



TUESDAY, JANUARY 25TH, 2011
TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE 2010-2011 SENATE

Call to Order (0:04.27)

Start Time: 7:02pm

Roll Call (0:04.29)

Finance: All Excused

Student Activities: Senator Lederer-Plaskett, Senator Moise, Senator Mason, excused

COLA: Senator Cooper, excused

CODEEE: All Present

Student Action: Senator Doran, excused

Public Relations: All Present

Academic Affairs: All Present

Approval of the Minutes (0:04.55)

From 12.7.10 - passes

From 1.18.11 - passes

Public Forum (0:05.26)

n/a

Old Business (0:05.37)

Bill Recognizing ZEST A-Cappella (0:07.08)

Chair Adams: *[reads bill]*. ZEST is a group that has been very active on campus prior to seeking recognition. They have had performances last year with both the Top Cats and the Cats Meow so now they're seeking formal recognition. Everything's all set and ready to go. They were thinking about delaying it because they are actually having auditions tonight but they decided to be recognized this week. I will turn it over to them.

ZEST Member #1: Firstly, just because you are probably all wondering, the three of us are not sing tonight because there are only 3 out of the 11 of us that sing together so we brought a video from our catalog that we had last semester which will be at the end.

ZEST Member #2: We are three members of ZEST who are composed of 14 undergrad students. As of now we have 4 males and you can do the math for the rest. We originally started out with this side of the picture, mostly females, but then in the fall semester we had auditions and we were able to accept male members, which totally added a new dimension to our group, we were able to sing more variety of music. Why you should accept us? If recognized ZEST will be the second coed a-cappella group which is very useful. Having another a-cappella group on campus gives more students the opportunity to take part in something they enjoy and become an active member of the UVM community. A-cappella itself is very competitive at UVM, I know a lot of students try out and because there are only 3 groups a lot of people aren't able to take part the way that they want. So another group means that there's more spots for more students to get involved

ZEST Member #1: And I think almost everyone in our had auditioned for one of the other groups and gotten callbacks but because of, often when they hold auditions they only need one girl or one guy so it's very competitive so having more of an opportunity is really good.

ZEST Member #2: ZEST is a place where students cannot only express and improve their musical abilities but we are a really close knit group of people who have friendships outside of the practice room. We spend a lot of time outside hanging out which is nice to have that outside of our activity.

Katie: One thing I think I said too at our spring concert is that the music of ZEST is not really just the music but a bond of everyone singing together and they are kind of like family.

ZEST Member #1: And we're more about having fun than being perfectionists or being the best on campus is not what we're about. It's about having fun and letting other people watch us.

ZEST Member #2: ZEST is cohesive group. Students, faculty and anyone else that has an interest will have the opportunity to take part in it if they want. We hold open auditions for all students, male and female, but anybody who is not accepted into the group because of numbers will be provided the opportunity to help out whether that means with posters, publicity is generally what we're looking for. This is just kind of a statistical slide. Middlebury College is very small and they have 7 a-cappella groups. Dartmouth College, double that, has 11 a-cappella groups. UVM has 3 and we are the largest school, so it kind of makes sense.

ZEST Member #1: This is just an example of how we're already publically known. We have a facebook page with 200 something fans. We have a variety of videos, we've had people open for us at shows. Also, we have shows ourselves as an opportunity for us to expose other groups.

ZEST Member #2: Why we need SGA. In order to gain recognition and popularity in the community we need to publicize ourselves. To publicize ourselves we need SGA to pay for various things like microphones, recording devices, musical arrangements which we've been kind of scrapping together our own money to get free musical arrangements offline but it would be nice to pay a little bit more money and get some more legitimate music we can use. Small cost of paper for flyers, that actually adds up after a while, and CDs so we can actually get our music out to people.

Katie: Some of these are obviously not going to be this year. I mean, it's just futuristic. We do, and will be doing fundraising. We already have some money that we have gotten from singing at a concert. ZEST will be getting some of their own funds too. It would be nice to have another option.

ZEST Member #2: We've been around since February of last year. In the last year we've done a lot of community events. We participated in on-campus and off-campus events. We've come to Brennan's, we're going to be doing that a few more times. One of our members graduated from Northfield Mount Hermon boarding school in Massachusetts and they invited us to sing at their alumni concert where we sung with one of Yale's a-cappella groups and one of Dartmouth a-cappella groups, which is cool. These are groups that have been around for several years and we've only been around for one so it was nice. We've sung at events for the Women's Center here. This picture is from the opening of the Hyde Park Dome downtown. We sang underneath that. We also sang for buy nothing day, one of the events for that. So if we're recognized we'll continue to put on events for people. And this is where we had our final show.

ZEST Member #1: I'd love to emphasize we'd like to continue putting on shows and the big thing about ZEST is we'd like to have them be free shows because often times you come into school you overspend one semester and the next semester you just don't do anything. So instead of charging 5 or 10 dollars like some of the other groups do we want to make it open for

everyone. Now we have a video that we're hoping will work from our last concert. [*attempt to play video*].

