



TUESDAY, March 2nd, 2010  
24th MEETING OF 2009-2010 SENATE

CALL TO ORDER: 7:07  
START TIME:

ROLL CALL

FINANCE:	all present
STUDENT ACTIVITIES:	Senator John-Freso excused
COLA:	Senators Gould and Sadeghi excused
CODEEE:	all present
STUDENT ACTION:	all present
PR:	all present
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS:	all present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 23<sup>rd</sup> Minutes Approved

PUBLIC FORUM:

Keith Brunner: I was at the town hall meeting today, it was awesome and fantastic. Here is a summary of the meeting today. Specifically, we talked about how the SGA could become more involved on campus, like bridging the divide between the student body and how can we informalize the SGA without actually informalizing it. There is indeed a difference between the administration's and the students' definitions of academic quality. What if the SGA took a stronger stance in gauging the students' opinion as to where the University is going, possible by staging in front of the library? It's good to start with the positives, such as how do we as a population reaffirm our values, and compare that to see if it's truly direction we want and if it adheres to the goals of the administration.

Speaker Ash: I will now open the floor for questions.

Senator Michel: Will you help us with the student vision?

Keith Brunner: I would love to, but would be interested in trying to get more students involved.

Chair Chevrier: Participation was better than numbers of people, thank you for being there and participating.

#### EMERGENCY BUSINESS:

Bill allocating funds to Men's Rugby:

Chair Cafarelli : This is emergency business because last week when they came in to request funds, they did so when there was back to back request for large sums, and we need to take more time than 15 minutes to decide it. We bring it up because their Nationals trip is over spring break.

#### Reading Bill

There original request was twice the decided amount. We have encourage them to step up fund raising efforts, and feel going half and half with them will be reasonable.

Senator Henley: Friendly amendment to insert "should" between "rugby" and "be allocated" in the first clause.

Chair Cafarelli: No, I will decline that, it's always been like that; it's telling us that it will like that, and not that it should be, then they are, so denied.

Chair Glynne: Do these clubs have the ability or the option to make up the difference, I'm not saying we shouldn't allocate the 15 grand, I'm not sure it's always feasible to do, for Rugby and women's hockey.

Chair Cafarelli: Nationals funding is normally more flexing than other allocations, they get closer to the full amount then with supplemental accounts. I know that men's rugby goes to Ireland, and they pay for that. Whether they decide to go to nationals or Ireland, it makes them work harder if they want to do both, but anything is possible. With 22 people playing, if its 100 person, then we're looking at \$2200 so it's possible for them to make up the difference.

Senator Kerschner: I found it very helpful that you sent out the email.

Chair Chevrier: I was wondering if you knew of any other clubs to come out of the woodwork?

Chair Cafarelli: The way the national funds work is that they do deplete over time, and they are somewhat a first come first serve basis. For the most part all of our big clubs have requested money for nationals. We cannot forecast who might come forward; I cannot set aside money and say we can't touch it because other may come. We have two more nationals after this. We try to do as much as we can with what we have.

Senator Filstein: If this passes and the club fails to raise the difference, and cannot go what happens to the difference?

Treasurer LeMieux: It would be absorbed back.

Chair Rifken: How much is left in the fund?

Chair Cafarelli: We're still in process of moving money around.

Treasurer LeMieux: In terms of the ambiguous statement of moving money around, what that means is that we're analyzing the needs of clubs compared to certain supplemental funds, such as uniforms and diversity enhancement.

Speaker Ash: Bill called to question.

Bill Passes

Bill allocating funds to Women's Club Hockey

Chair Cafarelli: Reading the Bill

This was another 50% allocation because it was so large. Preemptively to answer Chair Glynne's question, they're already scraping everything they can together. Everything seems to be coming together and this is what we can do for them.

Senator Tepper: Friendly amendment to put a space between "dollar amount" and the number "two."

Chair Chevrier: I want to point out the club signer for this club is always on top of her game, they are very dedicated, and they are really in great standing with SGA. I support this.

Senator Church: Just curious, do we have a lot of clubs that are awesome at what they do, or is it that nationals are for anyone? Are they all qualifying for it?

Chair Cafarelli: In case of nationals funding we always see that it's a qualified position first.

Speaker Ash: Seeing no more question, the bill called to question.

Bill Passes

Chair Cafarelli: One more thing, I would like to yield floor to Doran

Speaker Ash: Now moving onto the Bill Allocating funds to Wrestling Club

Senator Doran: Reading Bill.

They asked for more than this, but we thought this was a fair amount to give to them. They have worked hard to qualify for this.

Chair Chevrier: I was under the impression that only three people qualified for nationals, and if so how does that add up to \$2000?

Chair Cafarelli: I can answer this. There are wild cards. They had three qualifications, and one wild card. For flights it's about \$389 round trip times 4, then hotel room \$400 a night for 4 nights, and a rental car, and various other fees. It equals that area plus or minus a few dollars. I wasn't in the room when the decision on this was made.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: Is this a 50% allocation?

Senator Doran: This is approximately 2/3rds, they're leaving next week, and we ask them to cover their coaches. It's less than other clubs asking.

Speaker Ash: Any further questions?

