



TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009
THIRD MEETING OF 2009-2010 SENATE

CALL TO ORDER
START TIME: 7:06

ROLL CALL

FINANCE: Annie Doran (excused)

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Jeff Fromuth (excused)

COLA: all present

CODEEE: David Maciewicz (excused)

STUDENT ACTION: Bob Just (excused) Jeremiah Church (excused) Liz Brown (excused)

PR: all present

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Liz Kerschner (excused) Grace Henley (excused)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: approved

PUBLIC FORUM

Taylor Lalemand and Dexter Locke, UVM Office of Sustainability

We are presenting some research we did regarding the environmental foot print of the university and how to cut cost while improving it. We are working with the office of sustainability looking for efficacy options. We did a research project on the climate action plan. We are publishing the UVM climate plan this September. My research questions what is the optimal strategy for increasing the UVM building strategy. We are working with ACUOCC. One requirement of this is we rate a climate action plan. We went through two sets of interviews. On what people would be willing to pay to have our carbon emissions reduced to zero. We found that the mean was \$63 per person per month and median was \$21 per person per month, which is more accurate. We need to implement more involvement and more communication and information generated. The facilities staff needs to be able to generate opportunities and share ideas. Student involvement is also very important. We could increase the feedback and accountability.

We looked at a sub set of campus. We have a recommendation to pug up budget holes but lower our carbon emissions. We have a LEED building policy but what about existing buildings. There are old

buildings averaging about 125 years old. I chose to look at residential spaces being used as non-residential spaces. We have 3% of campus population in 5% of space. Many are old and historic and they are not on central head which makes it expensive but they are individually metered which is good. Key issue is deferred maintenance. We have a pattern of neglected and emergent repairs for structural issues as well as energy conservation. I looked at utility cost of FY 2008 and the maintenance cost of the last 6 years and the predicted cost in the coming years. \$325,000 on utilities 2.3 million on repairs and it is projected of a minimum of 6.3 million that needs to go into these building for base line conditions. The annual deferred maintenance is 5 million for all of campus.

Cafarelli: the numbers you came up with for projected, it can be easy to just pug in an equation but where did you get that number? Did you run data analysis?

In the interest of time I didn't show how I go them but I took AME audit reports and summed recommended cost associated for fixing buildings and subtracted the work that had been done. That number is in 2001 dollars.

Sheva: were there students assigned to this project for after you leave? And can we access this information?

We are posting this on the green UVM sight. I will let you know. We would like someone to pick up where we left off

Frye: can you get specific on the recommendations you camp up with

We have a black hole of money. Wood framed buildings to be converted to residential housing. Others would be good candidates to become LEED.

Whitridge: have you talk to faculty about starting these initiatives

There has been a lot of excitement in our facility staff around LEED building.

Jay Taylor and Emily Walsh, Naked Bike Ride

Goal of the naked bike ride force was to create a much safer environment and prevent property damages and allow the event to continue. Present a time line with the 2 shifts of volunteers. Set up crew will take the role of green mountain crew and that will cause savings and the event crew will be spread out throughout the rout. Green mount security will take down the barricades and intervene, as necessary and if goes further then police services will come in. The emergencies operations center will have members present there. We are keeping people form crossing Main Street.

We are requiting funding for this event. The naked bike ride started out in L and L and it escalated. Due to the larger group we have had an issue of security. We are paying for it regardless of where it comes from.

Letters read that students had submitted about the naked bike ride.

Wong: how much are you asking for and what is the likeliness that we would have to fund it every year or how much will it be in the future?

We requested 5,000 and allocated 2500 last semester. And I think that's what we are getting again this year. We predicted the cost to be 14,000 and it ended up being more than 17,000. By having the volunteers set up the fencing we cut 2450. And the cost of t-shirts were cut down. By having student volunteers take ownership it will cut costs. We kept all of the old security along with the volunteers because we didn't know how effective they would be and so if all goes well this time around hopefully we can start to cut the security and keep it to mostly volunteers.

