



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009
FOURTEENTH MEETING OF 2009-2010 SENATE

Call to Order 7:07

Roll Call

FINANCE: Senator Vivas (unexcused)

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Senator John-Fresco (excused)

COLA: Senator Gould (excused) Senator Shushereba (excused)

CODEEE: all present

STUDENT ACTION: Senator Church (excused) Senator Greenwald (excused) Senator Brown (excused)
Senator Altendorfer (unexcused)

PR: all present

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Senator Hannaford (excused)

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from November 3rd approved

Public Forum

Sal Chiarelli, Department of Physical Plant

Director Chiarelli: I am the director of the physical plant and have been for the past 10 years. I am going to talk about some general information about the physical plant and some issues of mutual interest. 2 years ago we signed an anti idling policy and we encourage our staff to minimize idling when possible. We are trying to reduce the size and number of vehicles. We have 190 people in the physical plant. The physical plant departments in 2009 are heat/chilled plant, HVAC, CPR shop, custodial, plumbing, electric shop, asbestos/lead, recycling/solid waste, administration, service operations, material management, grounds, energy management, zone maintenance shops. We built a central chilled water system. When it's centralized you have economy of scale. Some responsibilities of the physical plant. We do HVAC repairs, electrical issues, innovation and technology, grounds work, and at times we take on other roles. Energy Management. We are pro-active, working with departments, eco-Reps program, \$1 Million/year energy loan, more proactive in repairs, working with utilities, real time metering, get message out to students/faculty/staff, rebates equate to about 10% of each dollar invested, and condensate return is 90%. The eco rep program started in our department. We spent about \$14 million a year on utilities. We are always looking at new technologies. We have big systems where we save a lot of money and a lot of carbon footprint. We also deal with steam trap maintenance, central steam system, back up fuel is .25% sulfur (voluntarily), central chilled water plant, LEED certifications, preventive measures (maintenance, inspection), control systems 70,000 points on campus, man lighting upgrades, high efficiency motors, delta V boiler controls, steam lines, Davis Center dashboard, campus growth 15% but we have a reduction in steam demand by approximately 10%, enernoc, and many others. We have smart systems that detect how many people are in a room and adjusts the air to accommodate for that.

Since we have established energy conservation our electrical consumption has stayed about the same, which is good for the big picture. We developed a utilities master plan. We contract with enernoc to turn on some generators to eliminate the possibilities of a brown out or black out; we get financial reward to be on the system. We have fire extinguishers and sprinklers that have to be checked every month. We probably have more blue lights per acre than any other campus.

Senator Buswell: Central heating plant does 85% of our heating, but what about the other 15%?

Director Chiarelli: The other 15% are Dewy and some other smaller buildings even Waterman is not hooked up to the central system. It's not cost justifiable to run a pipe across the street yet. But every other large building is hooked up to the steam system.

Senator Buswell: Do you see that as an area that UVM can improve in , getting rid of the "wood framed" buildings?

Director Chiarelli: Some of those buildings are a nice buffer around the university. Even though they might not be as efficient. A lot of those building might not be as well insulated but there is not that much air flowing though it, it's like your house. You are not using a lot of energy in those buildings. Concentrating on research buildings have much more of an impact when it comes to energy. But we do do a lot of conversions to natural gas on some of the smaller buildings.

Senator Benes: The wood chip burning pant. I heard a possible connection about them making some type of pipe and getting us heat?

Director Chiarelli: The McNeil plant is a wood fired power plant. They burn wood to create steam to spin a wheel to create electricity. There is a way to use a topping turbine. On paper it looks like a good thing to do. But steam up here in the winter time is very important and you can't put all your eggs in one basket. To rely on one pipe or boiler for your lively hood is not a good decision. We have 5 boilers. We are very efficient and have an integral system and we might be generating electricity on our own one day. There have been proposals to bring steam up from the McNeil plant. One problem was that they couldn't get the right amount of pressure up here that we needed. If they added a network of piping and several boilers I think it would be better entertained, but we don't like to put out eggs in one basket when there is a signal point of failure.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: The President set a goal of carbon neutrality. How realistic do you think that is and how long will that take and what would the cost of that look like? And some talk of having meters in the dorms and is that a difficult upgrade and the cost?