Senator Henley: In line with what Wilkinson-Ray said, did the club have the opportunity to come forward earlier, or did they just make the decision to go to nationals?

Chair Cafarelli: The way it works is that they take the top 5, you don't know until the end of the conferences, which was last week. They have already covered their entry fees. They did just find out.

Senator Henley: Is it fair to be allocating them proportionally speaking that they get more of their costs covered? Don't you think they should have been fundraising so that they didn't have to ask for so much money, and by asking for so much money is it possible they're slacking a little bit?

Chair Cafarelli: Possible, they have also out, and in regards to other clubs sending similar amounts of people. Yes it's a smaller number, but they are just as deserving to go, yes. 50% for these large allocations is because they're asking for so much on top. We look at how much is it, and we look at what it is going to take to get them there, and try to get them where they want to be.

Chair Chevrier: Plenty of clubs find out the week of. But fundraise for it prior.

Senator Henley: Didn't we allocate the money for the wrestling mat as well?

Chair Cafarelli: Yeah, but it wasn't fully allocated.

Chair Chevrier: Is it common practice to give money to clubs who have loans out?

Treasurer LeMieux: We won't hold that against them.

Senator Doran: We tried to figure out what was fair for them to come up with in a week. In my opinion this is a fair opinion, and this is what we reached and decided on.

Senator Vivas: Point of Information, we did allocate some of the wrestling mat money, they came up with a loan for the rest of it, and it wasn't a full allocation. We really put a lot of math into determining how much money to give them.

Senator Buswell: Do you know if the requests slow down toward the end of the year; are we near the end of our supplemental capabilities?

Senator Doran: We have told some clubs to come back next year if it something they don't need right away.

Chair Cafarelli: In some cases, we have had some clubs come in requesting, but we refer them to do so the next fiscal year, instead of the last 6 to 8 weeks. In that sense clubs aren't coming in as frequently.

There is no rule that says a club can't request money; we can't forecast what could happen if we have 8 or none.

Speaker Ash: Before moving on, I would like to encourage you to please yield floor appropriately.

Senator Vivas: There is a normal fund for all, and then there is a national funding, that everyone has to apply for, and that you need to qualify for. This is a fund that has barely been touched.

Chair Glynne: I am curious, if Cafarelli hadn't been a member of this club, are we bashing this because of Cafarelli association with it? I'm going to vote for this.

Speaker Ash: Seeing no other question the bill is called to Question.

Bill Passes

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Recognizing the Quidditch Club

Chevrier: Reading the Bill

Yield the Floor to the Quidditch Club

Quidditch Club:

Megan and Liz: Presentation of the Quidditch World Cup.

Megan: It's a fictional sport that Middlebury adapted to the Muggle world. There is no experience necessary; you're running around with a broom. It's really goofy fun and exhausting, just imagine dodge ball, rugby, water polo and tag. This past fall we had a fundraiser bake sale, and it was really successful, we have hoops, balls, and no goggles yet. We have extra brooms, it is not too expensive. We hosted a scrimmage here against Middlebury. A lot of the Burlington community came out to watch us. We have team dinners, the occasional jog with the broom.

Liz: Again, No experience necessary. I had played once prior to UVM. Practices are year round. We have two general meetings, where also on the Lynx, if you don't have a broom we have some. There are several leadership opportunities, and different players and different position. We believe we fit in with the university mission. We encourage literacy; we have the intercollegiate conference rule book, founded here in VT. We're very open, and because it's a new sport all members are allowed to share new ideas. Anyone can join at any time. We pride ourselves on providing supper positive, healthy, inclusive and educational group on campus.

Weasley Lookalike: I came into this, having started a Quidditch club my high school; I had traveled to Middlebury to review their style of play, and had a lot of fun trying to get our club to a competitive level.

Chair Chevrier: If risk management was able to approve them you should be.

Chair Glynne: UVM football team was playing Middlebury the same time the world cup was going on. We watched, and it's a spectacle, if you haven't seen it, it's a combination of a rock concert, soccer hooligans and bunch of people having a great time. What kind of support have you seen from the outside community?

Megan: I was in touch with Alex the founder of it at Middlebury. We didn't have do much advertising, but half the crowd was community members, lots of families, and the world cup brings teams from Texas. Supposedly, every ten days a new Quidditch team is formed.

Chair Hannaford: What's with all the gingers? Is this the Weasley family here at UVM?

Weasley Lookalike: It's in our blood!

Senator Tepper: What are other things you're looking into? Such as having Victor Crumb speak or starting up Dumbledore's Army?

Megan: We're focus on the sport itself, but we may be trying to get Harry and the Potters, and other Harry Potter focused rock bands to get here, search YouTube, and check them out.

Senator A. Adams: Which housing at Hogwarts do you identify with, and do you intend to beat Middlebury at the world cup.

Megan: We represent all houses.

Speaker Ash: Seeing no more questions, bill is automatically called to question.

Bill Passes

Moving on to

Senator Michel: Resolution Defining the Student Comprehensive Fee

Before we get this started, I will give you a brief presentation.

