

Roll Call

Finance- Chair Cafarelli and Senator Venman excused

SAC-All present

COL-All present

CODEEE-All present

Action-Senator Just unexcused

PR-All present

AA-All

Minutes-passed

Public Forum- Jason DePatie, Adam Roof

Jason- I think you had your retreat this weekend and saw the flow chart of the Board/governance. Listed the members of the Board. Two year terms

Adam- I am the rookie, Jason is the expert.

Senator Glynne- Two forms of thought. One that you represent your constituents or deciding for the global good.

Jason- Many think we are the student advocates, we are not. Thoughts are heard, but you need to balance what will be best for the UVM in long term.

Adam- I have been growing to understanding the role of a student trustee. Must look out for the University first, and yes you must consider your constituent groups, but you need to make decisions that will be best for all.

Chair Glynne (follow-up): I asked that question to have a follow to ask this: What is the purpose of a student trustee if you make decisions like the Board does and you don't advocate for students?

Jason- There are many factions that go in the long term visions, meaning that if students are yelling really loud we will hear them however we must ask questions like how will this affect faculty, staff, students, class rooms, etc. There are many circumstances that must be taken into account like when it comes to tuition.

Adam- There are many times where it becomes awkward. You are required to be a representative of the whole school, not just for students.

Senator Just—What is the toughest part about being a trustee and how has it impacted your decision?

Adam- There was a very powerful training process. There is no way to absolutely be prepared for Board meetings. During the board meetings, that as the most difficult for me.

Jason- If you look at some of the most difficult issues dealing with our campus is budget, Peoplesoft, and baseball. It is really interesting being on the board to see the passion on certain issues from different constituencies, but it is very interesting to see how this all comes together.

Adam- Definitely agree. It has shaped my experience in such way by seeing all different perspectives and it culminates to being a very positive experience and builds my passion for UVM.

Jason- There is a process that is comprised of many representatives across campus headed by the SGA last year. It started when I saw an advertisement on campus about student trustee position and decided to pursue the position.

Adam- He had interest right from the get go. It took me a little longer and it came across my plate via President Taylor's email.

Senator Frye- What has been your interaction with the SGA before this and how do you plan to communicate this year?

Jason- You have your meetings, Kate and Bryce report to the Board, senators have seats on various committees like BFI, but there isn't necessarily a direct contact relationship.

Adam- I would like to add that I have noticed at the Board meetings that members really do pay attention to the trustees.

Jason-If you haven't been to a board meeting, I would encourage you to all go because they are public and a really great experience.

Adam- I am very accessible and you can contact me anytime.

Senator Buswell- Thank you for coming in. Could you tell us about your personal experience with curricula on the board?

Jason- EPIR and BFI make up two of the Board committees. Board Governance looks at how the Board operates with various policies. Just as an example, on the BFI they look at tuition and any type of financial issue. Personally I am a Political Science major and I don't know where that will take me.

Adam- I am a double major in Political Science and English which helps foster critical thinking that can be brought to the board and helps me make decisions.

Senator Buswell- You spoke on how the University looks at long time issues, and there must be some element of sustainability whether its financial or not. Do you have any experience in sustainability?

Jason- Sustainability is looking not only environmentally, but are we setting ourselves up

for a competitive future.

Adam- I am on EPIR. We are in the beginning stages of creating a sustainable curriculum starting with the General Education. A side note about the PE removal is an example of a forward-looking example.

Chair Chevrier- I was wondering if you knew how many people applied, after Franks conversation, I am still curious about how many people applied.

Adam- I am not sure how big the original applicant pool was, but I did know there was 5 interviews.

Jason- It started in a room of 50 people, but I have no idea how many actually applied. It is a very healthy system still.

Senator Altendorfer- What is the plan for the next 10 years for UVM?

Jason- I don't want to put my personal feelings into the direction of where UVM is going because the Board is a whole.

Senator Greenwald- Since you are representing the students, I would think it would be important to gauge how the students are feeling? How do you gather that feedback?