Director Chiarelli: The carbon neutrality question I am not going to go in to detail. It's a very difficult thing to do. The things we are doing are pretty aggressive and honorable. But for me to say specifics I don't think I can do that. But if we keep doing the things we are doing we can be better off than most places. It's our job to minimize the energy we use. We can have a plan but everyone has to work together to reduce the consumption. It's the consumption and conservations of energy that is going to save things. But we do have obligations. We are going to start converting all of our outside lights to LED's but you can't shut them off. You don't want to sacrifice safety for a little extra money. We are doing a pretty good job compared to others.

Senator Frye: Meters in dorms? And you mentioned that you were considering our own generators, could you elaborate?

Director Chiarelli: We have investigated meters and we put in about 30 sub meters on campus that feed back into a central computer so we can see what's going on. Meters aren't cheap. We do have some meters over in University Heights. We have a lot of meters in the buildings but they are a different type of meter. We are working with the company to get information from the meters we already have. We would still like to do something with generating electricity but maybe on a smaller scale. The gas fire technology is like using a jet engine and when the exhaust gas comes out you put it into a boiler to generate steam. We were going to put in a larger boiler but we were so efficient we didn't need the extra steam anymore. But we would have put in a new boiler to create steam. We are looking at the possibility of just doing it smaller now.

Senator Church: I was wondering what are your thoughts on getting a wood fire system on campus?

Director Chiarelli: The proximity of our plant is not conducive to a wood fire facility. But a small project maybe on Trinity might be a viable thing to do. We have a mini central system there. But we can expand that system.

Emergency Business

Grandfathering in of Bottled Water Consumption Deterrence Act

Ellis: There was a piece of legislation that was misplaced and since we can't find the hard copy or get hold of the people who signed it last semester. All we are changing are the signatory lines to allow President Jones and myself to sign the piece of legislation.

VOTE passes

Bills Allocating Funds to UVM Wrestling club

Senator Doran: Read bill. UVM wrestling club came to us to ask for a new mat. They have been using a place that doesn't have enough space and paying \$800. If they had these mats they could go and use a more private facility. They originally asked for about \$6 thousand. But they thought they could fundraise about \$2000. So we think this is a fair amount of money to allocate for a new mat.

VOTE passes

Bring them Back Act

Senator Michel: We have here today Sasha Fisher who has worked hard to organize events that promote the awareness of 3 hikers being detained in Iran who were hiking in Iraq and accidentally crossed the unclear border and were charged with espionage. Read act.

Senator Whitmore: I find it very hard to believe that it was that simple. You aren't usually frivolously hiking the border between Iraq and Iran. It just doesn't seem so frivolous.

Senator Michel: My own take on the situation is that it was that simple. The area where they were hiking is a really coarse border there isn't much signage.

Sasha Fisher: I was in touch with them before they went on there. They were studying in Syria. And they went into Iraq to see how the elections were going and people in Iraq told them about this hike they could take and there is not a clear change of border between Iraq and Iran in the location where they were hiking. They didn't have visas for Iran it was a mistake.

Chair Rifkin: Friendly amendment grammar thing. Second to last be it resolved that it's the second line United States is capitalized

Senator Michel: accepted

Senator Sadeghi: I feel there is a lack of knowledge regarding this resolution. I feel there are many holes. When you tell me you just have 3 innocent civilians going in ok, but where does a nation's sovereignty play into this. If this happened in the US what would happen. Just because it Iron I don't see why we are taking it upon ourselves.

Senator Michel: Iraq the area they were hiking in was not a violent part. I do have great value for state sovereignty but they have been charge for espionage which is a charge you can be put to death for in Iron. And it is problematic because we don't have any diplomatic connections with them. Us passing the resolution won't bring the people home but it's a display of our opinions and a way to stand behind one of our students in an action to bring some of her friends home.