Chair Adams: As I said before, they're actually a really well established group. It was actually really nice working with them towards recognition because so many of their members were involved throughout the process. It was a little hard to keep track sometimes but it just shows that they really are all in it together. They actually went to the Treasurer's workshop last night so they're already up to date on the policy, which is awesome.

Open the Floor for Questions (0:17.30)

Senator Filstein: How did you guys get the name?

ZEST Member #1: We got the name because we randomly just started this group. Rachel Koh was the one who created it and she just had up these flyers that were like 'do you like to sing? Email me!' So when we all finally met together after auditions we really didn't know anything about each other so we just had a white board and we started throwing out things we like and at this point we didn't really know each other and ZEST was just a mutual thing that seemed to make everyone really happy

Katie: Because everyone else uses cats

ZEST Member #2: it's ZEST, it's easy to say.

Vote on Bill Recognizing Zest A-Cappella - passes

Emergency Business (0:19.14)

Bills Supporting the Confirmation of Caroline Boutwell, Ian Goodnow, Daniel Yuan, Rebecca Calder, Katie Rifken, Caterina Mustacchi, John Sadek, Cayla Tepper, and Tessera Knowles-Thompson to the Student Government Association Senate.

Vice President Maciewicz: Hi everyone. As you know we have large number of vacancies right now due to health concerns, people studying abroad, so we will be doing 9 appointments tonight so that your committees are operating at full staff. The appointments process is a very thorough process. We started with about 20 applicants. Of those, we narrowed it down to interview 14 and through a very rigorous process of interviews we selected the 9 that are coming up tonight. The applicants that I chose to bring forward are based on the advice of the appointments committee, many senators, the executive branch and my own personal belief that they are the best people for the job and that will really help your committees operate at full capacity. You all should have read their applications, I sent them out almost a week ago. The interviews were open so I expect that with this large numbered applicant pool questions should be clarifying in nature if there's something that you don't understand, but these people should be familiar by now, considering the time we've spent talking about them, but I will read one of the bills. The only thing different is the name. So I'll read one and the nominees are, I'm asking you to confirm Rebecca Calder, Caterina Mustacchi, Katherine Rifken, John Sadek, Cayla Tepper, Ian Goodnow, Daniel Yuan, Caroline Boutwell, and Tessera Knowles-Thompson tonight which is 9 people. [*reads bill*]. So the way this is going to work is we'll open it up for question. I think I've made enough information about the candidates be known so you can ask any or all of them a question. It probably would be easier if stay there, it would probably be crowded up here, and then at the end we will have to vote on all their applications individually though. Probably be easier if you stood and introduced yourself. Maybe your name, year, major one interesting fact about yourselves and then we can move on to questions and then we can vote when we're done with all the questions.

Rebecca: I'm Rebecca Calder. I'm a junior animal science major and pre vet from Shelburne, Vermont, right here, and an interesting fact I showed cows while I was growing up. I worked on a farm and I'm a Vermonter.

Caterina: I'm Caterina Mustacchi, I'm a business major, a business management minor. I'm a junior from Chicago, Illinois and an interesting fact about me is I went skydiving this summer.

Tess: My name is Tess Knowles-Thompson, I'm a junior, I was a transfer student and I'm a political science major and a community development and applied economics minor. An interesting fact about me is that I was homeschooled until the 7th grade.

Caroline: Hi, my name is Caroline. I'm a second semester sophomore. I just transferred from Eastern Connecticut University and I'm a political science major and econ minor. Interesting fact that most people probably won't even believe is that I did dance for the New York City ballet for 2 years.

John: Hi, I'm John Sadek, I'm a junior political science and economics major from a town called Rockland, Massachusetts, it's right outside of Boston. There we go. As an interesting fact about me, I'm from a small town in Massachusetts.

Daniel: I'm Daniel Yuan, I'm from Shanghai, China. My major is finance and my minor is economics. An interesting fact about me is I have two names.

Ian: My name is Ian Goodnow, I'm a freshman here at UVM and I am a poli sci major with a Russian and Eastern European Studies minor, which is interesting in itself. I also would say I'm in love with photography.

Cayla: Hello, my name is Cayla Tepper. I'm from Newton, Mass along with some of you fine senators. I am a junior Environmental Studies with a [inaudible] minor and an interesting fact is I tie my shoelaces bunny ear style.

Katie: I'm Katie Rifkin and actually my name is spelled wrong up there. I'm from Wisconsin. I am a Psychology major, French minor and a fun fact is I had a pet ferret once for 6 months and it chewed all my socks and then it went away.

Open the Floor for Questions (0:26.35)

Senator Filstein: Friendly amendment to fix Katie's name.

Chair Morgan: This is for everyone, so what prompted you to apply for appointment?

Rebecca: I wanted to apply to SGA because I think I can bring a different perspective to the student body as an Animal Science student. I don't know for sure but I don't think a lot of you are agriculture majors and I also wanted to apply because I want to help build community at UVM and [inaudible].

Caterina: I wanted to apply for after being at UVM for 2.5 years I think I can do a good job representing the student body and I was interested in finding more ways to get involved on campus and different organizations.

