

**Meeting Minutes:
Meeting of the 2008-2009 Student Government Association Senate
Tuesday, September 30th, 2008**

Called to Order at: 7:07pm

ROLL CALL

- Finance: Issadore and Mallea excused
- Student Activities: Toffrey excused
- COLA: Camden, VanBacker, Barnett excused
- CODEEE: Crowley excused
- Student Action: V Lopez and Ellis excused
- Public Relations: Krodel excused
- Academic Affairs: S.Taylor and Myers excused

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- Minutes PASS.

PUBLIC FORUM

- Erin Morrissey, Forest Crimes Unit/ Clear Cut – thanks for passing the bill last year. UVM officially began the process of removing Kimberly Clark from campus but you'll be discussing a resolution tonight about divesting and cutting off ties from the corporation.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

OLD BUSINESS

- Sander – Bill Recognizing the Accounting Club
 - Amy Young, VP – we started last fall and met every month last year. We did a volunteer program with United Way. We have 30-40 members on our list serve. We did a coffee fundraiser, had several speakers from accounting firms come in to provide networking for students. We have support from professors and hope to improve overall skills. We also did mock interviews and a resume workshop last year.
 - Randee Tuepker, President – we participated in the Vermont income tax program, spent about 6 hours learning and then were certified, and each person spent about 15-20 hours each semester and on a volunteer basis did taxes for people that couldn't afford to get them done. We'd like to do a personal accounting workshop to teach simple skills to everyone. We've gotten a lot of support from accounting alumni; an '06 graduate from NH came in and spoke about the recruiting process. We want to be recognized

to have greater ease when reserving rooms and would also like a bank account as we just have funds sitting in our advisors office from a fundraiser. We had the opportunity to view the lynx program and it would be a great forum for our club. We already have a great relationship with other business school clubs but would also like to work with other clubs.

- Benay – what have you been fundraising for and what would you need for a budget?
- Randee – we fundraised to grow as a group and we'd eventually like to do a trip away from Burlington.
- Rifken – is your club open to other people?
- Randee – yes, we're open to people beyond the business school, especially when it comes to workshops on personal accounting.
- PASSES.
- Sander – Bill Recognizing the Running Club
 - Mike, Treasurer – the objective of our club is to unite the UVM running community and we plan to offer a range of opportunities, both competitive and recreational. We have already attended races and want to provide students without vehicles access to places outside of Burlington.
 - Carly, Co-President – we compete weekly in local races, drive out of town for runs, plan at least one group run, invite guest speakers to talk about running related topics, and participated in Relay for Life last year.
 - Deb, Co-President – this year we are planning the weekly Catamount Series and we wanted to collaborate with UVM professors and professional and work with the Police department to educate on safety in response to the accident. We'll participate again this year in the Burlington High School Cross Country Invitational and Relay for Life.
 - Mike – our members get to meet other runners to run with and we've set up a discount on shoes and apparel with the Ski Rack. We want to educate on being smart athletes and have already launched a UVM running website.
 - Just – will you continue running outside during bad weather?
 - Mike – I personally will.
 - Carly – we'll do some indoor and some outdoor.
 - Deb – it is really just whatever you want to do.
 - Benay – would you collaborate with the Cross Country Skiing teams on their runs?
 - Mike – I've been in touch with the President of triathlon but we'd be open to whatever.
 - Deb – all our runs are different, some are more competitive but we want to appeal to people of every possible skill level.
 - Carly – we'll base our runs on the requests of our members.
 - PASSES.
- Michel – Resolution Creating Party Smart
 - Reports showed that most students consumed alcohol last year but with no mention on how to safely consume alcohol or to have and attend parties. We've offered no tips on safe drinking, hosting and attending parties, or

alternatives to drinking. This creative website will provide options for those who chose to or not to consume alcohol. It will be created by working with the appropriate offices including Police Services, Center for Health and Wellbeing, Community Relations, Women's Center, etc.