Adam- Being involved helps you stay in touch with students. That is how I gather my student feedback.

Jason- Obviously reading the Cynic and other clubs on campus to gather information. When there is a protest I always like to go to know what students are thinking?

Senator Church- 2 things you are proud of UVM and 2 that you aren't.

Jason- I really enjoy the campus community and the student body. We have many interests however I think that we come together pretty well. I am proud that we can all come together to voice a solidified body. The students can't be separated from the experience here.

Adam- When I talk to students about UVM it's not a sports team, the reality is the students and that is what is the best part about UVM. I am really proud of us, the student body. There are many things that could be improved. I think that the curriculum could be improved.

Jason- I don't know if any of you got the experience to participate in an internship over summer, but you should.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray- Senator Green brought up good question, I was wondering for this year—as students reps—what are your goals for the semester?

Jason- Board doesn't seek out issues, issues come to the board. I am not sure what the defining pieces of this year are, but I am not sure I can fully answer your question.

Adam- The curriculum—the general ed—is a goal for myself this year and would like to see that move forward.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray- I am going to go back to Chair Glynne's comments, you have to represent the students, but balance the role of a trustee and a student?

Jason-Board is a unified body and unfortunately we cannot answer those questions.

Senator Baron- There are times when you need to remove yourself from the voice of the body and focus on the fiduciary issues, so how do you gather your information other than being influenced by the other Trustees?

Jason- Many VPs on campus, research engines, there are a range of resources.

Adam- We have access to many resources.

Steele: I resigned last week as a chair. I have realized that I have many projects still in the working with the committee, but I wanted to come to hold myself accountable for my decision. I hope to be able to continue at least some of the conversations that I have had with the administration so basically what I will be doing is taking on a second supplemental role in Chemistry and I guess it took me a couple of weeks to realize where my passions really lie. It is really in my long-term interest to pursue teaching. Finally I know that working with the faculty and administration, will intensify my efforts. I appreciate all of the time that I have had with all of you.

Chair Cafarelli- Will you be giving hugs?

Steele- No

Emergency Business

Speaker Ellis- Time for First Year Oaths of Offices. Congrats!
Now its time for the Chairs. Hip Hip Hooray!

New Business

Chair Cafarelli- Approval of the Financial Policy Manual of 2009-2010

Old Business

None

Senatorial Forum

Chair Glynne- I have a few things to say. I don't care if you agree with me or not. I was thoroughly upset with our trustees. Responding that they are a unified board is absolutely crap. The students overwhelmingly wanted something last year and they both voted with the Board.

Senator Whitmore- Two theories in political science: Delegate vs. trustee. Delegate is for representation of your constituents and trustee is entrusting them to make their own decisions that they see fit.

Senator Just- I was vice chair of BOT Selection Committee and I could answer any questions about the process for the past two years. These two before here tonight may not have had answers that you wanted to hear but I would encourage you have conversations with them individually and you will see why they are trustees.

Senator Wilkinson-Ray- Students are not represented on the Board.

Senator Hannaford- Thought the Interim Solicitation Policy as very scary. I had a chance to sit down with Pat and Kate and a couple of Professors and got handed an old policy to compare. With that being said, there is not much that has changed, it is just more vague. I came out of those conversations this morning after speaking with Kate about how policies work, but I would really like to see when you all meet with the Administration that I would like to see the question raised about why the policy changed. This is an example of how students should be better informed. I may be wrong, but Kate did work to make policies more aware of the process. There is no reason why students shouldn't be informed. We should be publicizing why policies get edited and explain that to students. Lets say that someone is out preaching, Shane Cutles walks by from Conf. and Event Services and notices that they are being disruptive and ends up getting arrested. This raises a question about the first amendment. We—the SGA—have the power

Pat Brown- Interim Policy could be interrupted that parking permits are violating the old policy. New issues arise and we need change policies accordingly

Senator Frye- I would like to close the debate on trustees. These trustees look completely unwilling to bring student issues to the board. We need to make sure they aren't lackeys.

