch with Keith Williams about that, I'll look into it

Nick: by dissolving the PE department is that cutting jobs

Steele: yeah that's through campus rec

Porter: I believe there are 10 PE profs and they are involved in other aspects of campus rec I don't think they will directly lose their jobs

Steele Its unclear how it would be undertaken

Porter: this dissolves the requirement not the courses

Just: has this been passed yet

Steele: a subcommittee of the faculty senate so it will be brought up before the whole Fac senate

Just: how will it be phased out

Steele: not clear yet

Porter: you signed a contract that said you have to take a gym requirement, basically it will probably start next year

VD-Lopez: will this impact each school?

Steele It's up to the school

Forum:

Just: Just want to say it's a new semester, lets hit the ground, we got a lot done last semester let's keep it going

Candon: I though Seth would bring this up, Bird flu what is up with it, can we talk about it and have a presentation, not many people know about it

VD-Lopez: is the epidemic coming?

Candon: Great example of why we should be educated, UVM said its coming to UVM in Feb if it goes to Australia we gotta get out, the plan had estimated UVM death

Seth: This was bird flu thing was brought to my attention by a roommate of mine. He showed me a website. It was about UVM being evacuated because of the bird flu.

Seth has a spreadsheet. He alerted the Media. About 35 ppl will die. The site is down after I told the media about it. That's sketchy. Red flag. Why would you push it back? UVM should email the campus. I don't want to hear about it from rumors. UVM should do something

VD'Lopez: What the big panic?

Jay: I can't answer these questions will bring in someone to talk about it, the reason for 09 is the date, because there are different waves that will hit, what you saw was plans that say it's for this year, on CNN we are showing China has seen 2 cases since last year, there have been confirmed human to human contact, it is estimated it will kill 2% it has had a 57% mortality rate. It's like mad cow they're just being cautious, it would spread quick

Rifken: last updated November 13 2007

Porter: the reason for no mass email is because of what going on here, my dad is the director so, it's not about expecting it to happen but actually being ready, don't be scared be happy people are planning on what would happen.

VD-Lopez: reslife is taking away phones, several people say they can't afford not to use those phones, we are working on getting a system in place to help students

Just 98% have cell phones, LAN lines are expensive, and no one uses them we will supply phones for those who cannot afford we will hook them up

TFord: prepaid phones are cheap and easy so we will try and supply res halls with them.

Comments:

Sander: Kofi is having a breakfast wants questions for Martin Luther King the third Email Him

Claire: This is awesome that Obama is our president, my first experience of politics was my mom accidentally voting for Buchanan I was disappointed in America, now I'm not, yay Obama and freedom

Wong: vday passion party after senate retreat at John Dewey room shows will be on
13th of feb

Jay: Hockey won one lost one this weekend, come sing the fight song with me

Mandy: I need to meet the constitution committee

Glynne: I was a proud American when I was born

Roll Call

Finance AP

Act: Mensa excused

Cola