Senator Altendorfer: What is Sasha's relationship with the individuals?

Sasha Fisher: I was on a study abroad trip and one was a fellow on that trip and I was possibly going to meet up with them in Syria. They all went to UC Berkley.

Senator Henley: Explain the relevance of calling on US senators to attack this issue because there aren't diplomatic relations between Iron and the US.

Senator Michel: Secretary of State Hillary Clinton took a lead role on helping to secure their release but there isn't a tone of thing happening.

Sasha Fisher: Hillary Clinton has been mainly taking it up but her statements have been vague but this is to push the government to keep on the issue. We need to mobilize her to encourage the Swedish embassy to get though to Iron.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: I know we aren't the US government but how many Iranians are we currently holding without proper charges. It seems like a double standard to say that we should send home 3 civilians without a trial. That last be it further resolved I am concerned about the second part. Why is it in there, it seems like she already contacted you guys.

Senator Michel: Sasha didn't know I was bringing it up until this afternoon. I put that in there because I think she has been awesome. And I don't think she has the infrastructure a club might have. One of the things that makes this an interesting problem is we have no diplomatic ties.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: Maybe we should put in it that we encourage them to open up relations with Iron to make sure these things don't happen again.

Senator Michel: I think President Obama is working on that right now. I also have this whereas about how the US has no relations. Do you want something more than that?

Senator Church: The second half and the second be it resolved seams like it's just a message for Sasha, but we don't need to include personal messages. Friendly amendment to strike it.

Senator Michel: We just have never done this before so I think this is braking out of the statues quo.

Chair Glynne: Any way we can help a student out is good because we have the direct ties. As well as the student body that will see this so from that aspect if think it should be left in there.

Senator Michel: Not accepted

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: I just don't see why it's worth saying that. That's kina our job to be in contact with students. It's known that's what we do.

Senator Whitmore: While I do think for lack of better terms it's dumb of them to be hiking there and to cross over the border but I do want to express my support for them. I don't see why we can't be in support of this.

Senator Brown: Last be it further resolved. Fridley amendment put it in a whereas instead and mention where as we have contacts with so and so.

Senator Michel: Not accepted. I think that this sets an interesting president. If the student body heard about this they might be more apt to following through on some of these issues. And I think at this point Sasha understands who to talk to but I would still inviter her to contact any of us.

Senator Hannaford: I here what people are saying but I disagree with them but can we change invite to encourage.

Senator Michel: Accepted

Ellis: I am calling a conflict of interest because you and Sasha are fends so I ask that Chair Glynne is the sponsor on the resolution.

Chair Glynne: We have had things in the past where people have personally done thing and so I don't see how it's a conflict of interest because we have set precedence in the past. We have lots of friends that we write bills and resolution for. So I urge you to vote it down.

VOTE on if it's a conflict of interest. Doesn't pass

VOTE passes

Veterans Day Act

Chair Glynne: as all of you know Veterans Day is tomorrow. But I was asked by a staff member who spoke to a senator that we pass something of this sort. I am going to present it tomorrow at our Veterans Day celebration. Read resolution. We want to make it a student represented holiday on campus. I have talked with Garry Durr and he is in support of this in principle.

Chair Cafarelli: Change Fogal administration to presidential administration incase President Fogal leaves.

Senator Michel: Accepted

Senator Whitmore: At UVM it feels like we have a day for everything. Why at UVM haven't we had one in the past like what the hell UVM? Maybe you can respond to that.

Chair Glynne: I asked President Fogal when he was here during pubic forum and his response was I don't know we didn't celebrate it. I have been talking with Senator Leahy. According to the law the state

universities aren't required to celebrate it. It is not a full holiday it is a quazi holiday. This in general is saying that the students support this day. This is the first step.