Wilkinson-Ray: last semester we allocated 2.5 grand and then went to the meeting and said the SGA would probably not give money again. If we don't give money where will it come from?

It will come from the students whether or not the SGA gives money. If the SGA doesn't give money it will show the SGA is not in support and if you give less it will show reluctance on what I think is a positive move.

The students of Student Stand Up

Students stand up has been meeting twice weekly since last semester. We are cornered with the administrations commitment to academic excellence because of the budget cuts. Over the last two-week there was a walk out and about 1000 students participate in that. Then those students escalated those actions on Wednesday by going in to the president's office and waiting for them to talk to us. We felt at that point there was very little happening, nothing had been changed. We decided to use our bodies as a point of leverage. And that's why we did that on Wednesday. We are coming to you today bringing a letter we wrote addressing the students. We outlined that which we already have gone through and talking about why we escalated and how those 33 students were arrested. We came in hoping to negotiate and slim down our demands.

Outline the circumstances of the arrest and Fogal failed to address that to the student body. Essentially early in the afternoon 7 students went into the office chained together along with 5 other students with the intention of talking with president Fogal. And Fogal and Richard Kate came and had a brief discussion. They left with the understanding they would both return and what happened was about 20 minutes later only Kate returned and Fogal had left for the day. We discussed with Kate what our minimum demands would be and it was clear that we would only reach an impasse because Fogal was not there and willing to return and we needed his commitment to know that anything would go through. We were arrested and removed for trespassing with full knowledge that would happen and along side there were up to 70 students sitting in the presidents wing who remained there thought to 10:00 and then were informed the building would be closing. The UVM police then came and said that whoever did not want to be arrested should leave but about 25 students remained and they were arrested and were processed at waterman and released but SSU is a smaller group of people then the amount of students that were there and arrested. We were in an academic building, we were there because we had wanted a response from the administration. What they had done is be influenced by us. We are calling on you guys to address this issue as the new SGA and consider the resolution.

Glynne: I am defiantly for the cause but I do not necessarily support the actions of you towards the administration. Why focus on Fogal when the board ultimately had the ability to overturn the budget.

Kate crates the budget and Fogal approves and its presents it to the board. Richard Cate has been the only one to meet with us. The board meets twice a semester the board liasons to Kate and Fogal they are not working on the budget the themselves.

Glynne: I get it as you can tell Fogal doesn't want to listen so focusing all your energy on him is counter productive. Fogal is in charge of coming up with it with Kate but the executive committee of the board meets every month . Has there been a presence there? Why not focus on the board and not the administration?

We have written letter after letter to the board. We asked to speak but they said it was inappropriate to listen to students. We have been emailing them also without a response.

Rifken: have you had contact with the student trustees?

I had a conversation with Jason and he wasn't informed and had not read our emails we sent to him he didn't know the student opinion

Doran: what's happening to the students next after being arrested?

The will be put on trial.

Taylor: what specifically are you guys asking for from us tonight. It is to my understanding that you were informed multiple times and therefore you made the decision to be arrested so you decided to go with civil disobedience.

Everyone had full understanding they would be arrested. We are not asking for you to ask them to drop the charges we are accepting the consequences. We are asking for you to hear the resolution and we are calling on you to start thinking about calling upon Fogal to resign.

Church: Could you speak specifically on your communication with Fogal thus far?

We have gotten very litter response. Fogal in very unresponsive when we were trying to set up a meeting. When stand up fist drafted their list of demands we sent it out to the entire administration and we only received one response and they received emails and hard copies.

Wilkinson-ray: what would have been a satisfactory response by Fogal on Wednesday?

We would have left with a signed statement form Fogal saying that he would voluntarily take a pay cut to prevent some of the layoffs.

Kerschner: I am cornered about the summer. Do you have any plans to do anything?

We are trying to figure that out. I can't tell you as far as the summer but I hope to come back next year with what I believe to be a strong SGA right now and using that and the faculty union and coming back with a bang.

Wong: comment on the staff and faculty that were supporting you at the protest.

The English department bought us pizza. The UA issued a statement supporting us and our right to protest and asking the administration to drop all charges.