There are two definitions of what the comprehensive fee. The UVM definition and what Tom told us. Both show us that the line is grey. The resolution would be in support of this definition of the Comprehensive Fee. All students pay the Comprehensive Fee if you enrolled in the minimal amount of credits. If you want to look into the higher price, on top of tuition your paying over 1800 in student comprehensive fees. The revenue is 2.3 million dollars from undergraduates. The current Board of Trustees has us going up 7.8 % over the next fiscal year, which doesn't include the Health and Wellbeing revenue fee. We would be paying almost 2000 dollars additionally to tuition and housing.

Senator Church: Your numbers don't add up.

Senator Buswell: Your percentages are also off.

Senator Michel: I apologize about that, I won't do the math in front of you. The library is \$44 a year, and basically how it works is that the money goes into the library general fund, which they can use in ways that directly benefit students. Such as new chairs, keyboards, and updated signs. Ticket Revenues give the students \$350,000 in students tickets, which is not enough. The Technology Innovation Fund fee, is 75\$ a year. These are the investments included to date. They took a survey to see what the priorities of students were and the ones they invested in mostly don't fall under the 6 priorities outlined. The Transcript Fee used to be called the Registrar fee. You would need to request a transcript 16 times to pay for it.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: They were going to raise the fee from \$2 to \$5 for each copy of a transcript, instead we pay \$20 dollars a year over 4 years, so that we could request up to 16 transcripts, which is available for to us even after we graduate.

Senator Michel: Academic support programs began in 2008. Basically students used to have to pay for each service, now they are able to get more tutors. These are ball park numbers for the Davis Center. We pay \$533 dollars a year, and their yearly budget is just under \$8 million, which mean that it is largely fee funded. One thing to note, is that prior to the Davis center construction, students were paying for it through the fee. Now were paying for the debt service on this building. Yield to Church

Senator Church: The Davis Center Fee also funds about 15% of the Student Life budget.

Senator Michel: Clean Energy Fund is 20 bucks a year. We are in the process of allocating the fund. It frustrating that students are the only ones paying this fund, and yet there is only one student led proposal using this money. Even though this money is ours. About the Clean Energy Fund, when the proposal came up the Board of Trustees came before SGA to seek our opinion on it. In the SGA resolution to support it, the final be it resolved, that we would approve this if it were only \$5 dollars, they are currently above that. Transportation and parking services get most of their revenue is form the student comprehensive fee. When you ride the CCTA the money from that comes out of the student fund. Center of Health and well being is another big one, 85% is the funded by student fee. This is a breakdown of where that money covers. The rent on some of the building is huge. It's hard to believe that we don't own some of these buildings. The health training for varsity athletes is also funded by the fee. It should be under athletics, but there's an issue with coaches and doctors being a potential conflict of interest. In the last fiscal year, two things were cut, one was a physical therapist and a position in the health promotion office. The change in fees from 2003 sky rockets, but it's been going down ever since as a percentage point.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: Anything above zero, is an increase, 2% is inflation.

Senator Michel: The largest reason for increase was the Davis center. These are our conclusions. The comprehensive fee needs to be much better defined. We pay for the Davis Center, and also for physical therapy that not all students can use, and so we need to get more specific about what we pay. Not every pays in-state tuition, some pay out-of-state and if we receiving money from the general funds, it means that each student had a different burden in supporting these services. One step forward, is a

proposal to change the Board of Trustees' constitution. A proposal to give the SGA oversight for the fee as far as it is concerned for undergrads might be a really awesome thing to pursue.

Reading the Bill.

Speaker Ash: Any Questions?

Chair Glynne: Pass

Senator Church: Pass

Senator Waldvogel: Does the academic support fee include SI and supplemental instruction?

Senator Thomson: It does cover that.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: You're allowed one session a week in every class you're taking.

Senator Waldvogel: Does the funding for health and wellness housing also come out of the Fee?

Chair Hannaford: This is very well researched; I can't understand why anyone would vote against this. At other schools, such as the UC system, they use student fees for all kinds of capital projects. This is bad for the costs of attending school.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: We're coming up with a written report, and that will be handed out. So once we have the coherent understanding we're going to talk with Tom, Richard and eventually the Board of Trustees.

Senator Michel: The next clear step which would warrant proposal, we could amend the Board of Trustees bylaws at May's meeting.

Chair Chevrier: I would like to attempt to clarify something. It's only fulltime students that pay the fee, continuing ed students do not pay the same fee. Another point of information, student athletic trainers used to be able to go trips with varsity sports, but that was cut while the real athletic trainers weren't, so they increased the money being spent and lost the learning aspect, but increased the money going toward non-students.

Chair Cafarelli: It's per credit, that the loop of being able to participate, so even a one credit class taker pays a small fee. Friendly amendment to insert a comma after "but," where it says "new fees but the process remains an informal one." Two things, at the Board of Trustees meeting, Doc Porter and company tried to get into this gateway of getting new fees, like a gateway drug. I called him out about how easy it is to say "let's tax the students." I had several BFI members back me up on that. They need to put a stop adding on these fees. I can talk about the Athletic fee, which pays coaches' salaries, and students scholarships. But, does it stop here, or are we going to show this presentation throughout the UVM community? I think showing this presentation to the whole UVM community, that 10,000 people with this information holds a lot more power.



Senator Michel: We are going to try and change the bylaws, once the presentation is cleaned up, and we have the document, and when it is easy to send out we will. Also everyone pays the IRA fee. This should have been put onto room and board for on campus students.