Senator Adams: Friendly amendment to replace taking over with replacing

Senator Michel: Accepted

VOTE passes

Resolution in Opposition to New Burlington Noise Ordinance

Chair Glynne: The city of Burlington is going to change their noise ordinance and they are going to increase fines. Ordinance meeting was last Saturday and they decided that the punishments for noise violations are just not enough. Currently the first step is a civil citation with a minimum fine of \$200 and a max of \$400 with 6 hours of community service. Second time is a fine minimum of \$300 and a max of \$500 with 16 hours of community service. And third is a fine of about \$500 and it's a criminal offense. So they are going to increase the first and second step by \$100. I have seen 2 petitions that are going around one questions the constitutionality of the fine and the other challenges whether we should pay the fines and whether they are effective. Next Monday they will be voting on this issue. Myself, President Jones and my committee want to go down there and I urge you to speak at public forum. Read resolution. The reparative justice program is a way to get out of these fines. You can opt in to it and you go in front of people to plead your case. It means that if they believe you they can drop the fine or cut it in half. The reason why we can't say we don't believe in the noise violations is because they will laugh at us. They are not going to drop fines completely. It has been shown that giving fines doesn't work but if you have to go in front of a panel it is a more effective way of doing things. They can divert your fine so you can do community service instead. As of right now the democrats are in support of an increase in fines.

Senator Hannaford: Friendly amendment the quotes on repair of justice (accepted). First be it resolved I don't know what your thoughts were but I think it would be stronger and better to just say the SGA of UVM will not support the proposed changes to the noise ordinances. (Accepted)

Senator Whitmore: I take this as a slap in the face to the UVM student body. The noise violations are 95% college students. I see it as a cop out of the Burlington police department. They should seek out alternative ways of controlling the UVM population on the weekends not just by raising the money. I think it's a ridiculous idea opposing additional fines on broke college students.

Senator Glynne: It's pretty cool because we have the Chief of Police on our side statistically. He came and reported that over the last 3 years the reports of noise violations and vandalism are decreasing. I think it's more of a votes thing. That the city as a whole is chirping about noisy college students.

Chair Cafarelli: If we could change Burlingtonians to Burlington residence.

Chair Glynne: not accepted

Senator Benes: Having helped with the have a heart campaign I feel bad for the residence of Burlington and all the noise violations and as well as students. I personally think that maybe a hike in the cost might make noise violations go down. What are your views on that?

Senator Glynne: So I have been doing have a heart for 4 years now. According to the Chief of Police the noise and vandalism in Burlington is going down. I say that increasing this is just going to anger the students even more. The UVM community is pretty defiant and I could see them party harder just to make a point. Statistically though increasing noise violation tickets isn't as effective as more community service hours or rehabilitation.

Senator Buswell: Can you clarify the line in the second to last be it resolved. Friendly amendment to last be it resolved that formulized our support to reparative justice would be more effective than more fines. To make that more clear. It would be good if we were not just opposing but offering something

Chair Glynne: The status quo on principal was something that they were saying. It's the term they use. You want me to put instead of or something? I think that it's not instead of fines. We are just arguing for no increase. We are arguing to keep them as they are. And then to add reparative justice to it.

Senator Church: the reasoning behind the last further resolved. We would like to see an effective reduction of the noise pollution in Burlington and we think that reparative justice programs are more effective than fins. So whereas empirical studies have show that reparative justice is more effective than fines and maybe something about SGA stands with the residence of Burlington to see a reduction of noise pollution.

Chair Glynne: I will think about it.

Senator Altendorfer: Has there been anything in addition about understanding that the current administration is indirectly causing this to take place, have you had conversation with any Vice Presidents or anyone form Waterman?

Chair Glynne: Yes, but I am more concerned with the city counsel. But yes we have talked to the Mayor's office about the housing availability and to the administration in Waterman about housing and the drinking policy on campus and where or not it's a viable issue. We are planning on acknowledging that in the future but this is going to happen on Monday so this was just focused on city counsel.

Senator Benes: Second whereas take away extra fine.

Senator Whitmore: All this increased revenue is going towards the police department? So is this saying they need additional revenue?