Taylor: I am happy to see you revised your demands. And the whole coming at them with demands in the first place I feel is the wrong approach. I have a tough time being in support of any resolution specifically to a line with students stand up or have any association with these specific actions. We want to keep the conversation going but to push something through tonight would be hasty.

I would like to point out that much of our tactics came from the urgency of the situation. We did not start off with them but they have escalated over time due to the lack of response.

Alex Viadero Lopez

I am disappointed at the way the new SGA has shown there is a new SGA. Some people keep coming to me thinking I am on the SGA still. Put your name out there more, tell people you are part of this body. I am here because a lot of people are fed up with the way the protests are going. The way you have been talking about Fogal has been very disrespectful. The way you are attacking and putting blame on people. Put out solutions not demands. I am a little embarrassed to associate with you guys out there. I am tired of seeing people pointing fingers. Go to the board.

Sheva: have you seen to stand up prior to coming up here?

Just: it takes time to get to know a new senate. Give it time and people will know who these faces are.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS

Bill Recognizing the UVM Film Club

Read bill.

Members of the club talking: we ask the SGA to recognize the film club. We have been meeting as a group for a semester. The tv and film study department is expanding so I wanted to create a place where student film worker could collaborate and also it encourages people to talk about film and look at media. At this point what I want is to come backing 20 years and find that this club is still here. I think it could be a good part of UVM as a whole.

The film club is democracy. Right now we have been working on a short film and it's been great but some people have been left out because we only have one camera. So I thought we could make group films. And then we would have a screening.

Rifkin: have you guys had any interaction with UVM TV, are you interested in talking with them?

Yes we do believe that it would be great to work together. It would provide an opportunity for these films to be screened. Due to the different nature of the way the clubs have to be formed they need to exist separately.

Executive session 8:33- 8:38

Glynne: call to question second

VOTE passed

Bill Recognizing the UVM Exercise and Movement Science Club

Read bill.

Members from the club: we started this club because we realized we are the only major in our college that doesn't have a club. We met with many professors who are in support of this club and willing to help in any way they can. We understand the club would incorporate people who aren't in the major. We figured this club would allow us to network with professionals, faculty, and peers. As far as fundraising we already have ideas. We have had 30 members signed up. We send out emails and some informational groups so far and we hope that once we get recognized we will be on The Lynx and join activities fest

Just: call to question second

VOTE passed

Bill Recognizing UVM Racquetball Club

Read bill.

Members from the club: we are trying to bring people together that play racket ball. Club members are given balls at the beginning of our open play meetings and we are putting together a supply of eye ware and rackets for the club but with your ID you can take them out form campus rec. Discounted equipment purchase, organized play, game finder campus wide, league play (ECRC), and local competition. We want to be recognized for the ability to reserve courts, and to access funding. Our league dues would be \$595 per year for 16 athletes. We are looking or apparel and uniforms.

Burns: call to question second

VOTE passed

Finance Bills

Students Stand Up

Bill allocating funds to men's hockey, crew, Hillel, naked bike ride

Read bill for naked bike ride passports. We decided it would look best that we continue to fund this event as it was last semester with \$2500 to show the continued SGA support.

Just: I am in support of this because I think its import that SGA support something that all participants are students.

Wilkinson-Ray: I think that money is a minor detail. We are not talking about money we are talking about whether or not the SGA supports the way the event has evolved. I think that if we don't fund it we are saying the SGA doesn't support the continuation of the event because we are not happy with how the event is handled. It does give us the opportunity to support students who don't normally partake in the clubs we have.

Called to question

VOTE passed

Read bill for crew. They have exhausted almost all of there \$52000 budget. They are one of our largest clubs and they qualified for nationals and they requested a bit more than \$2500 but we thought that would be enough for them to feel comfortable going down with.

Chevrier: what is the money specifically for?

When qualified they automatically had 4 entries covered and they had 7 boats. They have 50 competitors and they are renting four 12 passenger vans for 5 days and that's about 2000. \

Frye: how much money do we have in total and how is this straining our budget.