Tess: I wanted to apply because I worked as an intern for a representative in the Vermont State House and I learned a lot about what it meant to be a true representative and I thought I could bring what I learned in the Vermont House of Representatives to UVM.

Caroline: My reason for applying was being a treasurer in my freshman class of high school so I did have some government experience but I was told very good things about this student government in general.

John: I was always pretty interested in trying to get involved in SGA but for some reason I never time or it just wouldn't work out with scheduling conflicts, but for this semester and hopefully beyond I actually do have the time and I am willing to commit.

Daniel: The reason that I'm applying is because I want to have the whole American college experience and I also want to learn more about the international students at UVM and the diversity issue.

Ian: I applied for this position because I was involved with student government in high school and loved it. I was the vice president of the student body as a senior and I got all my signatures for the first semester and completely missed the date for one day because I was a wreck as a first semester freshman here. Now I've gotten all my stuff together a little bit more and I feel like I have a responsibility, having some skills in this and being a poli sci major and having interest there, having a responsibility to my student body to represent that and bring that to the table.

Cayla: I was on SGA spring semester of last year and I really liked it and also you're all really good looking.

Katie: I was on SGA last my freshman and sophomore years. I liked it a lot, it was a great experience and I wasn't going to come back at first but then I got this reignited passion. But yeah, I just feel like I have resources and a lot of ways that I can serve and help people out.

Chair Mallea: Hi, thank you for all coming in and taking the time to apply for appointment. I was just curious with all the current issues that the SGA is faced with, as well as the student body, what issues are you passionate about that the SGA has been working with over the last semester?

Katie: I am really passionate about issues with community and the student Burlington community relations. It's something I've always really been interested in but just working together especially with the on-campus students because I feel like there's a lot of programming for off-campus. I think I said this during interviews too but the word neighbor, I don't really know what it means and I feel like no one really does, is it your block, your ward? So just kind of bringing more on-campus students to realize that they do have neighbor and maybe they will make less noise. So just like a lot of the on-campus off-campus issues are really interesting.

Cayla: I just got back from the Next Step Social Justice Retreat and we had a big conversation about class at UVM so I think it would be really interesting to start opening up dialogue about class privilege at UVM because I think it's kind of a taboo subject. So that and all the other environmental stuff we can be doing better at UVM.

Daniel: I am interested in the diversity at UVM because I'm an international student so I understand how studying in a foreign country and studying in a foreign language is difficult. I guess I can understand the difficulties they are going through so I want to do more about it.

John: I am really Interesting in making things work better for students, things like class registration, things like letting them know what SGA does, those types of programs so that students can have a better experience on-campus and at the university in general.

Caroline: I'm returning from a semester abroad in Dublin. My university over there opened many different alternate resources and different means of energy saving processes that consumed the university as a whole. So coming back from that experience I would like to bring that to UVM and to you guys because I believe that bringing alternate resources to a big school like this could be very beneficial.

Tess: As a transfer student I'm still learning a lot about the UVM campus and how it works but one of the biggest things I want to work on is getting more students who live off-campus involved with on-campus activities and doing more outreach to off-campus students.

Caterina: I'm interested in providing a wide variety of activities and clubs as possible to get as many students that are at UVM involved in campus activities and [inaudible] in different organizations and helping them find a place to make their UVM experience.

Rebecca: I'm interested in on-campus off-campus relations that a lot of people are interested in too. I also think it's important to have a community that's integrated and having students interact with non student that live in Burlington and bringing the public up to UVM.

Ian: As a freshman, I have never belonged to a single entity of so many people who all are UVM students. We all have in common in one thing in that we all go to the same school. As someone else said diversity is a huge thing, and I see a lot of steps forwards we can take by SGA about that. I don't think it's ever a won battle, it's something we have to keep working and I think that's an incredible thing. I'd love to work towards something like that.

Senator Lovell: superman or batman?

Rebecca: Superman because of flying and red and blue is better than black.

Ian: Batman because he's a capitalistic superhero, he has all the money.

Caterina: Batman because he has the batmobile.

Tess: I would say Batman because he doesn't actually have any super powers but he creates his superpowers.

Caroline: Batman

John: I'm going batman because everybody does need to fight corruption.

Daniel: I have no idea about this.

Cayla: dark knight

Katie: Am I allowed to say Spiderman?

Vote on Bill Supporting the Confirmation of Tessera Knowles-Thompson to the Student Government Association Senate— passes

Vote on Bill Supporting the Confirmation of Caterina Mustacchi to the Student Government Association Senate— passes

Vote on Bill Supporting the Confirmation of Daniel Yuan to the Student Government Association Senate – Passes

Vote on Bill Supporting the Confirmation of Ian Goodnow to the Student Government Association Senate – passes

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Speaker Chevrier: If you want to come over here now I can give you your oath of office [*Administers oath of office*].