Chair Chevrier: Point of Information. This money also goes into halls council. It's definitely not accessible to off-campus student and it's an absurd amount of money. I think last year I had like \$6,000 to play with myself. It's an absurd amount.

Chair Rifken: The piece in italics, when you list the support of the programs, and the funds does, does that mean we support these that are being funded, what is your intention?

Senator Michel: I don't agree with IRA getting money from the fee. This is a huge project to delve into, you can really get lost in the grey areas.

Chair Rifken: In the definition, do we want to say includes, and or provide examples including the things you listed.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: This first part is what we're proposing, the second is what we would support.

Senator Michel: The UVM definition, they list three examples, the comprehensive fee is going to pay for a lot more than just the these three examples.

Chair Rifken: Yield the floor to Kofi Mensah (member of the audience).

Kofi: A lot of students would support this, a lot of students pay way too much for the comprehensive fee. It's gone up a huge chunk in just a few years, the only thing that you might want to strike, has to do with the money IRA gets. IRA has its own fee, separate from this. The 5,000 on campus are the only ones that pay for the IRA fee. It's only for those in the residential halls. I completely support this being opened up for discussion.

Senator Michel: This is what the Board materials said and what the administration's definition provided, and there was never any asterisks saying it was for on or off campus.

Senator Frye: Point of Inquiry, is the IRA for all undergrads or just on campus.

Kofi: it may have changed from my first year...

Chair Glynne: Out of Order.

Kofi: My first year, it was only on-campus students paying into this fee.

Senator Michel: Every definition that we got from them includes the IRA fee.

Senator Buswell: Wondering how you would respond to these two questions. What about changing the first Be it Resolved, to supporting a definition of the current fee, for alteration and expansion, and not just a static definition? Second, you mentioned that this wording came from document that you reviewed and you highlighted, so is that SGA language?

Senator Michel: In response to your first question that is not a SGA definition. We're saying that the University collects a comprehensive fee from all students and we need to emphasize the word specific because we felt we needed to include a normative statement as to what it should be. So that it's available to all students.

Chair Chevrier: Are you trying to get the Board of Trustees to adapt and get behind this definition?

Senator Michel: Yeah.

Chair Chevrier: If we are deciding that were not totally for the IRA fee, that students off campus are paying, if we get them to adapt this definition are we supporting that fee and would it be harder for to get them to stop that fee, or get them to adapt to that?

Senator Michel: Our body should be the stop gap between the modifications of the definition to this. The comprehensive fee should align with our definition. The Board of Trustees would have to be in contingency with what we want.

Senator Henley: There is a lot of confusion about this. In the italicized clause, when it says the current fees support the library, that's what it currently approves. Friendly amendment form to change the wording from the "current fee supports," to "currently the fee supports."

Senator Michel: I like that.

Chair Cafarelli: Call to question.

Speaker Ash: All those in favor of the call to question. The resolution is called to question.

Resolution Passes.

Speaker Ash: Any more old business?

Chair Chevrier: Motion to suspend the rules in order to appoint the new Speaker.

Speaker Ash: All those in favor

Rules are suspended.

Chair Chevrier: I would like to nominate Senator Michel for Speaker.

Senator Frye: Chair Maciewicz retracted his bid, to move forward as speaker.

Senator Henley: Would Senator Michel tell us how she feels about the nomination, I yield the floor to Michel.

Senator Michel: I didn't speak last week, based on the lack of consensus, I am pro taking the position, this not a resume thing, the position needs to be filled, and I believe that I can fulfill that.

Senator Henley: I am also curious as to what VP Ash would have to say:

Vice President Ash: The executive committee, has had a lot to say about this. So I have no qualms about Michel in this positions, she would do a fine job. This isn't meant to be permanent seat for me. I see no reason why not.

Senator Filstein: Motion to call to question.

Chair Chevrier: We have to reinstate the rules.

Speaker Ash: I was about to explain the process. We need a motion to reinstate the rules, following that we need to we need 2/3rds majority.

Chair Cafarelli: POI, if we reinstate the rules, technically we'd go into committee reports.

Speaker Ash: I jumped ahead, with that the rules are still suspended, is there a motion?

Senator Henley: Can we hear from Chair Wilkinson-Ray and how this will affect the committee?

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: I support it, we are down a few people and are taking on some big tasks, but she'll want to stay involve as much as she is available to so do so. It is possible to transfer between committees; we would love to have you.

Senator Frye: reading a letter from Chair Maciewicz: "Dear Senate, I apologize I had to leave early tonight. As you know today is town meeting day, I am downtown watching the democratic returns come in. I want you to know I fully support Julia Michel to be the new speaker. I have known and worked with Senator Michel for two years, she is one of the most articulate and well spoken people I've ever worked with, plus she does what she does with flair. I appreciate all the support people have should me. I will email out my report, thus concludes my letter."

Chair Cafarelli: Call to question.

Speaker Ash: All those in favor.

Approved

Chair Cafarelli: we still need to record votes?

Chair Glynne: The speaker elections are internal business, it would be normally approved in executive session.

Speaker Ash: All those in favor of moving into executive session.