Chair Glynne: I believe it goes into a general fund not just the police

Senator Benes: Friendly amendment to add a new where about adding more reparative justice instead of more fines

Chair Glynne: I am not going to accept that but Senator Church's amendment I think is valid and I think we should put the evidence as supported by the Chief so accepted.

VOTE passes

Executive Reports

President Jones

The general education forums begin this week. The first one is on the 11th from 4-5:30. I will send out an email with the locations I think this one is in Billings North Lounge this is the faculty one. They are

doing faculty then student then everybody in order to provide students with an opportunity where the audience wouldn't be dominated by faculty. I will send out a reminder. I am always changing my formats for my email I am would still like to have a committee section where each committee could have a couple sentences like an update of what they are doing. And maybe try and get feed back on a project you are working on. I will have the documents for new businesses in my emails so students can see our resolutions before hand. An update on the budget, it sounds like the adhot committee will be meeting sometime this week with Richard Kate this Friday. I will send out a general update after the meeting. All the emergency business was great. There was a lot of support to participate in the audits but the participation is still not being communicated. If you signed up to do something show up. It's getting irresponsible. If you signed up show up or communicate with the individual or just don't sign up to begin with if you know you are not going to show up.

Sasha Fisher: Thank you to Senator Michel and Chair Glynne. I appreciate the senate trying to get involved with student activities.

Vice President Ash

Yesterday we were approached by the College of Education and Social Services who are leading a class to the introduction of perspective ideas of student leadership. We were asked to speak to this class and talk about the general education work that has come through SGA. This group of students are very active. Pat sent out an email that he will be on and off the charts for the next month and a half so if you have any last minute questions or inquiries to Pat just I encourage you to get a hold of him because he will be leaving this week. I am the chair of the links advisory committee. I sent out to all the campus chairs on a majority of advisory boards and committees and working groups etc and all academic departments to come and use the lynx. This is an effort to continue campus collaboration. It sounds like there will be interest. Some of the meetings we will be involved in: a technology and innovation fund committee, one with residential life and there campus groups about he senses for 2010, and meeting with a vice present for enrolment management. If you have interest or questions please let us know. A student approached me wondering if they could use the galaxy space because they are filming a move. We have some students who will use the office space tomorrow between 2:30 and 4 just to do some filming. I only saw 3 committees that had office hours posted. Evaluations, we are working with the executive committee to brainstorm so keep and eye out for that. I encourage chairs to email out your reports because it looks like it's going to be a long meeting.

President Jones: We are having this conversation next week about the naked bike ride funding because it's upon us. This week there is going to be a supplemental request asking for the funding we as the SGA have been asked to provide. Asked to provide \$5,000 again for the naked bike ride (NBR). I know that whether or not we decide to provide funding I know one big issue is the funding that goes to Green Mountain Security. Its going to come up next week and I personally think if we want to give funding which could be beneficial. The historical context that was presented it was stake holders can round up funding for the event or it can be closed down. Do we want to provide the funding and how much? I think it might be a good idea to provide funding only to the student aspects.

Chair Glynne: Lets just say we call the University's bluff and we don't fund it. Whats the University's response to that?

President Jones: I asked that before the last meeting. They have no idea, they don't know. Stacy has said we stopped 420 we have stopped other things in the past.

Chair Cafarelli: What is your opinion on that since this money we would be allocating comes out of funding that could potentially go to our clubs and the NBR isn't a club or organization that doesn't fit into our policy but we have also mentioned to recognize the NBR task force and as an organization they could then build into their budget the student expenses for upcoming years to justify it.

President Jones: I support the later. But the former, you are right. It's an ethical process that isn't justified with our current structure. How it worked last year, I am not Ben Porter I don't know what the justifications are there. It is one of those things where this could be turned very political if we decided not to fund anything. It could be distorted that the SGA doesn't want to provide funding so they ultimately want to see it fail. I don't know what the students would support. I can't put words into people's mouths.

