



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2009  
EIGHTH MEETING OF 2009-2010 SENATE

CALL TO ORDER  
START TIME: 7:05

ROLL CALL  
FINANCE: all present  
STUDENT ACTIVITIES: all present  
COLA: all present  
CODEEE: all present  
STUDENT ACTION: Senator Church (excused) Senator Greenwald (excused)  
PR: all present  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: all present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: tabled

PUBLIC FORUM

Wendy Koenig, Director of Federal Relations

Finding common ground and problem solving. Try to understand motivations, agendas, and political circumstances. There is usually history and back story and it helps to know that if you can. You have to realize there are other issues competing with yours. Try to know your enemy as well as you know your friends. Figure out all situations so you can and use that to your advantage. Look for common ground (both/and vs. either/or). You want to try to be on the side of compromise and if you can craft legislation that includes yours and someone else's point try and do that. Building trust by providing good information and recourses sets the stage for effective relationships. Follow through and being constant is a key. If you are trying to build trust its great to send a thank you note.

Get experience. Any way to incorporate your passions into your academic work will help you find jobs latter on. We advocate for city state or federal government opportunities. OFSCR can help make connections. They are here to help serve you.

Clarence Davis, Director of State Relations

Communication. Within relationships we strive to be respectful of peoples' jobs and their titles. Be sure to use peoples' titles in verbal written communication. Be respectful of individuals' time and their roles. Have your facts; know what you are going to ask for. Be discreet and listen more than you talk. You don't always have to respond to things being said to you. Show that you understand the process and the way things work for your constituents. Timely, concise communication is important. Have a one pager. Be prepared for every meeting; know your facts and what you are asking for. Also if you had a meeting with an individual and are having another reread your notes from the previous meeting and make sure you did what you said you would do. Respect boundaries; know what and when things are appropriate to share. Demonstrate your usefulness and rerun on investment. And its ok not to have an immediate response or opinion.

There are internship opportunities in the senate Pro Tem office. If interested let me know.

Joe Spiedel, Director of Local Relations

We wanted to talk about effective advocacy. Effective advocacy deepens on things like good relationships which depends on being informed and respecting peoples' boundaries.

Building relationships. Make sure you realize that people you are talking to are all busy people and you need to build relationships around trust and being prepared. Also repeated positive interaction. Treat everyone well. Weigh the short-term gain vs. the long-term relationship.

Our website is a great resource as well as the CUPS website. Career services has a lot of internships and there is a career connection database. And you advisor and academic departments can set up internships as well.

Questions:

Senator Frye: How have you interacted with this organization in the past?

We brought in a group of women legislators and leaders in the community and did leadership panes and we brought people down to the state house. We worked on the Mayor's debate and SGA helped with that. We would love to work on other events. We have talked about a trip down to DC. We are open to other ideas.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Glynne: amendments to operational documents and Amendment to appointment process

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution-The Sunshine Act

Read resolution.

Senator Michel: The office of audit studies, their office is responsible for general, compliance, and individual audits. The complaints are related to grants or money. Individual are when one specific person is accused of wrongdoing and third is general which is done of the finances of different departments. Because we are a public university the audits are public with the exception of individual audits. However, there is a difference between public and published. Last week I had two meeting with Garry Durr and Erica Hefner to address there concerns with making the audits more public. I got a list of Erica's concerns. Some were the public nature of a document doesn't preset a reason for publication, it could be a violation of confidentiality by the auditor, she has the ability to control the use of the results for the individual audits. They told me this would be a on ongoing discussion. I haven't herd anything back yet. This is so the SGA can take a preemptive step to show the administration how they feel about this stuff. We want them to be accessible for all.

Chair Glynne: I like the thought of this but I think it is to cutesy. I think things that come out of this body should have more teeth. I don't think the title is appropriate for this. I am going to vote no because I think its too cutesy, I want to see something more powerful.

Senator Frye: Is it normal for all public documents to be published? What is the precedence?

That's why I am addressing the concept of general audits. I would like everything to be available but there is just way to much. I think that students would be interested in this. This is a reasonable thing to ask.

Senator Frye: I think the be it resolved is a little passive. I think we should say public documents of this nature should be published.

This discussion is ongoing and I want to make sure that they are aware that there concerns were taken into account.

Senator Frye: I think the fourth ware as should not be included

Chair Rifken: Do you have the concerns, can you pass that out?