Senator Church-Who makes up the BOT selection committee?

Senator Just- P/VP of SGA, P/VP of IRA, two off-campus students, one Greek, one graduate, and one medical student.

Senator Whitmore- I want to offer my support to the amount of communication that is given to students from the Administration. I have no financial aid, etc., but I am upset with my tuition dollars going to administrators that are hired to micromanage. It's a little concerning that there are so many policies even before a welcome back e-mail. Policies, Policies, Policies, its upsetting that there are so many hours put into policies.

Chair Cafarelli- There is already a policy about ResLife solicitation policies. As RA's, we are told to take down all unapproved flyers in Res Halls.

Senator Whitmore- I understand, but correct me if I am wrong. You use to be able to take it to the front desk and now you have to take it to Robinson Hall.

Chair Cafarelli- No it has always been to Robinson Hall.

Senator Altendorfer- I noticed that when Frank came in to our retreat and talked about his personal beliefs. To contrast that with the trustees that came before us today and I was upset that they couldn't show us the same demeanor. I bet the intention of Trustee Cioffi was to get student representation and that has been lost. Lots of here heres.

Sen. John-Freso- If at any time you have a title that implies representative ie president, trustee, etc that you do have a population behind you that you represent. Since they were not always there and now that they are then there seems to be a need for why they are there. If they look at these guys, if the two of them are putting aside their student issues and realizing that they need to vote like a board member then they have a problem. Upset about not individualism within student trustee.

Senator Hannaford- We see eye-to-eye (looking at Whitmore) about micromanaging...

Chair Wilkinson-Ray- Here is my general feeling that since we agree we aren't happy about their behavior. Lets talk about how to address this issue. How about a letter?

Senator Just- I just wanted to comment a couple of things. Frank was able to come out to us and talk to us in a candid way. Take into consideration that Frank has had much more experience with the Board and understands what it means much better. The trustees are just thrown into their role and not fully prepared. Yes they are students and they are there to represent the students, but they are given a binder full of issues that probably many of us never see. For those who are upset with the trustees, do you understand fully what the Board is voting on and if not I would encourage you to e-mail them to figure out.

Senator Henley- I am actually with Chair WR. We can probably stop talking about what they are doing or not doing, but I think the letter and what Senator Just recommended are positive, but if we are entrusting these students to represent us and we do not like how they are voting, then maybe we should be examining how they get elected.

Senator Church- To Senator Just, we are concerned with their idea of their job description. We see their interpretation of the job is what is problematic. I would like to invite them back and share information with them.

Senator Buswell- Don't be too hypocritical, we should attend more meetings. And we should encourage more students to go to the BOT meetings. I don't think it would be such a bad thing to have more SGA rep at Board meetings.

Senator Rifken- Have committees.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray- VP Ash and I had conversations about what occurred last year. I just wanted to have the senate to take a step back and look how we are being perceived by students. I just wanted to gather thoughts on that.

Senator Adams- I think meetings with committees.

Senator Church- We all have hour obligations so can we get hours to be complementary by hall hours.

Vice President Ash- I think this would be a great a idea. The only thing we need to be concerned about is if we allow senators to have office hours considered for atrium hours then we must allow clubs to do the same.

Senator Henley- I really like that idea. I like the idea of tabling by committee. It always disturbs me that we always say that we represent these various constituencies, but we always vote in our personal interests.

Senator Altendorfer- What happens when questions get asked about a different committee? We tell them to come next week to ask the appropriate committee? I think we should have a rep from each committee each time we do the public talk. Addressing VP Ash- we should work with the DC committee to redefine office hours. Clubs would then be required to do office hours, but if they wish to do tabling to comp that would be great.

Senator Frye- I would like to see more intra-committee interaction.

Chair Cafarelli- I am a marketing major so this is my thing. Tabling has its benefits, but we should be going to them not them coming to us. While tabling will be a good way to foster comments and concerns, but we need to be more visibility. It will motivate them to find us.