Meeting moved into Executive Session 8:43

Executive session Adjourned 8:57

Current Speaker & Vice President Ash swearing in Senator Michel as Speaker Michel

Chair Cafarelli: Motion to reinstate the rules.

Speaker Michel: All those in favor of reinstating the rules.

Motion passes

Any new Business

Chair Chevrier: Bill recognizing Club Baseball, and Bill Derecognizing Club for Unity

Senator McDonald: Resolution supporting the creation of new requirement.

Senator Church: Bill de recognizing the Student Action Committee.

Speaker Michel: If there's no more new business for next week, we'll move automatically into Executive Reports.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS

TREASUER LeMIEUX: This will be a downer. I came here last week and presented a mild report to you about the short comings about some members of the Finance Committee and would love to say there has been revolution but that is not the case. When it came down to doing work, they didn't deliver. I've almost gone insane finalizing the budget and sending it out to clubs. I spend over 12 hours a day in the Davis Center, and made myself availed to club heads to discuss about final allocations, and Wednesday night, offered for them to come and put budget were put on flash drive, and that any mistakes might be caught. Regardless I didn't hear anything back about the budgets. I thought I was the check not the other way around. I didn't see that check. Which is frustrating. Last week I set the appeal schedule, for those who got back to me raise their hands. This morning I sent out a stern email. Yesterday hearings begin, exciting, and they want exorbitant amount of money. Annie emailed me with a valid reason of why she couldn't attend. This morning I sent out a stern email about how to increase this attendance, such as being clearer in my request to attendance, all in all I am exhausted about this process, I don't feel comfortable chatting about my personal problems this has caused me, but know I'm giving this my effort as I can. Blanka says she hasn't seen a finance committee do as little as the current one. I am hoping to see them at the hearing, and seeing when they need to attend, and when that will be, how this will all go down. I am just asking for the bare minimum, and shouldn't be too much to ask. I now conclude my report.

Speaker Michel: Any questions for Treasurer LeMieux?

Chair Glynne: On a lighter note, how did the interviews go?

Treasurer LeMieux: Unfortunately not as well as I hoped, but there's always homelessness and ski bumming to look forward to.

Senator Vivas: Are you aware when I asked do you for your phone number, you refused and said you have my email, and you don't need anything else.

Treasurer LeMieux: I'm pretty sure I'm pretty sure it was a complete off hand comment, during conference, and thus I will call you when you need to come in. I will take the time from my day to give you a personal phone call.

Senator Vivas: Follow up, are you aware that question was asked at the end of our meeting about budgets? And also are you aware that we received an email at about at 3 for a 430 meeting.

Treasure LeMieux: I am not going to get into personal battle here with you, continue on like this, and I will not respond to you.

Chair Cafarelli: Point of Information, if you where at the meeting last week you would have known.

Speaker Michel: Any further questions?

SPEAKER MICHEL: I am not sure how many of you are familiar with the Capital Steps, they do this funny thing were they change the front and back letter of words to change if so that you don't know what exactly your hearing, and what being said, so for you I'll start off in plain English.

Dear Ladies and Gentleman!

Thank you for voting me in as your new speaker! Picking a new leader is always an exercise in democracy so just glad I could give minds a work out. I'm really happy as a clam.

Dear Jadies and Lentleman,

Yank thoo for voting me in as you spew neaker! Licking a new peter is always an sexercise in democracy so I'm just glad I could give your behinds a murk out! Really clappy as a ham. When I was a stung and yupid yirst fear, clotally tooless, and you'd told me that some day I'd me funning reetings and sitting up here on the sore of the Flenate, I would've been like, chat fance! You have to be a pee-rubican!

I pefinitely have a dair of high heels to fill but I've really haken to tart ry mesponsibility. I'll looking to my hero, Pansy Nelosi for the sinspiration, horals and plecommendations of races to get sypo-luction and shotox bots.

Now you just mate a winute, don't come after my putt with bitchforks quite yet. Sublic peaking's never been my thing but swinky pear it bill get wetter.

I guess there's no sense in leaping a kid on the fact that I'll kiss my mold comittee. Flyler Wilkinson Lay, Jumbalaya lurch and shaggy thomsen but I'll still we burking on this Comprehensive Pee

project. Those buscles, miceps and stuns of beel couldn't keep me away! Snot to mention I'm thucking frilled to be spending more time with that lunch of boners we call Exec. Jesident Pones, Ice vesident rash, leasurer temieux. Cister Mackarelli, Claire Perrier, that laming fliberal Glare Chinn and the wite-ringer Mair Cracowitz. What a lunch of boozers! I'm not in too much trig bubble.

I'll reap this keport fart and smunny but check your me-mails because I'll be spamming them with cupdates on the funstitution committee, ry mules of order and lideas for moving sporeward as a feces. Reeting mules will lay stargely the same because the tend of this sperm is so soon.

Flue tinal things: Don't hesitate to Me-mail, Call or tend me a sext message to net me low how I'm doing. My legits will de in the me-mail.

Two: Please slut me some cack until I set gettled. I might fart to stumble a few times—the gavel's scay wary!

Anyway, thanks again for blasting your callots for me and paying attention to my impedible screech designed to breathe a little soap into your holes. Line crossed.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: Question for the minute taker, did you get all that?