Vice President Maciewicz: Congratulations everyone and behalf of President Mensah and I, I want to give you your committee appointments. Chairs, please raise your hands and welcome your new members. Academic Affairs, Caroline Boutwell and Tess Knowles-Thompson. Public Relations, Daniel Yuan. You can take a seat at the table. Student Action Ian Goodnow. Cayla Tepper for CODEEE. Katie Rifkin on COLA. And last but not least Caterina and Rebecca to Student Activities.

New Business (0:41.22)

Senator Bennington: Resolution Calling for More Transparency from the Mayor of Burlington and opposing the Contract of Lockheed Martin

Chair Mallea: Bill Allocating Funds to Gymnastics

Executive Reports (0:41.53)

Speaker Chevrier (0:41.55): Hi new senators. I'm Claire Chevrier, by the way, and I'm speaker and that's why I run the meetings. I wanted to quickly start off by explaining what our little craziness was at the beginning of the meeting and also to remind our old senators and I was going to look up the definition and then I realized that my phone has a dictionary so 'quorum' the definition is the number of members of a group or an organization required to be present to transact business legally, usually a majority. At UVM, our SGA requires 2/3 to be present for quorum as pointed out in our constitution. So we needed everybody to be here at 7:00. I know a lot of people leisurely strolled in at 7:02 and that's not cool because our meetings start at 7:00 and now we're going to be here 2 minutes later than we needed to be. So for everybody, please try to get here before 7:00 so that our meetings start at 7. Also, Constitution Committee, we will be meeting tomorrow 7:00 pm in the galaxy space. I know that most of you are not on the Constitution Committee but these are the things we are going to be talking about so if you're interested, please come. We're going to be talking about whether or not on and off-campus because currently 50% of senate is on and 50% is off and we're wondering whether or not that's the best way to represent us and we're going to be talking about potentially changing that and looking into other options or just getting rid of. We're also talking about the referendum that was recently added to the constitution that has no operational document backing and elections and looking to just clean it up. It's a little dirty if you've seen the operational documents there are all different fonts and whatnot. So if you're interested please come. Also, side conversations. One of the things that I got for my feedback was that I need to be harsher on side conversations so I've been using the gavel a little bit more so just please don't talk because it's rude and I don't like calling you out on it. Also, I reprinted some of the pieces of legislation because there were silly issues like it said 'bf' instead of 'bs' for the bill numbers so people that need to sign legislation are Chair Mallea who has 3 pieces of legislation to sign. Senator Tran who has 4. Senator Vitagliano who has 1, Chair Herman who has 1, Vice President Maciewicz has 3, Chair Adams has 1 and Senator

DeVivo has 1. So please come afterwards and make sure you sign the correct number and that's it.

Vice President Maciewicz (0:44.36): Hi, congratulations everyone who was just appointed. Welcome to SGA and welcome to your new committee. My name is David as I'm sure you know. My job as Vice President is to handle appointments to the body and the operations of our organization. Speaking of that we have our retreat this weekend from 10:00 until early in the afternoon. I will have the final agenda out to you either very, very late tonight or tomorrow morning. It will go from 10:00 until early afternoon and the exact times will be on it. It is mandatory unless I excuse you and I know some of you have talked to me. If you emailed or called me, you're fine. Otherwise you'll need to tell me why you won't be able to make it if you can't make it. It will be a great refresher, especially if you're new, of how we work and how we can work better. And there's free breakfast and free lunch and entertainment and there's even a raffle for something that I won't tell you what it's for but it's good. You should be excited about coming because I worked really hard on it. Besides the retreat I've been focusing on appointments but now that we have a full body I can move my attention to other things like campus wide appointments. I'll be passing around a couple of exciting opportunities. One is to serve on the new bookstore pricing advisory council. It's investigating whether the new federal government's price law is being enforced at UVM. It basically says that UVM can't sell bundles of books to make you pay a higher prices and that things are at a fair market value. I need one person for that. They would like someone from AA, but it's open to anyone. I will pass around a sheet, so put your name on it. I also need someone who would like to attend the environmental forum meetings. It's only 3 for the rest of the semester and you would be SGA's official representative on it. Take criticism and feedback back to us and bring to them. They kind of coordinate all the different environmental groups on campus. They're really cool folks, I did it when I was chair of CODEEE. I will also pass something around about that. Please just write your name on it if you are interested in either and then come talk to me about it after the meeting. I'm finishing up some projects in the office and if you're new I'll also be dropping a meeting on your Oracle or emailing you to set up a time where we can do an introduction and we can catch you up and you chair will be doing the same thing to make sure you feel prepared at meetings. Welcome and have a good night.

