

September 1, 2009
Minutes for the Fourth Meeting of the 2009-2010 Senate

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Roll Call:

Finance: all Present
Student Activities: All Present
COLA: All Present
CODEEEE: All Present
Student Action: Senator Church Unexcused
PR: All Present
AA: All Present

Public Forum:

OSCR, Gail Shampnois and Alicia Taylor

Gail: Thanks for having us; we have been able to develop with the help of the SGA. We are helping to work with students about their off-campus living. We work closely with COLA on projects like Community Coalition which is chaired by COLA.

First Community Coalition Meeting: Sept. 11, 2009, Friday 2-4pm at 12 Colchester Ave.

Off-Campus Living Guide has been published with info on education outreach and community development.

Alicia: Work with SGA on projects such as Have-A-Heart to educate students about community interaction with others in the community. Here is a flier talking about the impact of noise to her (the young artist) and her family. Also educates about transportation and safety issues. Lake Champlain chocolates will be handed out as well. Sept. 3rd, Thursday 5-7pm Have-A-Heart this week to travel to residence halls.

Student-Neighbor Liasion Program – meet once a month over potluck to talk about community building projects. Wednesday, Sept. 16th is the first meeting.

Emergency Business

-None

New Business

Glynne: Resolution Supporting VT Troops Being Deployed
Resolution for Request to Celebrate Veterans Day
Resolution Supporting the Spruce-Up of Centennial Field
Resolution Requesting Higher Education Funding
Resolution Recognizing Chief Tuomey as UVM's First Female Police Chief
Resolution Supporting Mayor Kiss's Affordable Housing Initiative

5 new appointments to SGA

The New Constitution

Old Business

None

Senatorial Forum

No Comments

Executive Reports

Speaker Ellis's: Public forum, reminder there is no eating, talking, passing notes during meeting, and no phones during meeting. Will get Rules of Order next weekend. The Const. Comm. will be meeting this weekend, Sen. Just, Sen. Halloran, Sen. Maciewicz, Sen. Burns, Sen. Buswell. Also this weekend everyone is meeting from 9am and again on Sunday from 9am to whenever. Going over new constitution so the committee can know more about it. We wanted to start the year off with a new, functioning document versus taking a whole year. Keep in mind that it wasn't just written by me and it involved executive members, and senators. I have binders of research and would be more than happy to pass any of it along.

VP Ash's: Hope summer was good. Got a list of household items. I have a list of information of on and off campus senators and would like you to double check that the information is correct. You will notice that there will be new changes to the SGA space. Going to put in new computers for club members to have access to computers that don't have space now, getting a new kiosk that will provide information about everything. Bulletin boards have been changed. Keep in mind with the information sheet to make sure that your status is up-to-date. The retreat: All of the chairs have seen the agenda. Retreat is mandatory and will be recorded. Please let me know if you cannot attend. Next week, I will be doing a PowerPoint on what will be needed for the retreat. I made a motion for appointments and will be bringing the candidates up next week in hopes to confirm them. Part of my job is to be in charge of the campus wide committees and student involvements. I have a list of all the committees that want SGA representation, take a look at the list and contact me if interested in any of them. All done.

Glynne questions: Early morning Saturday and coming back what time on Sunday from the retreat?

Pres Jones's: How was everyone's summer? I had a nice, productive summer, internship, WBC Protest, if you got to check it out, great. If not, I gave my thoughts, but feel free to forward on comments or concerns. FrontPorchForum – online newsletter getting sent to you based on which neighborhood you are involved in on and off campus. Residents discuss the issues that they have in the community, including City Council members, and it is a great way to gather the sentiment of your neighbors. They have started 3 new neighborhoods if people are interested, I encourage you to check it out and join. I will send link. This Friday – Wear Your College Colors Day – please participate with that initiative. We will discuss what involvement we want to have as a Senate at the retreat. Over the summer, Kate and I had meetings with 46/50 administrators, which brought up a lot of really great issues that we can look forward to – 1) is the general education requirement across all of the academic units, and 2) got to participate with Convocation which was certainly a success. We will appoint Chair for next meeting, please visit the lynx to submit your application. I hope everybody is having a blast – we will start having some great initiatives – also email me if you find any element about my email that you think sucks.

No Questions
Committee Reports

Finance:

Chair Cafarelli: Great to be back even though we are down a lot of people. We are the best, no offense. New initiatives, one of them is to work as financial advisors for clubs by joining with student activities liaisons in order to accomplish all questions that cannot be answered. I am working with Blanka and Hannah in order to find ways to stop poor spending or no spending. Our motto is: Use it, but don't abuse it.

Sen. Beneš: If money is not spent, what happens?

Treas. LeMieux: Goes to retained earning fund which does many things. It goes back to clubs, but does not necessarily roll over to the next year.

Sen. Baron: Instead of teaching clubs how to spend money in order to reconfigure fund allocations—I'm a club leader and we have a surplus – is there a way to request money during the year?

Chair Cafarelli: That's supplemental. We would rather clubs spend all money, then come back more.

Sen. Beneš: If the money is not being spent, why should we encourage them to use their money?

Treas. LeMieux: When things are retained, they are used to pay for liabilities that are used to pay for things to run the SGA, such as insurance. This year I began comparing what was allocated versus what was actually in their accounts versus requests in order to chart progress of spending. This is not left over money, it gets used for increasing supplemental – just help clubs that could use more of their money, not spend flagrantly. I'm the club uncle not the club dad—a friendly relationship, not parochial.