Senator Baron: To the best of your knowledge if the SGA didn't fund it and it is shut down do you have any idea if that would prohibit the event in its current forum such as exact location and the time and everything or would it prohibit students from running naked through campus in which I think students would have the ingenuity to come up with other plans?

Chair Cafarelli: Last year we heard the same things. But what former President Taylor told me was that they said if we didn't fund it they would still find a way to fund the event.

President Jones: The conversation is going to be held next week. Please email me any questions you might have. I can try and get more information about what that might look like.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: As far as it getting shut down there are no details about how that would happen. If we don't fund it the naked bike ride will probably still spend the money and it will come from students one way or another. As far as institutionalizing the task force and putting it in the budget. We do fund things outside of the clubs so it's not like it doesn't happen. I warn against institutionalizing this task force because then it will seem like we will support this every year and I think it's important to look at it every year to see if it makes sense. I think the constant threat of us not supporting it is something that needs to continue.

Vice President Ash: I like to encourage everyone to take a look at the information and bring questions to the table next week or forward questions to people who are more informed.

Treasurer LeMieux

I have done about 300 something purchase orders near 400 and I think Ben did 1000 last year so I am right on track. Financial health of the SGA. The SGA is in great financial health. After counting out liability we have still quite a bit of money left over. I said I would feel better not asking for an increasing student fee this year. If we are raising tuition even though only \$2 or \$4 every year it's still money you don't have.

Speaker Ellis

The fact that we have one meeting a week and when in the beginning we had to question forum that shouldn't happen. Now order of the meeting. After my report we move on to committee reports and then we have old business. We are going to be changing the way in which legislation is getting turned in. What is going to happen is if you know you have business being introduced next week I need it by Thursday night. And it will be put on the table formally on Tuesday. It's so that during that senatorial forum questions can be asked and friendly amendments can be offered. I will email this all out. The

attendance policy is changing. If you sign up for something like the lighting audit and don't tell someone you are not going to be there they count as unexcused absences. In an upcoming public forum Garry Flomenholf will be coming. And we have in the near future students coming in and some members of the administration.

Chair Cafarelli: How can you just change your attendance policy? I feel like while we are trying to make sure you show up part of me feels like that's why people are not going to sign up because they don't want to risk the chance of not going and getting the unexcused absence.

Speaker Ellis: All it takes is a text or phone call to just say I can't come and then it's excused. It's just when there is no line of communication. This shouldn't be to deter people. People need to be held accountable for what they are signing up for. It's to allow us to each hold each other accountable.

Senator Michel: Question about the process for legislation and the amount of time before a resolution is voted on. I guess I think it's dumb, I think it will make it so we have more pieces of emergency legislation. If the problem that is there are friendly amendments being made that are changing the direction at such a late date but maybe there is another way around it. 2 or 2 ½ weeks is a lot of forethought. I would hate to see bureaucracy getting in the way of serving the students.

Senator Whitmore: I am in support of the attendance change here as far as holding each other accountable. I know that if we miss a meeting even if excused it can add up. Is that the same excused absence going to count as an excused absence on senate. The unexcused I think is ok however I think it would be a different case if you have an excused absence counting against you.

Speaker Ellis: The committee attendance is up to your chairs. If you sign up for something it will count towards all senate. You don't have a set number of excused absences.

Senator Whitmore: Why change the order?

Speaker Ellis: By making this change we are not wallowing things to be discussed that were brought up in reports.

Senator Buswell: I feel like a lot of the things that have been brought up in your reports have been surprises for us so I was wondering if you might want to include us in your thought process.

Speaker Ellis: So this isn't something I thought of on a whim. I spoke to members of executive. The process in which legislation is turned in is part of my Rules of Order so I am amending my Rules of Order. They don't have to be approved by the senate I have to present them to the senate.

Senator Frye: The evident issue here is that it would be cool to have some information before the meeting.

Speaker Ellis: So something I am willing to do is the attendance policy will be implemented immediately

Vice President Ash: I am hearing multiple conversations when Speaker Ellis is trying to give a report. Numerous times people have had to go get people because they keep leaving for too long. This is one meeting and it's a big commitment and it needs to be taken seriously. It's very disrespectful.