President Mensah (0:47.24): Good evening. Welcome to the new senators. I'm happy you were able to make it through the appointment's process. It confirms 3 things, the first is that no one lives in Boston because I think the two folks that are from Massachusetts live outside of Boston and that apparently a lot more people like batman than superman. My report is going to be short tonight. One of the things I wanted to mention that I touched on last week was the BOT restructuring. That is something I was thinking about over the winter break. I'll actually be bringing that up at 7:00 tomorrow if there is room on the agenda of the constitution committee to see if we can make it more constitutional for what I had mentioned last week about the outgoing president giving the report. The second thing is I went over to Waterman and actually talked to Corrine and Erin who David and I work with sometimes on a weekly or monthly basis, more so when it comes to Board of Trustee time and it's Erin that I send my BOT reports to and manages the book of everything, which reminds me I have to send out the agenda that was made available to myself and David earlier today for next week's BOT meeting. They are in favor of the new system. For them it makes it less awkward and a much smoother transitional period during the May report. On their end it's a ok they just want to make sure that everything is constitutional on our end and we'll be working on that in the next few weeks. The second thing is I'll be working on my oral report for next week Friday's Board of Trustee meeting. I don't really know too much as to the structure of the report yet or what I'm going to include, but most of it is going to refer back to the written report so if you have any ideas or opinions about what you would like to see included in the oral report, I invite you to email me by the end of this week. Also in regards to the BOT meeting, if there is anyone sitting here that is thinking about running for an executive position, namely Vice President or President next year or Treasurer, I would encourage you to go to this weekend's Board of Trustee meeting, as this would be the last Board of Trustee meeting before you would potentially take office on April 12 and before you formally represent this organization an 10,400+ students so it would be nice for you to go and check out the formalities of the meeting and start to

make a few faces of members that are actually on the committees on the board. The second thing with that is that if you are thinking about running for any of these executive positions this would be the time to start talking to either myself or David or any other members of this body that have been here for a while, just to get more of a history of this organization, how the elections process may be and how its been in the past and things to expect within the first few weeks because no matter how long you prepare for it, the first few weeks in that position, it's almost as if there is a tsunami that is going to hit and that's only for a few weeks and then you come back in the fall and it's wow, I have to balance academics along with this huge position that is heralded as being the chief representative of the undergraduate student body. So I contacted Mike Altman and Russell Simmons, not Simmons, I'm forgetting his last name, it begins with an S, from parking and transportation services because as we all know for the past week it's been really cold on campus and yesterday it was -4 and I swear if I didn't have office hours I would not have stepped out of my apartment. I did receive a few concerns from students about busses being overcrowded because no one wants to walk. What I did was earlier this morning I emailed over to parking and transportation and I actually got a response back at the later end of the afternoon. The questions that I had asked was that had they realized that it was colder on campus and if they were going to be running more busses. Actually what they have been doing since yesterday is they have been running an extra bus around campus just to shuttle more students to and from their residential halls and to main campus simply because it has really been cold outside. So they are I think potentially going to do that for another week and see how the weather looks. The second question that I had was about the Redstone shuttle so some of you know students that last semester were taking the Redstone shuttle up until 7 pm. That is no longer going to happen because the main reason that the Redstone shuttle was extended last semester was because the Simpson dining was still under construction. Now that it's open the Redstone shuttle now runs from 7:30 to 5 pm and the last shuttle leaves Coolidge at 4:45 pm. It no longer runs until 7:00. That shuttle runs Monday through Friday. Start to spread the word. They've been having an issue with their website, their webmaster is ill so they haven't been able to update that information yet. As David mentioned, we are looking for someone to sit on the UVM Bookstore policy committee. This could be a really interesting opportunity for you all to partake in the conversation surrounding the bookstore. As students complain that the bookstore prices are too expensive and we all know this is not just at this college campus. For the ones that most of us use Amazon to save a few dollars. So if you're interested in joining this committee and you'd really like to be a part of the conversation please let David know immediately because I have to let Brian Reed know by the end of the week. Club 590, I've talked about his with our exec committee two times, one before the end of the semester ended and once more last week. Essentially what Club 590 is, it stems out of the new Burlington law that was passed in September that it stops downtown vendors from having 18+ nights on a regular basis as in years past. What campus programs, what they realized is how about we have a location on campus where we can draw out the 18+ crowd to come party on weekend evenings without having to go downtown. We reached out to a few clubs such as Black Student Union, Free to Be, Asian Student Union and few more and designated weekend spots for them. How it runs is the club will be in Brennan's, get it 590 main street, club 590, so it would be from 10 or 11 to 1, 10-1am. Campus programs will give you the funding and I actually had a meeting with Jimmy Doan and one of his assistants with the clubs, Brennan Keeler. How it works is each organization will receive between \$800-\$1000 to make this event happen. It can be themed however we want it to be, we can pick our own DJ or bring a live band, whatever it may be, and we just set it up ourselves. The cool thing is once we come up with a theme, we don't even have to come up with a flyer, even though I 100% trust the skills of the PR team, but Kate Strotmeyer in student life actually is making the all the flyers for these upcoming Club 590 events. I'll be talking more with the exec committee about that and hopefully we'll be coming up with a decision but this could be a great opportunity for us to be more visible on campus, one, and two to show our involvement because if our clubs that we are funding can take some time out and make these events happen, a group of us that represent over 150 clubs on this campus I think can put together a very successful club 590 event providing a venue for students to party on campus that might not be able to go downtown. More information on that to come. Another thing is there has been a change in notification to first year students. First year students that are sitting here might remember you came to orientation and received a folder. That folder had way many more