If you want to look at it you can

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: What audits are brought to board of trustees?

They have a committee. They are reporting duty to the committee. But nothing needs to be voted on or passed through that committee. They will take a draft to that committee and then it is revised and a final draft is given to them and the audited party.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: Are we asking to be included in the list of people to get the finalized audits?

I am in favor of that but, I just want to get the SGA's opinion to the administration. I think this is a preliminary thing.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: This would not be creating a tremendous amount of work for Erica. Friendly amendment for 4<sup>th</sup> were as, I would like it taken out.

I am willing to take it out.

Senator Church: It seems like the question is weighing concerns of Erica against the need for students to have this information. The confidentiality concern seems reasonable. Why do students need to know this information? What would they do with it?

The reason I feel its not being handed well is because there documents are public but you can't find them online. To access them you have to email Durr or Erica and at that point you are at the mercy of them getting back to you. They might not ask you why you want it and way that in there decision. There are too many hurdles to see a public document.

Senator Church: Why do students care in the first place?

Some of the finding they rate between high and low risk. Something that is higher risk is when it becomes a pattern or involves a lot of money or a breakdown in the procedure. For something like the athletics program where the money comes for a student athletics fee. We as students should be aware and want to know are our funds being used appropriately.

Chair Cafarelli: I agree with Chair Glynne and Senator Frye with the cutesy thing. I would like to change the name of the act to show we are serious. Change to realize or understand the public nature not concenter.

Senator Whitmore: What we are saying is that we want to make any public documents that someone wants to see available

Senator Brown: If requested to see public documents you said they are not always allowed. Maybe you could make it to make all public documents accessible if asked.

That is the current policy, it was just more of a personality road block. They are not allowed to not give you what you ask for, but certain administrators might drag their feet in order to give it to you. I want to take those roadblocks out.

Senator Brown: Make this act more specific and saying the way in which you want to make these more public would be more affective.

My reason for making this so braud is this is probably going to be the first half of another resolution. I want it to be viewed as an SGA concern not just a personal concern.

Chair Rifken: Who officially is the check on the office of audit studies

Board of trustees audit committee

Senator Henley: Friendly amendment saying allowing for public transparency in general audits is the most effective way of eliminating misunderstandings and the spread of misinformation. Accepted.

Senator Baron: Friendly amendments. Change the title to a resolution supporting the publication of general audits. Not accepted

I am not sure if that's what we actually want. The reason I thought this was a good title was because if we have a resolution supporting it boxes us in because the be it resolve is so general. I want these audits to be published but I worry that is not exactly what we are saying.

Senator Baron: Friendly amendment. Change fourth ware as from public transparency to convenient access. Accepted

Senator Benes: Friendly amendment change from sunshine act to audit transparency act. Accepted

Called to qeusiton

Read audit transparency act

VOTE passed

Resolution Supporting the Creation of an Environmental Sustainability Requirement

Tabled

Bill Recognizing the University of Vermont Sailing Team as Club of the Fortnight

Read bill. Following the sanction the sailing team showed a great amount of understanding . They have demonstrated a great amount of solidarity and they exceeded necessary sanctions.

VOTE passed

SENATORIAL FORUM

Chair Chevrier: The policy workshops went really well. But the survey response people were angry that it was too warm and most people said it was a good time to have it. And people enjoyed that they got to choose what they got to do.

Chair Cafarelli: I am disanointed in the way we are keeping votes. I think its a nascence to not do hand votes when we have to record them. I wanted to show the final t-shirts that the company sent us. We will need help handing them out too.

Senator Whitmore: I ask that in the future people consider to think out what you want to say and the message you want to say before you make a presentation instead of winging it. And I could use help with the display cases in the DC and we have some ideas but if you have ideas about the content of them feel free to contact me. And if you are good as scrap booking I could use some help.

Senator Michel: I appreciated everyone and I will get back to you when I hear something.

Senator Buswell: I encourage everyone to read the Cynic article knowing where your money goes. If you here someone talking a misinterpretation of a policy just let them know because it's troubling me.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS

TREASURER LEMIEUX:

SPEAKER ELLIS:

Cell phones aren't allowed in meeting especially during public forum. The only legislation we have is not for 2 weeks but needs to be to me by tomorrow night. Legislation that is to me past the Thursday night deadline is going to be tabled. Next Tuesday there is a writing class coming in. There will be about 20 students here. Legislation from tonight please get it to me by later tonight. Voting records are done every time we vote.