You pay a student activities fee which becomes my overall budget for clubs. At the end of the year unless we have exhausted our club budge the money just goes away. It's a use it or loose it thing

Frye: how much money do we have left?

I think \$3000.

Called to question

VOTE passed

Read bill for Hillel. Its money going towards paying to have environmental experts and educator lecture fees. They fundraised over \$21000 on there own and I felt that was incredible. They went on this trip last year and they talked about how that was there trial trip and now they know what to do and what not to do and they felt that trip was lacking environmental experts. They originally asked for just over \$3000 for 5 environmental experts and 2 lecturers and we decide to give them money for 3 environmental experts and 2 lectures. This is a 2 week long trip. They will be there for 12 days after travel. After all the bills tonight I think this is the most important one because I have never seen a club fundraise \$21000 in such a short amount of time

Just: call to question second

VOTE Passed

Read bill for men's club ice hockey. They have a 35 man roster and we have one of the most competitive club hockey teams in the country. They are always doing fundraisers. They asked for \$10,000 and after discussion we realized that the hockey team dressed 21 payers and three goalies for a total of 24 so we are going to give them \$4021 for 30 jersey 30 pants shells and socks and helmets we did not allocate for. The helmets they can come back for because it's a safety related item it automatically gets allocated.

Called to question

VOTE passed

Chevrier: suspension to recognize bill to recognize biomedical engineers club\wilkinson-ray resolution

Wilkinson ray: resolution in support of student demonstrations on campus. I have been speaking with several members of Stand up since last weeks sit in and 5 today we sat down and wrote a resolution for an hour. Read resolution. I am bringing this up as an opportunity to voice our opinions this year.

Executive session: 9:34- 10:19

VOTE passed

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Club of the Fortnight- VSTEP

They did a great job in the past week with earth week and the water bottles.

Bill called to question

VOTE passed

Bill Recognizing the Biomedical Engineering Club

Read bill.

Members of the club: it's a club that decided to get students interested in the field and anything associated remotely with the field involved in networking and group projects. Biomedical engineering is a field which encompasses computer science, biology, engineering and many other subjects. Projects we would do could be an alarm clock that would wake you up according to our rem sleep cycle

Motion to reinstate the rules

Call to question

VOTE passed

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

SPEAKER ELLIS:

We have an attendance book. And there is something for all voting records. When writing resolutions and bills, I ask that if you have a question ask me or vice pres or president. Constitution committee, I send out emails to makes sure that every committee has someone to work on the constitution so all those participating please meet me up here. During public form I ask that no computers be used and also no eating during public forum. Today's meeting we went by Mandy's rules of order. Starting in the fall I will make a new rule of order and I will send that out during the summer. Every one needs to vote. You are an elected member of the body I ask you participate.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Provost interviews started today we met our first candidate. Naked biker ride, I assume that the attendance as far as volunteering isn't coming form this body which is unfortunate but if you are participating or watching you have seen the issues from our perspective try to enjoy the event and be respectful and it does come down to a fine line and its the students that make the decision if the event does continue on. I don't want to see students get up and go outside during public forum because of a respect issue.

VICE-PRESIDENT ASH:

Good job with relay for life. Orientation works within the davis center there are tables with many things and sga gets a table so I please sign up. I will send out emails over the summers so check your email. I will be working on appointments over the summer to committees all over campus so if you have interest I will be sending out a list of positions available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE- SEN. CAFARELLI:

STUDENT ACTIVITIES- SEN. CHEVRIER:

COLA- SEN. GLYNNE:

CODEEEE- SEN. WONG:

STUDENT ACTION- SEN. WILKINSON-RAY:

PR- SEN. RIFKEN:

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS- SEN. TAYLOR:

Motion to do comments and announcements by email and adjourn after roll call motion second

VOTE passed

SENATORIAL FORUM

SENATORIAL COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ROLL CALL:

FINANCE: all present

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Fromuth

COLA: all present

CODEEE: Maciewicz

STUDENT ACTION: all present

PR: all present

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: all present

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ENDS: 10:43