flyers than you probably cared to flip through. What orientation is planning on doing this year is changing it. I actually don't know if they copied Bryce Jones and Kate Ash last year when they gave out usb drives to every senator instead of a folder so they are moving toward becoming more environmentally friendly and they're giving out usb drives to all the incoming students. The change in that is the information that is going to be provided to first years needs to be in earlier. Typically, the incoming President and Vice President, like David and I did last year, we would write a note and put out the information about the senate body in the flyer and it would go out and it wasn't due until early May. Now this is going to be due March 11. So David and I will be crafting up some things and sending it off to PR to add more to it and we have to submit it by March 11. So in the next few weeks we'll be writing a welcome note to the first year students so I just wanted to inform you all of that change happening with orientation. The 8th thing is if you would like to go to a free hockey game, the SGA spring promotion with athletics is coming up and it's next week Friday, the 4th, the same as the Board of Trustees meeting. Again, I need about 5 or 6 senators that are free that Friday and if you can just send me an email by the end of the week to get over to Erica over in athletics so she knows how many students are going to be giving out the giveaways. The giveaways these are going to be beanies and the beanies match the scarves that we gave out last semester. They are actually pretty cool. They will be in next week and I'll actually have a box in my office so I'll be able to present one or two so you all can see how it is. There were no crying babies or if any other students came up to you and they asked for a scarf, if you don't have as UVM student ID, sorry they're only for students and folks were pretty understanding. If you have some time next week Friday it would be great if you could devote some time and give out these giveaways.

Open the Floor for Questions (0:58.48)

Chair Mallea: Hi, thank you for giving your report. I just wanted to ask a question. Since SGA is turning 69 years old, I was curious if we were doing anything for that?

President Mensah: Chair Mallea, I'm so happy you brought up the 69 year anniversary. For some of you who don't know, the first meeting of senate ever at UVM was March 16, 1942. Over the winter break I was thinking, how about we do a 69th anniversary of our first meeting. We can turn it into either a one day event or a whole week event where we're giving out free things. I'm actually going to talk to Chair Simmons about reducing in our senatorial efforts to reduce the number of bottled water that we would give away free water bottles during that week and they would have the 69th anniversary on the back or whatever it may be. It's still in the planning stages, I'm working it out with our financial accountant Blanka to see how much funds we can devote to this. I do think that it would be nice that for this year we do some type of celebratory thing that recognizes our 69th anniversary on campus.

Senator Benner: On the sheet there is a President's Commission on Social Change, there was a sign up for that. What precisely is that?

Vice President Maciewicz: I apologize, I forgot to mention that in my report. A former senator on SGA used to hold that seat and it's for an SGA senator only. The President's Commission on Social Change is a commission consisting of students, faculty and staff that advises President Fogel on ways to change UVM culture. Mostly focused on things like drinking, drug abuse, and mental health. So I'm looking for an SGA senator to serve on that.

Senator Filstein: I was wondering if you were going to send out your oral report to us this week by Friday?

President Mensah: yes

Senator Ravech: I was just wondering if the logo on the beanies are the same as the one on the scarf because now we have the new logo and they wouldn't really match.

President Mensah: Unfortunately, the new logo on the new beanie will represent the new logo, simply because we're trying to brand ourselves completely. Unfortunately they will not be matching, but for next semester if we do decide to continue the give aways, the scarves will contain the new logos. If no one has any other questions the other thing I wanted to mention is that some of you may or may not know if you checked your email today, President Fogel announced the new interim dean for the College of Arts and Sciences Dr. Jill Goldberg. I just wanted to announce if you are going to ask what the search process is going to look like, I'm not aware yet if it's going to be an internal or an external search but as soon as I find out more information about that I will notify you all.

Senator Benner: Just to follow up on Senator Ravech's question, our former colors were green and yellow because those were the colors of our logo. The primary colors are now green and white, does that mean our colors have changed as well?

President Mensah: That's a good question but the green and gold that were part of the old logo weren't the official colors, even though they are the official colors of UVM. They weren't the official colors of the Student Government Association.

Chair Monteforte: Point of Information: There is a white background, not a white color.

President Mensah: The V is still green

Speaker Chevrier: I also wanted to remind everyone that the State of the Union address is in one hour.

Committee Reports (1:03.28)

Academic Affairs (1:03.34)

Acting Chair Alleger: Hi guys. AA land. Still the sexiest committee. We are still regrouping and trying to go through the process of getting ourselves a new chair. So, yeah so sort of getting that together. We still have had some great successes. We had a meeting on Monday and realized some good things have happened with priority registration and some excellent things are going to happen this Monday with expanded course descriptions. I'm going to be going to a meeting with the Curricular Affairs sub committee to put together what an expanded course description is going to look like. In your wanderings throughout the week if you pop into the office and you see me here and have something you want to see, just shout it out at me or write it down on a sticky note and leave at the AA desk. We are throwing around the idea that as much information as possible is the best amount we can get. If you have any ideas I'd love to hear them. Also, surprising that we don't have someone on this committee yet, but the Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate is interested in sticking a student representative on there. We're going to be picking out one of these fine young specimens and getting involved.