Sen. Beneš: Thank you.

Student Activities

Chair Chevrier: Hi! I can stand, so I can follow the rules. Policy workshops are going to be very different from last year. Last year was long winded and shitty, and this year clubs have an option for which programs they are interested in, in addition to the hazing workshop. This should help participation. Liaison program is working with finance and student activities. Looking for committee members.

COLA:

Chair Glynne: Good Evening. Scott McCarty got into UVM's graduate school.

Resolutions for next week are: 1) Support troops and thank you for your service. 2) Requesting the celebration of Veterans' Day, university does not do a lot for them. 3) Supporting UVM's efforts to spruce up centennial field: regarding BFP article saying Lake Monsters will not use it, violations on

the facilities. 4) Higher Education funding – tough because of health care, but don't forget about college students 5) Tuomey; first chief to be a woman. 6) Mayor Kiss affordable housing initiative

Going to try to get Attorney General Dubie here.

Have-A-Heart to help out the community.

A lot of instance of battery and assault downtown, so let's remind each other to do the buddy system. I'm on the Burlington Outdoor Lighting Group – let me know if there's issues I should bring.

BPD are doing car theft thing.

VA Work – with Veterans Place in Northfield, Center for homeless vets

VRRP - I'll be here for Thanksgiving, so let me know if you want to join.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: Centennial Resolution something more official for a title?

Chair Glynne: Markowitz – Democrat. It's hard to get to people to come in, but we are trying to get people to come in.

Chair Cafarelli: Resolution for Centennial – what's the plan?

Chair Glynne: Another year at UVM for UVM baseball, but it would not happen.

Sen. Henley: Out of curiosity with VRRP: are you doing that with the affordable housing idea – that would make sense?

Chair Glynne: That would be a good idea and integrating them into the community was my focus. Lets brainstorm.

Sen. Church: Curious why Lake Monsters why they left. It wasn't an attendance question?

Chair Glynne: Losing on facilities; not attendance.

Point of Information, Chair Cafarelli: They have been on this ballpark for 5-10 years – the field is not equipped.

CODEEE:

Sen. Maciewicz: Bummer no Amanda. Thrilled that Brennan's is now local – resolution to support that. Support general education requirements. Forum in order to bring up the initiatives and groups in CODEEE – Alana, LGBTQA, etc.

Freedom of Info Act–Let's follow up

Get a new chair

ARC 2 years later

Student Action:

Chair Wilkinson-Ray:

Naked Bike Ride Task Force: on that

Meal Plan Task Force:

Dining Service Advisory - concerns/ questions

Reactions to Brennan's

Food for the retreat – I'm in charge of that, from common ground farm which is an SGA club, pass around a sign up sheet with interested folks – let me know!!!!

Public Relations:

Chair Rifken: Welcome back! Thanks for the bulletin boards!

September 9th is the Activities Fest – let's get out there and work with people – please please please please please please please please sign up!!

Academic Affairs:

Chair Taylor:

Last spring here is our AA 10 step plan or items with things in the works or things in the running – I will address each of these steps in an email report. Lets talk about our new goals.

CSES Academic Integrity Council: looking for reps, take a look at it. 4 hour training which is mandatory but you can choose from there. Look for email.

Chair Glynn: sponsors for the Ten Step AA Program??

Chair Taylor: Sure.

Elections:

Chair Rifken:

FIVE ON CAMPUS SPOTS FOR FIRST YEAR's – really dynamic class. We've had 75 packets signed out for spring senatorial elections. Meeting with all of them Thursday to discuss campaigning, regulations, and rules.

Sen. McDonald: Who can vote in first year elections?

Chair Rifken: Anyone can vote who pays student fee, on the lynx.

Treasurer's Report:

Treas. LeMieux: New treasurer and I'm happy. If you have questions please let me know and come visit so we can explain the process to you all. Let's get those to me ASAP so I can discuss them at the retreat.

Senatorial Comments and Announcements:

Pres. Jones: If people are curious about their commitment thing- come talk to us so that we can retain everyone who is here. Come talk to us!

Sen. Beneš: Go over the UVM committee?

VP Ash: My job to figure out what all of these committees do and I have been talking to everyone under the sun about what they want from the SGA. Contact me if interested so we can discuss what each of the committees are and then we can go from there.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: This section is just to say whatever needs to be said, this is a great time to just chat about things. It's nice to see everyone here after a long summer. There's a Localvore Dinner at 6pm part of the WOW.

Chair Glynne: Last weekend, we lost 24-17 with UVM Football, it was a fun time. Next game is Sunday vs. Norwich at 1:30 at BHS.

No school on Monday, have a safe and enjoyable weekend. BPD is going to be on the patrol.

Sen. Buswell: Thank Pres Jones students to encourage students to protest safely. Lot's of "Here Heres" from the senators.

John Lowery (from the public seating): Would love to come and work with you students and come and work with all of this. I'm new to this school.

Chair Glynne: Forget to say, Debate team is accepting people to go to. Great group of folks!

Sen. Henley: If anyone is interested in volunteering with refugees, talk to Grace – I work on a farm with 54 refugee families and its great. If you want to come take a look, that would be great.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: Lot's of food sign-ups for the retreat, thanks!

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Closing at 8:14