Senator Whitmore- Three hours in the office will not hurt anyone. For information, lets not echo what has already been said.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray- I was wondering where you think it would be a good place to table. I think the atrium is very uncomfortable to talk. I would like to have a place to talk about in more intimate conversations.

Chair Rifken- Rosa Parks room is open a lot and it is right next to Brennans.

Senator Just- I remember from the campaign last year, primarily during lunch time I found it a great time to gather student thoughts on issues. 90% of time the students were willing to talk about issues.

Senator Buswell- How about sitting in front of the library? I think having a presence in Mansfield room could work with Tix-Me-Off.

Senator Church- I agree that we need to be active, but I think tabling can be very active like bringing legislation that will be voted on to students eyes.

Senator Baron- We should do supplemental things with tabling. Were you talking about the SLP or doing other stuff?

Chair Cafarelli- We have a working relationship with Athletics. People who are in clubs know about SGA, people who are not in clubs don't know who we are. I didn't mean to say that tabling is bad, but I feel that we can take a proactive stance but enabling is just as good.

Senator Benes- 8pm, I am trying to gather many students on campus to talk about composting. Intervale is closing and we are hoping to get the university to have a compost facility. Any senators that are interested come to SGA Galaxy, Thursday 8pm.

Senator Buswell- POI for those senators who don't know, Galaxy Space is the club office space.

Senator Henley- I want to disagree with you about being in a club automatically means that you understand senate.

Executive Reports

Speaker

Speaker Ellis- I will start with the legislation template. Pulls up on the screen.

Chair Glynne-Are you gonna allow notes?

Speaker Ellis- Maybe.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray- Can we get sign machine so SGA can be completely paperless?

Speaker Ellis- Explains attendance policy. Next week, President Fogel, Gary Derr, Provost Knodell are coming into our meeting next meeting. Regarding decorum during public forum, that was great, but please read your emails carefully about next week. Passes the signature sheet around.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray- Attendance policy is good, thanks for the revisions. Can you refresh me about how many unexcused absences were allowed in previous years.

Chair Glynne- It changes each year. My attendance policy was 3 and you talked to exec, last year is was 2.

Senator Just- Uh....I do have a question about the constitution going around. Do the people

who didn't vote for it have to sign it?

Speaker Ellis- No you don't have to...

President Jones- yes you do.

Senator Just- Was it two unexcused?

Speaker Ellis- No, its 3 for chair and speaker and 4 its exec.

Chair Cafarelli- Can you do a little role-playing? Say I am a senator and I miss the first roll call, why should I come to the meeting at all if it already counts towards an absence?

Speaker Ellis- Communication will be the solution to that problem. There is much leniency in the attendance policy to accommodate for that problem.

Chair Glynne- Why isn't Richard Cate not coming in? Also we should take into consideration what bryce said and sign the const.

Speaker Ellis- Effective next week.

Vice President

Vice President Ash- Thank you all for the wonderful weekend! Constitutionally, President Jones and I are responsible for appointing the elections chair so we need to gather who is eligible. I have created a document that will provide this information. Please note on this if you don't plan serving this next semester, next year or if you wont be on.

Chair Rifken- Not just for Chair, but for Committee too.

Vice President Ash- I wanted to echo that walking around the DC and campaigning was wonderful. I'm really glad the way Senatorial Forum went. I want to clarify the galaxy space. The DC Advisory board leases the galaxy space 15 office hours per desk and that includes all clubs that have desks. Purpose of the lease and hours is to make sure the space is utilized. If interested or have ideas please come to me and collaborate.

It's really chilly in here, and not going to get much warmer. We won't be turning the heat up so wear warm clothes.

I want to touch upon the discussion on Student Trustees. Definitely need to improve communication in.

*****Senator Michel- When the Student Trustees were up there, I was thinking that wouldn't they be prepared?

*****Vice President Ash-

Senator Just- How many desks does SGA have? 7?