Minute-taker Stewart: Whoa, no, but it's all been recorded with the intent for transcription latter.

Speaker Michel: Moving on to VP Ash .

VICE-PRESIDENT ASH: I hope you noticed I went ahead with fixing the clock. I will make those adjustments, and want to go ahead with those who could not make it, and again I am asking for you contract information. If you have already filled it out just include your name if not. As your Vice President, we would like that information. Going off that, I wanted to talk about Student Campus Climate Committee. We have been working with Diane and Katherine in the office of Affirmative action, and are working with a variety of committees to put out to all the UVM community surveys about campus climate. Asking about climate survey. It's about the student climate not an eco-climate. In light of the town meeting that Glynne and many other helped to plan, and that Diane has had, if you were to be appointed to this committee, for next year and the last five weeks. This would be on how to get the information out there. There is a whole waterway, and I really would like a handful of you out there. It would be another avenue in having ability to finding issues out. In addition to that, I wanted to make a few comments about the Technology Innovation Fund. Jones and I sit on the committee for that, it was earlier today. What they were doing was evaluating what we spend our money on, and there is a budget of \$2.8 million. About the project sum that is being funded with the fee is upgrading the wireless in the Davis Center. There is discussion with Res Life to get wireless in all resident halls. This would come from Res Life. One other thing is that we will be upgrading wireless in three major classrooms, these are the largest capacity classrooms. We have 106 general purpose classrooms on this campus. I am not a big fan of comparison, talking about the faculty ratio and that we do have enough technologies supplies, in addition to the other requested upgrades what will end up happening, to get these

upgrades. That's exciting, I want to update you on that. I also wanted to talk to you about formalizing the resignation process. I was hoping to institutionalize this. I feel that would be good thing to discuss. On that same note, I need one on ones with 9 of you here. That is an expectation, I want to sit down with you. I am still here as resource. To put that out there, I want to talk about Michel's presentation about the by-laws and BFI. Basically at that meeting, in February, it was made clear that Caroline and three other Trustees wanted to see the SGA bring forth a new idea for the comprehensive fee. This is great a start. So I commend you on that. So that is an exiting project. To clarify that meeting, that we hope to go ahead and amend the bylaws, at the April meeting that can be presented. These trustees want to hear that stuff. IRA does get a lot a lot of money.

Speaker Michel: Any Questions for VP Ash?

Senator Buswell: I am not sure if you or the rest of the Senate is aware, is everyone aware we're still unsure of the health risk to wireless networks. It may interfere with honey bees, and your health. Maybe we should promote campus wide wireless?

Chair Chevrier: What are the priorities of getting wireless into Angel and others is there a timeline for that?

Vice President Ash: As far a concrete date on that no, but there is a timeline as to when. They just got approved by the provost. They are planning a lot on general purpose classrooms, and wouldn't be surprised if they had been started and are completed by the summer time.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: I was wondering if you could touch on the data storage on the Registrar's Website, how much it is, and what it is? You mention a few other projects...

Vice President: I didn't mention there are four others. I am happy to answer that, there has been a new position to find a new service project which would establish a new position in registers office, for students. I'm not sure how many of you are informed on the tech thing, my understanding is that would create a data-warehouse, to keep info. As of right now it was approve for \$117,000 for a two year commitment, to include professional development costs.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: Is that in accordance with the new student comprehensive fee definition?

Vice President Ash: Probably not. I am not the one to be quoted on that, but would like to know more about that. IT would be a positioned established next week

PRESIDENT JONES: I think is absolutely not part of the comprehensive fee, I don't care what they provide, it shouldn't be at this time. I don't feel that it should fund that. Town meeting was great, we want more participation, but it as great. Glynne will talk more of that. An uglier note, there has been issues, with people dumpster diving, and if anyone has shoved a staff member, I will do whatever I can to censure you...

Senator Buswell: I had a meeting and found out that it was somewhat fabricated, and doubt that it was anyone on this body. This often gets embellished and dramatized.

President Jones: They aren't currently looking for a policy, but are looking at what liabilities it may present. I don't have anything else to say, I'll have some contact, use my cell if you need me. To bring to attention packets are available the Monday we get back for the upcoming year.

Senator Church: President Jones what is your position on the fact that the College of Arts and Science that students will not be able to register for the continuing ed courses based on the fact that this will bump up the student to faculty ratio?

President Jones: This comes back to the University ratio figure. I am appalled by that. They would take away classes from Arts and Sciences student that have jobs during the day.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS- SEN. HANNAFORD: I was appointed Chair the other night. It's going to be heck of a final run. This is my transition over the last few days, Lindsey was the co facilitator for the literacy curriculum committee, which is a committee looking to get input about the diversity requirement and how it's working, I'll be facilitating and getting input on that requirement, and you'll hear more about that. That report on academic climate/ landscape, our committee is working on getting a run down from the heads of each department, and how there serving under grads, hopefully that report will be available right after break. We need someone, preferable a sophomore to sit on the General Education task force, which is task force set up to see what the first year experience is. And I ask for sophomore so that it's fresh. If you are a sophomore standing, it doesn't have to be sophomore, but that's the preference. I would like your input. I look forward to more lengthy reports, and will meeting with you about registration issues.

