



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009
TWENTY-FIRST MEETING OF 2008-2009 SENATE

CALL TO ORDER
START TIME: 7:03pm

ROLL CALL
STUDENT ACTIVITIES: All present
CODEEE: All present
STUDENT ACTION: All present
PR: All present
FINANCE: All present
COLA: All present
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: All present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: no minutes yet

PUBLIC FORUM

TIM ASHE- STATE SENATOR: cancelled

EMERGENCY BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Jones: Open Government Act

Just: Constitutional amendments

Corthell: Constitutional amendments for elections

OLD BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

SPEAKER FRANK:

Constitutional amendments- The Constitution Committee met last Sunday and 27 proposed amendments. These must sit on table for 2 weeks. They have been sent via listserv.

Agenda- I will now send on Friday instead of Monday or Tuesday. I think everyone will benefit from this. Please make sure you send legislation on the listserv in time.

Legislation- 4 bills passed last week, they will be out shortly.

Next week no meeting, but you are expected to come to the mayoral debate. Attendance will be taken. This is in Silver Maple Ballroom

PRESIDENT TAYLOR:

New PR Chair- Corthell

Resolution passed next week for prepaid cell phones in the Residence Halls. I will not veto, but it will not have my signature. It is official act of the senate, but it will not be signed by me.

We had a meeting with President Fogel, VP Gustafson and Barbara Johnson. We discussed student employees. We will work with them to create process so students can express grievances without fear of retaliation. Let me know if you are interested in serving on a committee

I'm looking for topics for UVM Guide to ... (i.e. R25- how to, parking on Redstone).

Board of Trustees met last weekend. Meal plan will be voted on in May, and the plan we approved has been given a nod. Housing and meal plans will be published with the cost we approved. McCauley will become a Residence Hall, may have fitness center and dining hall. This will be an improvement for Trinity Campus.

I will email anything else

VICE-PRESIDENT KENNEDY:

Talked to President Fogel, VP Gustafson about the budget. Faculty taking a deep breath over this.

Congrats and thanks to Jimmy Candon about student worker progress.

3 senators resigned- Myers, Varsakopoulos, Weiland. We will do appointments in 1 week. Please recruit people who are interested. This is good experience for those running for next year.

I confirmed with Pat and Shane that senators living in a UVM recognized group house, even sophomores, are off campus. Open spots are 2 off, 1 on.

Georgia needs more pictures for the website. It looks great so far, and she will be here in 2 weeks. I'd like more pictures of people we know.

Benay- Pictures from senate activities, appropriateness?

Kennedy- If you're worried about appropriateness, don't send it. I'm just looking for pictures of anyone associated with Senate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE- SEN. ISSADORE:

Budgets are in full swing. We had hearings Sat. and Mon. We also had our weekly supplemental hearings. I went to the Board of Trustees BFI Meeting on Fri; I went to the morning session. Ben and Megan were there in afternoon. We spoke to retiring trustee about coming to public forum to talk about BOT.

Benay- Fundraising-We got some helpful ideas, but we still could use more. We are going to do a bake sale. We might make blank greeting cards and sell them. Volunteer could work at VT Teddy Bear Co and they will donate to cause. We could do a local fruit sale. We also got a quote from a green bag company for reusable bags with screening, could bring 2-4K. We're also thinking about buying metal water bottles w/ SGA logo to sell and to work towards green effort. We're having a meeting Thurs 5:30 in SGA. Email me more suggestions.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES- SEN. SANDER:

Thanks to finance committee for holiday bags.

This week is winter activities week. Clubs are tabling all over DC, please stop by and say hi. Over 55 signed up for week. Thursday is the ALANA summit I've put together to respond to concerns about SGA policy. Please send topics you'd like discussed. Student activities plan comm. Will meet- voice concerns. Planning for club awards banquet- let me know if you have suggestions/questions. Planning w/ Redstone halls and IRA to put together event

COLA- SEN. SHACKETT:

Tim Ashe was supposed to speak tonight. He wanted me to let you know that he's on economic development committee. He wants 4-5 state colleges and UVM at the state house on one day. This will probably be after Spring Break. He is planning to be here in a couple weeks to speak.

Mayoral Debate- Thank you Speaker Frank for making this mandatory. National politics is affected by local, so this is important. Sen. Glynne is the moderator. We are sitting down w/ Joe Spiedel to plan, and we are making packet with info and directions. There will be 4 parties at the debate including the green party.

Candon: Someone from VT Yankee is coming to speak at the next Senate meeting. We might take a trip down 2/27. I'll pass around sign-up sheet for those interested. COLA has priority, and we'll find a way to figure out who else goes. Will need help from PR. We'll introduce 2 resolutions, one for one against so we can bring it to state house after spring break, to give student opinion.

Shackett: Party Smart passed, sorry for confusion. The due date is set for 3/2. We are willing to work with any office in UVM/Burlington who can help make info safe and useful. We will be looking over with a fine toothed comb. Send me questions

CODEEE- SEN. JONES:

I will email our full report

Our bill will be voted on in 2 weeks (no senate next week). We'll work on it and get it out on the listserv. Please look at it.