Speaker Ellis: Legislation I am willing to say we can start it next week and this week the attendance policy.

Committee Reports

Finance- Chair Cafarelli

Motion for a 5-minute recess so everyone can get up leave come back and come back and finish the meeting.

VOTE pass

Recess start 9:57-10:03

Student Activities- Chair Chevrier

We will be having a slue of recognitions pending risk management.

Waldvogel: Could everyone put there name and all activities they are involved in on this piece of paper.

COLA- Chair Glynne

No lighting audit tomorrow. Off campus living workshop tomorrow in grand maple ball room. Veterans Day celebration tomorrow 9 am in Waterman.

Senator Whitmore: When is the city counsel meeting?

Chair Glynne: Monday

CODEEE- Chair Maciewicz

Student Action- Chair Wilkinson-Ray

Public Relations- Chair Rifken

For tabling I just wanted to let all of you know that you are responsible as individuals for your own tabling.

Senator Benes: I have the VSOP and I need some more questions so if you can get those to me as soon as possible. The VSOP might not happen till later than originally planed.

Chair Rifkin: Could people please give feedback about the write in comments. T-shirt box outside of the PR desk. Make sure your t-shirts are respectable.

Senator Buswell: Light colored shirt not light collar. I can get shirts from a thrift shop if you want let me know.

Senator Baron: I would have responded but it seemed vague. Maybe you could take the questions and break them up and give a section to each committee and at the committee meetings someone can opt to do a question.

Chair Rifkin: I didn't see it as my responsibility to decide what should be answered by which committee. I said individual senators because if you know more about something that would be cool but if chairs want to take a group of questions for their committees and let me know about it that's fine.

Senator Baron: Is there a deadline for the shirts?

Senator Buswell: Before we leave for Thanksgiving break.

Academic Affairs-Chair Burns

I went to the research scholarship and graduate education meeting this week and I went to the diversity and inclusion presidential committee. Please read the email I will send out.

Old Business

Bill Derecognizing the Law and Politics Club

Chair Chevrier: Read bill.

VOTE passes

Amendment to Operational Documents-SGA Elections Rules and Regulations

Vote to allow discussion about operational documents VOTE passes

Chair Rifkin: A lot of the amendments were made to make the process easier.

Senator Whitmore: Friendly amendment each candidate must write an individual platform to be submitted with petition (accepted) friendly amendment candidates may campaign in pairs or groups however the official elections ballot will list candidates only as individuals (accepted)

Chair Rifkin: I think that on the elections ballot candidates are only listed as individuals and always have been.

Chair Glynne: Friendly amendment signatures needed to be on the ballot change it from 100 to 150 and the second is the amount of money for presidential elections to change it to 150 from 250. It levels the playing field.

Chair Rifkin: I accept the 150 but one thing I would say about the number of signatures is to keep first years at 100 because I think as a first year it might discourage people.

Chair Glynne: Motion to have the number increased to 150 VOTE doesn't pass

Chair Rifkin: I would accept a friendly amendment saying for all senatorial elections except for first year and presidential.

Senator Buswell: Friendly amendment for the newly amended section F 5. Strike pairs and just have groups.

Chair Rifkin: Accepted. I think it's important that students have individual platforms and that that should be the basis for their campaigns.

Senator Altendorfer: So would similar platforms be strongly discouraged?

Senator Church: I don't understand how that will be implemented. I had an individual platform last year even though I was part of the eco block. Would that be acceptable?

Chair Rifkin: Yeah, you can campaign as a group but on the ballot you would be an individual you would still need an individual platform.

Chair Cafarelli: I think that the speculation is that yes the eco coalition did run together but now they are considered individuals. It's for an outsider to see that once they are elected they are defined as individuals.

Senator Buswell: Friendly amendment add additionally students my say on their platforms that they are affiliated with a group. Are you individualizing students running as groups or discouraging running in groups?