Public Relations (1:05.21)

Chair Monteforte: Evening, everyone, welcome new senators. So real quick VSOP 2 presentation.

Senator Benner: For the new senators VSOP, the Vermont Student Opinion Poll goes out fairly frequently, we're trying to get in one a month or one every two months, it gathers the general pulse of what's going on on-campus. It's done online through email. Many of you possibly could have gotten it. We try to make the results as statistically significant as possible. VSOP #2.

Chair Monteforte: This was kind of a more scatterbrained survey. There were many facets to this survey. We covered a variety of topics and we just wanted to gather some information before the semester close. This survey went out to 2,500 randomized student undergraduates at UVM. We got 590 total responses but only 577 actually felt like filling it out in whole. This is just a

graph of the respondents over time that it went out on the 23. It was out for 2 weeks closed on the 16th. I can't read it, moving on.

Senator Benner: First question was 'How important of an issue is student noise off-campus?' and we got that it was moderately important. Pretty evenly distributed depending on where you lived. It's sort of what we expected, nothing really dramatic, so I don't think we really got anything super significant out of this, just that we're very glad that students are actually are somewhat concerned about it. Question 2 'How often do you use the Off-Campus Shuttle?'. We had 22% once a week, 14% at 2-3 times a week and surprisingly, 56% of people don't use it at all. That was surprising to us because the off-campus shuttle is something that's constantly in debate over should we have it or shouldn't we. Now what time of night do you use the off campus shuttle, not surprising 10-12 and 12-2, which are generally the hours in which students are out doing whatever they want to do, going downtown. This is something that has really been a big issue as of late. We start seeing what has been the main issue with the off-campus shuttle, often students are throwing up, being rowdy sexually assaulting people in any form.

Chair Monteforte: Stemming from the bus audits we do with Claire, kind of seeing what happens on the shuttle, if it's safe or not so we made a VSOP question.

Senator Benner: So 66% said never, it could be improved. We're very glad about this 1.2% at often because we were sort of worried that it would be 10%, 20%, 30%. So also the occasionally group and we now know this for sure but we also can be confident that 60% is a good number.

Chair Monteforte: So tell your friends to be smart.

Senator Benner: So 'in your mind would it be fair for the school to cancel the off-campus shuttle due to unsafe behavior?' 20% at yes and 80% at no. I am very happy about these results because frankly I'm very much against cancelling the off-campus shuttle because I think it's very important and I'm glad students pretty much agree. Ok, so 'in general, how safe do you feel when walking off-campus?' Moderately safe which is good but the thing is that Burlington, as much as it may appear to be a wonderfully safe city there have been things in the past, there was a murder in 2006. So there have been issues so we were glad to see that most feel fairly safe walking off-campus. This question could have been improved by specifying what time, on weekends, on weekdays, but in general this is a very good trend. Now 'how do you feel when you are travelling on foot on-campus?' very safe. These are wonderful results because the last thing we want is for students to feel unsafe on-campus. That would just not make for a good campus environment, so we're really happy about these results.

Chair Monteforte: This was one that past Senator Benes proposed on the Clean Energy Fund. The question states 'Every semester each UVM Student pays \$10 through the Student Comprehensive Fee for the Clean Energy Fund which designates money towards renewable energy projects around campus such as solar panel and such and such. Lately we've been talking about broadening this fund to include all green projects for the university.' So we asked students here 'including such projects such as a UVM compost facility.' So we are asking if students would like to see this happen to the Clean Energy Fund. Student voice, the program that does this for us, statistics people, said that we may have a problem with needing more information and that's pretty much what we got. I guess there was not a lot of information on there but 30% did say wanted to broaden that.

Senator Benner: That being said, it was sort of a leading question so really based on the 40%, that really tells us that we need to tell students more about the clean energy fund because I don't think everyone on this body even is really sure of what it is and we need to get it out there more.

Chair Monteforte: That sounds like something Action or CODEEE can take a look into, perhaps.

Senator Benner: Now this question because lately there has been an issue of library hours and the fact that it closes at 12:00 and the café is sort of skeevy and is not a nice place to work and loud and stuffy. 87% said yes which has go to mean if you take 87% of 10000 and that's 8,700 which is a very good amount. Next one. Here is the real question "would you take advantage of extended library hours?" because this is data that we can use to tell librarians that more will use these hours and more students want the library open longer which is very important because frankly we are an extraordinarily large university and we have a library that closes at 12:00. Honestly, I was hoping for to have fewer people in this probably no and definitely no but we do have about 60% in the probably or definitely which out of 8,700 is about 3,100 or so, someone else can do the math if you really want to. That's more than half the undergraduate body and these, in general are good results and I think can help convince the library staff to be open a little bit longer. 'Are you involved in a club or an organization on campus?' We just wanted to gauge that.

Chair Monteforte: Of 600 respondents we got 386 of them say yes and 191 say no. Just for your facts. And just a basic demographic one.