- Jones – will it offer a spot on the website to show laws?
- The table of contents for the site includes basic facts, checklist for a successful party, tips to be a good attendee, alternatives, tips for interacting with the police, avoiding cups, and yes it will include the actual laws.
- Benay – can we actually do this legally through a UVM website?
- Mallea -
- The site is covered with disclaimers that say these are alternatives but if you chose to drink here is how to do it safely but there is no guarantee anything bad will happen or you won't get in trouble.
- Shackett – what we're doing is totally fine, UVM's lawyers will critique and finalize it and tons of other big schools do it.
- Mallea – would this be available to just UVM students or the general public?
- Available to everyone because it is on the website but it will be relative to Burlington.
- Mallea – we went to a session in which the Middlebury student body president and a lot of other schools wanted access, would you be willing to work with them?
- Yes, we used other schools as references in making ours.
- Mensah – what population is this targeting, on or off? And are there any differences for those that are of legal age range? Are you putting in the disclaimer that although you should party smart you shouldn't be doing it at all if you're not old enough?
- The target is every student because it is also about attending and not just hosting. But it does consistently reiterate that the drinking age is 21 and there are ramifications for underage drinking.
- Garcia – is there a section to blog comments or post other student tips?
- Not yet, but that's a great idea.
- PASSES.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- Treasurer Porter – n/a
- Speaker Frank
 - Please e-mail me a list of where you want your legislation sent if you pass a bill or resolution.
 - We're beginning the constitution committee, so I'd now like to know who from each committee will be serving on it...
 - Finance – Howard and Issadore
 - Student Activities – Burnes and Garcia
 - COLA – Glynne
 - CODEEE – Just

- Student Action – Vlopez, Ellis, Walsh
 - PR – Rifken
 - AA – one of our new senators when we get another
- Vice President Miller – n/a
- President Taylor
 - VP Miller is out tonight for the Jewish holiday but wanted me to let you know that for appointments, chairs all have packets to go to their committees tonight and should send responses by Thursday at noon with a 1st and 2nd choice.
 - There are few policies up for renewal, I will send around copies of the old and new versions for you to look at and add comments, the first is Relations with Students, the second is on Names, Figureheads, and Symbols, the third is on Temporary Structures which basically shifts the interpretation from Conference and Event Services to the Director of Student Life himself, Pat Brown, and the last on Campus Speakers. This is your opportunity to comment on them before I put in my two cents.
 - The technology innovation survey hasn't gone out yet.
 - With the Naked Bike Ride someone has to take ownership over it or it has to be shut down. It was started by students and has gone on its own without ownership but it has gotten bigger and had more responses from police services. No one wants it to shut it down but SGA, IRA, IFC, PANHEL, or anyone else could take it on if they wanted.
 - The first hockey game is on Sunday, I have tickets for you, if you're not going to go please make sure you give your ticket to someone that will.
 - Kennedy – can you e-mail the stuff you passed out so we can take a better look at it?
 - Yes I can attach them all in an e-mail.
 - Glynne – does the speaker's policy cover everywhere?
 - I haven't gone over it myself but it does govern speakers brought to campus by students. Policy reviews are done regularly so you'll be hearing more about them.
 - Corthell – with the naked bike ride, is it that people are getting too crazy or is it more of a safety issue?
 - There have been a lot of things that have happened and a whole history of observers and participants getting hurt. There are so many problems and no real good answer. Last year metal gates were put through the parade route but there is also the serious influx of people that come to watch, and Police Services spent \$10,000 that night.
 - Corthell – shouldn't it be something the university spends money on to make it safe?
 - They're not willing to and students respond better to students anyways, that is why there are programs like Eco-Reps and why we have RA's. The university is asking students to help manage it because a lot of people want to shut it down.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance, Chair: Senator Issadore
 - Benay – we didn't have meetings today or last night because of the Jewish holiday but we have 15 meetings tomorrow.
- Student Activities, Chair: Senator Sander
 - The liaison program is starting this week and each senator is communicating with about 20 clubs regularly.
 - 3 clubs are trying to be recognized; Chemistry, Wakeboarding, and Pre-Med Clubs.
 - I'm meeting with Dirk Rodgers about club pot luck, an SGA awards banquet, and the Winter Activities Fair.
- COLA, Chair: Senator Shackett
 - Thanks for passing Party Smart and thanks to Julia. I will be sending that out to the website designer.
 - Julia and I went over the results from VSOP which Chair Krodel will send out with his campus wide VSOP.
 - 5-6 of us did ride alongs and gained a new respect for police officers.
 - Benay – it was eye opening and I took away that they're not out to get us and they work really hard so we should do something to show our appreciation like possibly getting GMCR or Dunkin Donuts coffee and bagels donated to them.
 - Glynne – we're not allowed to do that because it's considered a bribe.
 - Benay – maybe we could make a card.
 - I met with Senator Just and talked about the Ultimate College Bowl and start collaborating with IRA on further efforts to centralize voter registration. I've e-mailed the college democrats, republicans, and progressives to get a list of who is registered.
- CODEEE, Chair: Senator Kennedy
 - I will e-mail my report, let me know if you want to get involved with anything we're doing.
- Student Action, Chair: Senator Abda
 - I've had lots of conversations with TPS and Meal Plan, and Cook Commons will now be open on Friday from 7-7 and on Saturday and Sunday from 10-7 and the hours for Brennan's have been adjusted and the new hours will be implemented October 10th.
 - The meal plan task force is trying to figure out a late night option so give me any feedback on that.
 - The appointments process was messed up and it's unfortunate but please take it more seriously this time.
 - I've gotten some ticks off me but encourage people to keep sending them.
 - I still need a replacement for the CALS Dean Selection Committee.
 - Ana is putting together the homecoming parade, please help.
- Public Relations, Chair: Senator Krodel
 - Aldrich – Ryan will be back next week and this weekend is Homecoming so Friday we'll be chalking central campus to welcome alumni.
 - DruEllis – we have a theme of black and white, green and gold, and we have enough people to decorate. Drew is driving but we need more people