VICE-PRESIDENT ASH:

Senator Whitmore, I love scrapbooking so if you need help let me know. Appointments. I sent out an email on Sunday with all the applications as well as the outline for what this process will look like for this week. Also a worksheet. The process will work similar to last time. That is not for each senator to fill out it is for each committee to fill out together and then give to me. On October 12<sup>th</sup> we will bring students before the body for conformation.

Because of the SGA constitution everyone has to hold office hours (15 hrs) It can be spilt between the committee any way you see fit. And they have to be posted. We got 4 new computers for the galaxy space. Where the old computers were we are installing the 4 new ones. I have new office hour and they are posted. I am the chair of the lynx's advisory group.

Senator Whitmore: We have 15hrs per desk so 75 hours a week . I don't think we will be need for the full 75 hours. Is it mandatory we work on SGA stuff during that time, can I bring homework.

I would encourage you to use this time effectively but you can do school work. Its up to your discretion.

PRESIDENT JONES:

I want to thank Chair Chevrier and Senator Buswell for noting the sailing team's efforts. I would like to announce that Chair Maciewicz and Chair Glynne will be the two senators sitting on the board of trustees omit. General education workgroup is meeting this Thursday I will send out an update on it. I hope that you received the documents I sent out. Last week UVM TV aired and me and Vice President Ash appeared on it and did an update. There was a lot of kayos going on but for the next week we were thinking that we will do a live feed starting in the hallway during business hour and show where the SGA office is and introduce some people and then do the update from our offices. We are still looking for art to purchase so if you have friends or you produce art let us know. I am going to add 2 new sections to my email. Air time for committees to give updates and for comments and senators. It would be if you wanted to say a thought provoking idea or anything else or introduce yourself. The student prudent calendar knocked and said the SGA is one of the organizations that can apply so I didn't take the liberty to do it so an informal poll for who would want us to submit an application. I will submit an application. I have a meeting with the student trustee Adam Roof. I am going to be talking with Chair Chevrier with

what categories do we want to talk about. It would be beneficial to club leaders to experience that kind of conversation. In the past there used to be student round tables with the president (Fogal) and there were one on one conversations. And since he got rid of the coffee I think it would be beneficial to get something like that going again. If anyone is interested in talking about what that would look like let me know. I want to create an adhoc, a temporary one. Its charge would be to go through constitutions include faculty senate etc. and where they line up with UVM character. If interested let me know.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### FINANCE- SEN. CAFARELLI:

Chair Chevrier: Are the t-shirts sweatshop free

They are

Wilkinson-Ray: The Cynic contradicted themselves because they praised the Jones administration for the transparency and overall they put something on the cover that was positive but I think the op ed was done by a first year who didn't know as much they should have and I was planning on writing a letter saying we are doing our best and it would be great if the Cynic would talk to us and try and get the facts right.

##### STUDENT ACTIVITIES- SEN. CHEVRIER:

Exited policy workshops went well and we will continue to get feedback.

##### COLA- SEN. GLYNNE:

Senator Candon: We are doing a street light audit for Burlington and we are going to record what spots need more light if you want to join this I am passing around a sheet.

This afternoon Dr. Porter sent out an email that there was a confirmed case of swine flu. Multiple new sources reported today that the vaccine was passed out today so we should be getting it soon. We have a room tentatively for veterans day in waterman memorial lounge. Blanka and Treasurer LeMieux gave me a purchase order and we purchased 100 UVM glasses for our gift and we hope to fill them with Lake Champlain chocolates for the veterans. And have a thank you card signed by every senator in every gift. I hope to have 6 speakers and then students voicing what is like to be the children of veterans.

Chair Cafarelli: What about an on campus lighting audit?

That was done a few years ago by the student actions committee.

Chair Cafarelli: Maybe it could be revised.

Senator Burns: Do you have a date for the off campus lighting audit?

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: Senator Glynne, will you be doing the student prudent calendar?

Glynne: Yes I will.

CODEEE- SEN. MACIEWICZ:

Senator McDonald: Environmental forum. The main thing was the office of sustainability is working with graduate students creating a list of courses related to sustainability. They have the idea of creating a sustainability education designation (like service learning SL). Clean energy fund will be launched tomorrow.