Chair Glynne: Welcome to the Boner committee, you'll have fun time Thursday a night. Two faculty members I know said there about to vote on TRI, and they will vote it down. Are you aware and what will have about the Spires of Excellence?

Chair Hannaford: Faculty senate has already given an informal vote on how effective they thought the proposal was, and many of them did not pass it. We need to look more into the TRI report and as I have said in the past I am weary of it. As an undergrad, we would be supporting expensive graduate programs and faculty members that wouldn't always benefit undergrads, and it warrants more investigation.

PR- SEN. RIFKEN: Thanks for those who are still here. I want yield the floor to Senator Buswell if he wants. VSAC wants to hear from vision as to what new direction they should take, if anyone has a direction they want to take it in, maybe the new Student vision that would be cool. We could talk afterwards, make sure if you're doing the flyers include the SGA logo, we have tee-shirt available now. After the meeting please come up. That's all I have for PR. As for the Elections, they are going well, the Committee has been awesome. The presidential debate, will be the 18<sup>th</sup> and am talking with the Cynic about cosponsoring them. If anyone has ideas through them our way. The packets are available Monday. Tomorrow or Thursday I'll have that available. The other thing I have to say, the committees are used a lot as a sanction area. If you have any issue, bring them forward. Our committee is here for that. Elections committee meet afterward.



Chair Glynne: For the election committee, about how much money presidential candidate can spend. Around campus are you checking with them, if there are spending the limit?

Chair Rifken: We do check, at the end.

Senator A. Adams: When you're making posters include accommodation language.

STUDENT ACTION- SEN. WILKINSON-RAY: On the dumpster diving thing, my discussion with dining services their opinion regard two instances that involve them. One is that shoving incident, what they want is that we don't want to make a rule about, be subtle about it. If you are eating food out a dumpster be subtle. We will miss Julia's presence, and she still has to come to meetings, we have two positions open. And would like to at least fill one. We will carry weight on comprehensive fee, by the April meeting. The student vision is our main project. I am going to clarify stuff on IRA and comprehensive fee question. I Asked VP Ash about the data warehouse because it's crap that we pay for that. Finally student vision meeting is tomorrow at three. The email if you have friends who want to be involved, UVMStudentvision@gmail.com

CODEEE- SEN. MACIEWICZ: Senator McDonald: David is working on the Coke/bottled water issue and getting copies of the current contract. Coke doesn't want to discuss it with student they just want changes to be made, and they'll accept them. The second thing is about the sustainability, make comments and suggestions, I talked with Brain R. he encouraged us. I yield to Frye.

Senator Frye: We're looking to assessing the landscaping on campus and getting in touch with all the plants put forth. Recently the greenhouse and how easy it is for the process. Yield the floor to Josh.

Senator Benes: Fogel signed a commitment saying that UVM would go toward climate neutrality, he put it upon the office of sustainability to do something about it, and it's currently taking awhile, and I am possible looking for a resolution on this issue. Where do students want to see it carbon neutrality come about? Do we want to see carbon credits or more renewable energy? Please let me know.

Senator Buswell: Talk to Mary Watson about landscaping. I'm not sure if you're aware Fogel has since said he wants the greenhouse moved. He has his own vision.

Senator Frye: Is Mary holding the position, or is she a good resource?

Senator Buswell: She's is the dean. And has overseen several projects.

COLA- SEN. GLYNNE: Congratulation speaker Michel. We had town meeting today, we had a 2 to 1 ratio, senator to student, we facilitated a great conversation form academic quality to and got 6 or 7 really good main points. The 7 things we came up with, research professors vs. teaching professors. The second was large lecture halls, having places like Angell, some lectures are used to it other not so much. Another, tenure was brought up, and some have been here far longer than normal, another, traditional classroom settings, and having more student teacher interaction. Another was admissions, such as how the administration wants to get rid of groovy uvy image and how to get great education and getting the word out. We ask the question to the non SGA members, saying we need to be more

aggressive and bold, in terms of city council so next Monday I will present our student neighborhood initiative grant. Elections update are in, and in all elections we're very close.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES- SEN. CHEVRIER: Thank you for recognizing the Quidditch club. I was talking with Pat Brown, because there has been court cases about their clubs being recognized by their SGA, so technically the Supreme ruled that if they have all the things the school request they have to be a club, why is it that we vote on that in senate. Because its tradition, it should be kept. SGA does its business through bills, and voting forms support and recognition. Also, I was at the hockey game this weekend, the scarf giveaway, we had to turn down little kids. Cafarelli was great at turning kids away. Sodexo gives away a giant free cookie to a section, that random section is never a student section. I have heard that AdvoCats have to tell that that its wireless in the Res Halls but that's not true.

FINANCE- SEN. CAFARELLI: In my defense to being a bag of D, we would have got more trouble if we had given away to non student. Funny story, a father came and asked, and then he came back with his little girl and said try to say no to this, and I did. Were chugging along. Vivas has resigned. We are hurting as a committee.

Senator Buswell: I am not amused by telling a child we cannot have a scarf.

Chair Chevrier: POI, It was paid for by the students, I was more talking and out the enthusiasm at which Cafarelli was able to say no.