to come to the parade and we have outfit ideas. We need one SGA member to be a route volunteer to help traffic and some people will need to be there at 8:30am on Saturday and help cleaning up.

- Aldrich – thanks Ana!
- Academic Affairs, Chair: Senator Taylor
 - After the Circular Affairs Committee meeting on Thursday, I'll e-mail my report and we'll be preparing a resolution about online course evaluations and we'd like suggestions on how to provide a meaningful incentives system for people to do them.

SENATORIAL FORUM

- None.

SENATORIAL COMMENTS

- Benay – this Sunday at 11 the author of the Red Tank is coming, you can get tickets at the DC, it's free for students, and she costs \$11,000 to get here.
- Garcia – I think we all did a great job being efficient tonight. Thanks for my new name plaque. And this Saturday marks the last 30 days of the presidential campaign so I'll be going to NH again if anyone is interested.
- Sander – Men Advocating Change has been restructured and are trying to rebuild and they're a great organization so let me know if you're interested. There is a new fraternity on campus, Delta Tau Delta. Ralph Nader will be here on Sunday at Ira Allen. I got a gift for Justin, it's a clock, so let me know if you'd like to pitch in.
- Weiland – AE Phi grill cheese fundraiser this Saturday.
- Mensah – Saturday in the Grand Maple Ballroom at 6:30 will be the BSU annual Soul Food Social with entertainment from Urban Flava.
- Glynne – football lost this weekend but only 26-7. Red Sox start tomorrow at 10:30. There is a huge VP debate on Thursday. Scotty's b-day is today.
- Just – the author of Post Secret is coming to UVM in 2 Tuesday's and is an awesome speaker, and you can get tickets from student life for \$5.
- DruEllis – I will e-mail the information for homecoming.
- Valenta – Phi Delta Theta is having a pig roast on Saturday and there will be a huge spread, so stop by.
- Corthell – the Browns won their first game. And Pike and Alpha Chi will be doing the annual Bounce for Bucks and I will be bouncing at 3pm on Friday.
- Goodman – I am selling jewelry on campus this Friday for a class. And I will be bouncing on Wednesday at 9.
- Taylor – welcome Scotty. Go UVM Hockey. And will exec please meet in my office after.
- Just – Kate Ash gives her love to everyone.
- Frank – pick up after and stack your name tags.

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