If you want money the proposal is on line. Vice President Ash has appointed Senator Michel and Senator Hannaford to the clean energy fund. We decided to table sustainability requirement to get more time to reach out to administrators and make more contacts. Senator Burns and I spoke today and we want a joint meeting for sustainability and general education requirements the only time we think we could meet is a weekend. We are in the process of setting up a recycling audit. I have meetings with many offices to talk to them about the SGA's role with historically underrepresented communities on campus.

Senator McDonald: Recycling audit would be looking at the paper policy that is not being followed and to see which buildings have recycling bins that are adequate and not.

STUDENT ACTION- SEN. WILKINSON-RAY:

We are meeting on Thursday's at 6. Anyone is welcome to come if they want to collaborate with student action because our goals overlap with a lot of committees. I want to thank Senator Michel and all of you for passing it. We are also doing the naked bike ride and meal plan task force. We are continuing to work on the student bill of rights.

PR- SEN. RIFKEN:

Senator Benes: Thanks for the contributions to VSOP. We will have it done by Thursday. Let me know if you have any questions.

We may be putting on hold reserving tables for the next few weeks because it cost money every time you table for the set up and clean up costs. Thanks for everyone who did the community service last Friday.

Senator Whitmore: We think that PR is a big part of having a positive community image so I am hoping we can get some more community service days. To getting into the community and building a positive public image and improving our community.

I sent out the poster and flyer policy form reslife. If you could give me feedback that would be great. Homecoming is this weekend. We are going to have a table and I am going to send out more information about this. If you are free Saturday please sign up. UVM TV the other night was great. If you guys do talk to any of the media please let me know.

Senator Baron: Will the senate be receiving the finalized version of the VSOP questions before they are sent out?



Senator Benes: There are not that many changes I would like to get that out as soon as possible so I probably won't send it out.

Senator Baron: I was just wondering if my changes have been made.

Senator Benes: OK, I will send it out.

Chair Glynne: Does media also include external media?

Yeah that would be nice just incase

Chair Glynne: Do you know how many people acutaly took the VSOP poll last year?

About 2% of the student body

Chair Glynne: COLA would like to challenge you to community service hours.

Senator McDonald: Is there is going to additional effort in advertising or the VSOP?

Last time it was the last week of school and we had to get one out. But this year we do have ideas for flyering and the email and using all the tools we have for getting it out. Its hard because its on the lynx and that discourages a lot of students.

Senator Michel: What is your plan for after resolutions are made?

During meetings I take notes about what resolutions are pasted and I send that information to all media on campus and I say they can email mean I will send them the full resolutions if they want it.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS- SEN. BURNS:

Academic integrity course training went really well. I am looking to set up a meeting to talk about the online course evaluations. And talking about the possibility for creating a template for archiving syllabi and syllabi that could be used in course registration and talk about priority registration.

SENATORIAL COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chair Chevrier: I encourage people to look into what they are injecting into themselves for the swine flew vaccine.

Treasurer LeMieux: We have a rugby game this Saturday at 11. Homecoming football game this weekend.

Senator Baron: I appreciate how Wilkinson-Ray gave out the time for his committee meetings to enhance collaboration. I got a copy of the schools contact with Coca-Cola and anyone who is interested let me know.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: We are doing our Thursday night documentary series this Thursday at 8 marsh life science 235

Senator Buswell: I encourage everyone not to read the front article in The Water Tower because I don't think its true.

President Jones: ALANA breakfast started last Friday and there is another one this Friday at 11. I don't mean to offend anyone but when I went to the Red Cross to donate they are 100 pints under need of Fletcher Allen right now. I have hockey tickets to give to you guys for this week's game.

Vice President Ash: I am about to compile all office hours and I will be sending that out and put it up on the website to have full transparency.

Speaker Ellis: Please get me your voting records.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: Tomorrow night Slade Hall is having an open house so if you want to come you can. It's at 7 and is a potluck. After dinner we are going to talk about what goes on.

Senator Buswell: If anyone really wants to do this UVM TV thing why don't we get some talk about this going on the list serve.

Senator Frye: Next Friday at 28 east avenue we are having a harvest feasible.

President Jones: If any of you live in ward 6 the neighborhood planning committee is happening Thursday October 1. They have power and they bash on students so if you have the opportunity go and support students

Senator Hannaford: Good job getting engaged in the transparency act.

ROLL CALL:

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CODEEE: all present

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: all present

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ENDS: 9:13