Vice President Ash- No, we have 5 and 2 locked offices.

Senator Just- What can be done about clubs that have no space?

Vice President Ash- There is an email asking clubs if they'd like space and if they do, then hand in your lease. If they don't hand lease in they'll be evicted. Possibility for dual desk space.

Senator Just- is there a long list of clubs wanting list?

Vice President Ash- yes and no, that is why we have created the lease and office hour. Hopefully we will accommodate all clubs.

President

President Jones: Senator Just discussed the trustee selection process, but it is something that you are notified around Feb-march that you have been chosen as a trustee and then you sit and wait until May for the first meeting, you are in a waiting period, and thus all that Adam Roof has had is 1 meeting. It has been a short time that he has been in this position, unlike Jason who is more like a veteran. I am looking forward to our relationship; I wonder why that relationship hasn't been there. We already have had the ideas with ADAM about having forums to connect students. There are a LOT of student reps, and so we are trying to categorize the type of "forum" that we want to see. We will pose this idea to student club leaders to see if they are interested via Chair Chevrier to better communicate at the club level. Within that, I plan on doing a project Eva Krampitz of NEASC to commemorate their 125th reunion, in order to incorporate this student aspect to the report. KRAMPITZ: All I want is an answer to a simple question: what do you think as a college student, you should be educated on? Thus, this would be an agenda item as a video tape and edit to send to NEASC - voices of student leaders.

Office of Sustainability Newspaper - why do I get it?

Senator Buswell: you can sign up for it via the GREEN@uvm.list.edu

3 policies that I sent out, Drug Free Work Place, Pregnant Mothers, Ethical Research.

Interim Solicitation Policy – they needed it to have a policy, and they have realized that there were errors thus that is why we are going through comments and changes, but they didn't send it out with the others because they wanted to address larger issues. I should have that by end of the week or early next week.

Received email from David Schiman, UA – about Solicitation Policy:

He was concerned about micromanaging the University – but this is not doing, this – take the WBC protest for example, this policy is in place so that they know what’s happening and so that we can be protected, and more specifically, our constitutional rights.

I will make sure that I send it out to you the moment I receive it.

I think Senator Hannaford had a great point with asking how we can publicize this information to the student body. Can’t attach to emails, but let’s put it on the website.

Richard Albee – Sec of Ag for VT – had a press release yesterday saying that UVM is working out the details to support this program.

CLF- invited Kate/Bryce to meeting with Karen Meyer and Thomas Gustafson and two women from out of state and Diane, and Melissa from Sodexo – briefed us on their plan to take the Fair Trade Program and apply it to VT dairy farmers. Presented this idea to us to ensure that it is an interest from students and that we want to bring to our campus. It will be coming up in a resolution at SGA, along with accompaniment from Diane and other student groups – entailing a \$.10 increase to all individual milk products sold on campus. Only on individual milk, not on bulk milk, because it would effect our meal plan if we wanted to extend this to the larger overall campus. This is the first time a college has been working with this sort of initiative. Farmers are not living sustainability and we want to help support them. There will be a LOCALVORE dinner where this will be presented. I saw this as an opportunity for a foot in the door to expand SGAs role. 86% of students in VSOP said they would be interested in local initiatives.

Athletics – we had a budget last year to make t-shirts to work with P Taylor for hockey support. Spirit Hair and t-shirt theme on positive cheering so that we don’t say offensive things. Lots of NAYS. What would we like to do???

Office of Institutional Studies oversees much of the University’s information and data which I think would be important for the Senate to see when considering future legislation.

Committee Reports

Finance

Chair Cafarelli- Late due to overextended supplementals. Introduced Senator Tran and Senator Vivas.

SAC

Chair Chevrier- Liaison Program explanations. Will be ranking clubs and working with them in order to help them move towards good standing. With questions, come talk to SAC!

Senator Vivas- What criteria will you be using with club liaisons?