Chair Rifkin: I think that the point is to encourage students to be taking responsibilities as individuals. I don't think there needs to be anything else in there. I am going to say no because I think for campaigning it's a possibility but on the elections ballot a candidate should be able to stand up for themselves. And I think that that needs not to be specified in here.

VOTE passes

Amendment to Operational Documents-SGA Appointments Process

Vice President Ash: What are the major changes to the appointment process? One concern is that it is complicated but it's complicated because there has never been a process before. A lot of the details are such because they address problems that have already come up this semester. The appointments process included is an executive session and the bottom up process of appointment this is to address the historical concern about it being a top down approach. I am trying to give the senate more voice in the process. Another change is the standing committee chairs may not vote with in their committees. And interviews take place and they will be presented in a piece of legislation and a statement of purpose that outlines why the appointment process exists. A document that shows an outline for the appointment process. It's about a 2-week process.

VOTE passes

New Business

Bill allocating funds to the naked bike ride

Bill recognize the Latten American studies club

Resolution supporting the national guard troops deployed to Afghanistan

Senatorial Forum

Chair Cafarelli: I encourage no one to discuss naked bike ride to night because it will be discussed next week. I want to invite all of you to do a mid year check on yourselves as a senator evaluate yourself and see how you are doing. I believe this year while we have done good things I feel we are moving ahead at a slow pace. A lot of senate time is taken up by a lot of talking and not as much "walking". We should begin to push things through that affect the student body.

Senator Hannaford: I was going to do a report on the presidents commotion on racial diversity but I am going to send out some documents for everybody. I will highlight some important stuff in the documents please read them. Although President Fogal is proud we have the most diverse class in UVM's history at the same time the withdrawal and transfer rate for Alana students is higher as well.

Chair Glynne: I apologies to the senate because Senator Candon and I had to bring the Veterans Day gifts over to Waterman before it shut down. I think that everything COLA has passed this year has been pertinent and will affect the students in the next few weeks. I have been seeing hypocrisy at the front table. You tell us we cant pass notes during public forum and I noted that everyone up front was passing notes during public forum. As long as you guys proceed to pass notes I will.

Speaker Ellis: We were trying to figure out what forum was going to be?

Senator Buswell: In the next week or so I will have a resolution on bottle water and I wanted to encourage people to please read UVM's vision mission and its stance on student experience and institutional ethics. It would have helped vindicate baron from the position of conflict of interest. If you understand what the university says that this potential resolution can be to just hold the University accountable for the words it supports.

Senator Frye: In the spirit of furthering discussion among senators we will host weekly sessions at our house on Friday as an informal setting.

Senator Henley: I have been disanointed because I know some people expressed interest in the sustainability requirement and there was only 4 of us there and this is an issue.

Senator Baron: Someone did bring up a concern about the legislation I am drafting and conflict of interest and I wanted to clarify that there is an organization on campus that is running a campaign on reducing the voluntary consumption of bottle water on campus and the legislation I am hoping to propos has a top down approach with a ban on the sale of having bottle water on campus. I think that should clarify the fact that these are two different things.

Senatorial Comments/Announcements

Senator Baron: Tomorrow is bring you own bottle day.

Chair Maciewicz: College Democrats are having a health care reform meeting next Wednesday at 730 in angel.

Chair Rifkin: Veterans Day tomorrow.

Speaker Ellis: My sorority is holding a volleyball tournament as a philanthropy event next Sunday November 22nd.

Senator Monteforte: This Saturday the crew team is having a ergathon to fight world hunger.

Treasurer LeMieux: Applications for ASB are due tomorrow.

Roll Call

FINANCE: Senator Venman (excused) Senator Vivas (unexcused)

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Senator Fromuth (excused) Senator John-Freso (excused)

COLA: Senator Gould (excused) Senator Shushereba (excused)

CODEEEE: Senator McDonald (excused)

STUDENT ACTION: Chair Wilkinson-Ray (excused) Senator Greenwald (excused)

PR: all present

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: All present

Adjournment 11:01