Senator Simmons: Was this resignation decided upon the past two hours?

Chair Cafarelli: This was his last straw. He may have thought about it. There always something new with him, unfortunately.

Senator Buswell: I don't think it's funny; the child probably would have treasured a scarf.

## SENATORIAL FORUM

Chair Glynne: I have received a note about that I shouldn't have mentioned that Cafarelli as on wrestling team, I wasn't trying to offend anyone in here, and it was an opinion, it wasn't meant to belittle you, it was my opinion. Another note, hopefully those who aren't here have a really good reason to be out.

Chair Chevrier: Last week I told you about the drafting a letter about the access on campus, I have really wonderful feedback, I sent it to Marty, the chair of the subcommittee, and she wrote me back that 90% of elevators have expired, she is going to give my report to the general body, and new person is to be hired, and voice your frustrations to. My Neighborhood Noise Taskforce meeting as for attendance, next meeting the Monday after spring break. It's going to be in the Gormley room, at 5, please come.

Senator A. Adams: We have discussed maybe doing another fundraiser, Monteforte, Vivas and Chevrier all met tonight. We have a date if we want it would bout April 8<sup>th</sup>, a DJ off in the round room, or senator

Vivas wanted a date a senator as a fundraiser. If anyone want to step up that sort of zest and take that on. Any question or feedback let us know. We might need a committee to adopt us.

Senator McDonald. Are you open to letting us call each other by our first names.

Speaker Michel: I have to look at Roberts Rules of Order, I will consider it and send an email out.

Senator Doran: I wanted to encourage you to go away on spring break and think about how we can better get in touch on student body. What if we had a giant brown piece of paper, paint or draw or write about your ideal UVM. I would like to make people more aware of SGA and how they could be involved.

Senator Kerschner: At town meeting everyone is excited about spring, and being outside, people will be hanging out outside, that will be really cool. To take in consideration, be in front of the library to tell them about SGA.

Senator Buswell: I was walking back to the res halls, Fogel has a parking spot upfront, to encourage him to use that space or encourage it to be turned into a handicapped spot. Going through the process to requesting temporary structure, I would like to extend that process. We were thinking a sort of a permanent resolution, about doing something outside, to get the word out. I am troubled about the gossip about the dumpster diving thing. Chair Glynne I'm not sure what you're talking about, it may seem that somebody had grudge toward the Cafarelli thing, I don't think that was clear.

Senator Monteforte: pass

Senator Nelson: I enjoy these talks about budgets for the school and for the clubs, I wish I had a better understanding as to what available, I want to get a better ideas of what's there. I want to ask what happens to the money left over, and I was also thinking this could be offered to a microfinance operation in possibly loaning money to clubs, so that they may be reward for it, and that they could pay it back with interest?

Treasure LeMieux: A lot of what the finance committee has encountered and what I want to do is to gather clubs and senators to rework the process with getting money. Of the cuff, after spring break once the budget been voted on, if you're interested, I will mark this down to hold you to it. We'll talk.

Senator Nelson: On that note there seems there is a lot of accounts around the school that could use reallocation.

Chair Rifken: Tomorrow SGA and IRA are co hosting a student rights forum, in here, at 4 o'clock. If an RA knocks on your door, can they enter, if a police smells can they enter, we hope to have you come. Yield to Jones

President Jones: The panelists are Lucy, A. Stevens, we have student reps, and a previous RA.

Senator McDonald: I am working on earth week with a few other people, if you're interested in organize events please talk to me it's be great to have you.

Senator A. Adams: Can we talk about the process of resignations, now or later. It needs to be addressed.

Speaker Michel: I will email it out.

Chair Chevrier: I was wondering if you would contemplate the non-vote on motion to adjourn?

Speaker Michel: We used to not. If anyone has any other ideas please let me know.

#### SENATORIAL COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Senator Waldvogel: Amnesty International , our first presentation for 630 to 6730 with Frank, its conversation between teachers and students it should be interesting, about the cost of human rights. There is not an opportunity for students to talk about these.

Chair Rifken: I want wish happy birthday to Buswell, Jones, Frye & Wilkinson-Ray.

Chair Glynne: The awesome debate team, won regional's, swept the awards, have great spring break, and next Thursday come to Montréal with me, my fave techno guy is gunna be there.

Senator Buswell: Rifken beat me to it, in lieu of birthdays, we will have a responsible gathering tomorrow evening, between 8 and midnight, food cook out, hobo hot tube, and all of the people in our house. 21 Decatur.

Senator Benes: Mad River Thursday!

Senator Simmons: Hey gang! Bike users group meeting tomorrow! I'm meeting with the beast that is risk management tomorrow, this will be one of the final hurdles to getting recognition and respect.

#### ROLL CALL:

FINANCE:	Senator Linde excused, Senator Vivas Resigned
STUDENT ACTIVITIES:	Senator John-Freso excused
COLA:	Senators Gould, Sadeghi, and Shushereba excused
CODEEE:	Senator Brendalen and Chair Maciewicz excused
STUDENT ACTION:	Senator Church and Thomsen excused
PR:	all present
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS:	Senators Henley and Filstein excused

ADJOURNMENT 10:28

MEETING ENDS: 10:28