Budget Ad Hoc committee- Robyn Warhol- faculty will be at our meeting. Send questions for her.

STUDENT ACTION- SEN. WALSH:

Workers bill of rights- in progress

I was looking at what other SGAs are working on- their attendance isn't as good as ours

Lounge space audit of res halls will be out next week. Last spring SA did good audit, it was filed and is sitting in SGA. We want to put it out to all res halls so people have access.

PR- SEN. CORTHELL:

We are meeting Thurs at 9am to layout rest of semester and next year.

Elections- Constitutional amendment- change from last week in March to 2nd Tues after Spring break to give buffer week. Please vote for- will make it a lot easier. VP debates- 3/16, I need panelists. I've invited clubs too. Direct anyone interested to me.

I have petition packets available tomorrow at 9am. One change- 2 periods of election- signature and campaign periods. Signature- 2/11, after meeting w/ chair 2/25 campaign period begins. Candidates cannot campaign before this meeting. Someone always breaks this rule. Please don't.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS- SEN. S.TAYLOR:

Resignation of Sen. Myers. Was a valuable member and very active with projects on academic integrity.

Educational & Research Tech Committee- Actively responding to input from survey- online course descriptions. Improving wireless in library- they are actively working on. Strength of signal is weakened by moisture in books, and by people.

Working group for restructure and reform- academic infrastructure. Goals and recommendations to President- potential ways to improve retention and enrollment, promote interdisciplinary learning and research, overcome challenge of having double major in different colleges. I'm meeting with orgs on campus. I will field any input and keep you posted.

Faculty Senate- Cindy Forehand- Curricular Affairs Committee- motion about final exam scheduling. Called on STaylor and Whitmore for input, but was told students cannot speak. Was in touch with Robyn Warhol to find out if floor can be yielded to student. We can plan to have students there based on outcome to have presence.

Robertson is in discussion w/ Lucier & Williams (registrar) to sort out priority registration

Whitmore- Ethics & Standards so we can generate a formal recommendation for guidelines on academic integrity.

Jones- What did they want input on?

STaylor- About not having exam during last 5 semester days. They have to go back to determine what it means (project, paper, etc)

SENATORIAL FORUM

Glynne- Jay- I disagree with you not signing our legislation. We do not have a pocket veto. I think you should sign it. I understand you are not required to.

Candon- McCauley- one plan is to take RAs from back 5 and put in McCauley. IRA is voting on compensation package tomorrow- 8:00 UHeights Multipurpose Room. I encourage you to go voice your opinion.

Issadore- I agree with Glynne. No signature portrays different message than a veto. We were trying to show support. This shows that senate supports but leadership doesn't. I don't think this bill is meant to be combative. I don't think we should fear how administration will view this. This looks like you don't have trust in senate.

Mensah- I sent email on YOUniversity. I would like more video footage from different schools- Rubenstein, Medical, Engineering. I'm VP of NRHH- recognizes top 1% of students. Want to increase membership. Please contact me to talk about this.

Jones- About bill- we need to think about Jay's side. I'm a fan of Party Smart. I don't see why we need a bill to put a deadline on something. I think we can work with offices to improve. I think putting his name on it is putting it in administrator's faces. This doesn't need a bill. We should start dialog about Naked Bike Ride.

Wilkinson-Ray- On Jay's part- we can't force him to sign, but having his signature will give authority. If he doesn't want to put his name on it, we need to respect that.

Frank- I can print names of supporters on bill.

Mensah- I'm working with TPS. There are only 2-3 seating locations on campus bus stops. Any ideas for where they are needed? Tech Innovation fund- Meeting in 2 weeks- send us questions. BSU hosting a movie in Lafayette 270.

Ash- I'm having a meeting w/ UVM community members from different offices to have dialog of accessibility on campus. Email me if you are interested in participating, with questions.

Valenta- I think this body gains validity by respecting administration. Jay- can you explain why you won't sign?

SENATORIAL COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Taylor- Student Trustee Committee- Selected Adam Roof- 2nd year, Political Science major, English minor, exceptional person, on peer review board.

Why I'm not signing Bill- Business- 2 statements- implement and launch no later than 3/2, directs chair of COLA to accept all changes and edits per discretion. You get a lot more done without a resolution. Resolution can lead to abrasive relations. A piece of paper that is arbitrary will not help. I would have vetoed if I had been aware of 3-day rule. It is official business, but without my signature. It is an internal bill, not a resolution that is going out. I am confident we will complete this project without this resolution. I support the project fully. I don't want to set a precedent that we need a resolution to move legislation along. This paper doesn't change deadline or feedback. It says to offices that we're having trouble working with them and we're going to force them. I will not sign in interest of SGA.

ROLL CALL:

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Garcia excused

CODEEE: All present

STUDENT ACTION: All present

PR: All present

FINANCE: Benay excused

COLA: All present

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: All present

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ENDS: 8:12pm