Chair Chevrier- Attended policy workshops, 8 members, and Exec Board

COLA

Chair Glynne- Busy, Have A Heart is active, discussing off-campus issues. Student Neighbor Liaison programs. Town Gown group with administrators yesterday that I am to bring up. Larry Re: Campus Safety issues. 17 on campus citations, 16 were detox cases.

Planning for Redstone Part 11: Other side of Redstone Apts, haven't decided on or off, but plan breaking ground Summer 2011, and breaking open on Summer 2012.

H1N1 update; up to 30% campus effected. University bought thermometers, gloves, vaccines, and will be on shelves by November. With pandemic, all professors will institute online courses. Cornell, student death of H1N1.

Veterans Dan- rent space on November 11 with speaker to discuss their experiences.

Athletic Dept has increases \$250,000 and had \$300,000 in general fund turnover for field maintenance for Centennial Field. Their budget is not what they are actually working on.

Senator McDonald- Are they going to come speak about H1N1?

President Jones- Yes, Dr. Porter and Annie Stevens will be coming in soon.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray- Please send out issues coming to your plate because I think Student Action would love to act on some of them.

Senator Burns- Who are you inviting to V-Day?

Chair Glynne- Mostly Veterans.

CODEEE

Chair Maciewicz- Welcome to Senator Sedaghi and Senator Baron. Vice President Ash appointed me to the Presidents Commission on Social Change. We will be meeting with President Fogel about H1N1.

Sustainability requirement is starting in the works.

Compost is an issue we have decided to take on as well and are going to start looking at possible setting up UVM compost.

Action

Chair Wilkinson-Ray- We're meeting after Senate.

Public Relations

Chair Rifken- September 25th is Community Action Day. Senator Benes is heading up VSOP. Fill out doodle. Really excited about Publicity Packet and will be working with Kate Strotmeyer and Interim Solicitation Policy.

Senator John-Freso- Will the doodle tie me down on a weekly basis?

Chair Rifken- No

(Floor suspended for President Jones)

President Jones- Because of new constitution, we must have an acting chair for AA and we have decided it will be Senator Burns for the time being. Fill out an application if you are interested and turn it in by Friday.

AA

Acting Chair Burns- Questions for VSOP. Sustainability requirement as well. We want to watch the academic calendar issue as well.

Senatorial Comments/Announcements

Chair Cafarelli- Did you know Faculty Senate is talking about reversing our decisions?

Vice President Ash- I spoke on behalf of students wanting full week for Thanksgiving. Faculty Senate was supposed to vote on the academic calendar and constitutional amendments, but they didn't. 2 proposals for calendar:

1. Take away Town Meeting Day
2. Changing exam matrix

(Chair Rifken gives Kate two proposals)

Vice President Ash- Exam days have been changed. On Saturday to allow 3 hour periods. They will begin at 7:30am not 8:30am and Keith Williams commented that wouldn't be feasible. Another tenet was to take away Fall recess day. Tabled to second week of October. There was a sub-committee under the Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee to work on the academic calendar. In short, we don't have an academic calendar for next year.

Senator Michel- We should write a letter!

Senator Buswell- Did you mention Faculty Senate discuss getting rid of Town Meeting Day?

Vice President Ash- Yes. How can Vermonters be involved on that day?

Senator Buswell- Is that legal?

Vice President Ash- That's a good question. Also an idea to remove Labor Day. Rachel Johnson says its not legal, but looking to see if its legal to touch.

Senator Benes- Meet Ira Allen at 9am if interested on going on the mountain bike/hike/swim/picking adventure.

Speaker Ellis- Without further comments we will move to Roll Call

Roll Call

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SA- all present

PR- all present

AA- all present

Acting Chair Burns- motion to adjourn

(Second)

Speaker Ellis- All those in favor of adjourning please signify with an "Ay"

Senate: AY!

Speaker Ellis- Nays?

Senate- Silence.

Speaker Ellis- (Slams gavel) Meeting adjourned.