Senator Benner: It was sort of abhorring to see that we have twice as many females as males responding and it was a randomized list of students who took the survey so we're sort of a bit worried to see why there are so many because on the last one we actually did not have gender.

Chair Monteforte: We had gender more for this one just so we could correlate to see the difference of safety and things on campus to gender so that's why we asked gender on this.

Senator Benner: Hopefully on the next one it will even out a little bit. We also had the other category, which I've heard, actually, is somewhat offensive so if anyone believes that should be changed to make it more

Chair Monteforte: I believe that 1% said why does it matter?

Senator Benner: 'What is your class standing?' Pretty much even which we were really happy about because we don't want all off-campus or all on-campus.

Chair Monteforte: on or off campus. That's pretty much VSOP. I will send that out to you all via pdf so you can all take a look at it. That's pretty much what's going on with PR right now.

Senator Benner: We are looking to send VSOP 3 out in the next week or two. At this point we're considering doing a survey that is really based around Academic Affairs or CODEEE so both of your committees we have a bunch of questions. AA if you want to send your questions because we want to see if we can get a good response about how the students feel about the way in which the boycott went. So if anyone has any questions please send them to us.

Open the Floor for Questions (1:15.00)

Senator Caster: I actually really like that you guys did the questions on the late night bus experience and when you guys send us the student opinion poll if you could include what's the percentage of on-campus students who have seen an act of someone vomiting on the bus, those variables, can you include those as well?

Senator Benner: yes, we will.

Senator Ballas: Does the fact that there are twice as many women responders make it not significant anymore?

Senator Benner: I would say so simply because I believe the percentage is it's 60% female, 40% male. This was 56/33 so I think it does go in line with the number of students on campus.

Student Action (1:15.55)

Chair Simmons: Yo. Student Action would like to welcome the cream of the new senator crop to the team, to the family. We're still the most eloquent, beautiful committee. Student Action continues their work on the Student Bill of Rights as well as the bottled water ban which Senator Caster from the Academic Affairs Committee will be joining us tomorrow to talk about and IRA kicking into full gear.

Senator Ravech: So we figure out what water bottle we're going to get. Beautiful. I'll pass around the picture so you guys can take a look. PR is drawing a logo for us that will be finalized as of tomorrow to figure out what we want to do. We're going to have the logo they make and the new SGA logo on the water bottle. I met with finance this evening to discuss supplemental funding and it's looking pretty good, but I think they know better than I do right now so I'll let them. So when we give away water bottles we're also going to have people sign the petition, which we've upgraded.

Chair Mallea: Point of Information: We allocated \$304 for the request.

Senator Ravech: So that's going to get us 200 water bottles to give away and to stop the use of disposable water bottles.

Senator M. White: What's up ya'll? Again, welcome. So, last week I brought up the idea of a voting bill about registering new people to vote. Again, better angels of Simmons slash Adams referred me back and we don't really need a bill at all, we can just start working. So, Voter Registration Project of 2011. The idea behind it is in Student Vision, which a couple of you worked on, said that we're supposed to be civically engaged and we're supposed to work actively to promote and support a healthy Vermont. The way I interpret that is we're supposed to be voting, and to vote you have to be registered. So the action plan is some senators that are signed up with me already and hopefully some of you guys are going to be downstairs with me until we reach a preliminary goal of 100 new registered people but I called with the president of head count today and he said that with big campuses like ours the numbers should be more like 3,000 if we do this right. That's that. Keshia Ram, a really awesome local government person, for those of you who don't know her, emailed me and she just wanted me to read this "with the lack of civility that rocks our times and everything at stake for our future, it's more important than ever to vote and to make your voice heard. I am heartened by the efforts of the SGA to do their part here in Vermont registering new voters and helping young people gain their rightful place in our political discourse." So, the post 100 plan is today I went on the interwebs with turned out very vast and collected contacts from UMass, UMaine, UNH, Champlain, St. Mikes, and URI, aka the northeast and found all of their SGA contacts and once we hit 100 I'm going to send out quickly an 'I'm Mike, I do SGA at UVM, this is what we're doing and you should be too.' I'd like to introduce the players slash playas, these are people who have already signed to work with us, hopefully there will be more of you on this slideshow next time I show it. So there is myself, Ravech, Benner, Vitagliano, Simmons and Denton. So future plans again, just to have this spread out to northeast and during primary season we can lead kind of a civic youth engagement charge because that's something I feel we are sort of missing at UVM, is missing from our youth because Obama is not going to be on the ballot every year so we have to bring back this spirit. That's all I got.

Open the Floor for Questions (1:21.27)

Chair Adams: Do you not consider New York state to be the northeast because you picked New England, which is cool, but David and I are offended.

Vice President Maciewicz: Point of Information: New York is a Mid-Atlantic State, not part of New England.

Senator Bennington: Point of Information: It is part of the northeast I believe. Do you know how many, what the percentage of current UVM students are registered to vote in Vermont?

Senator M. White: No, but I know that it has gone down. David ran a program before the Obama campaign and he said he got 3,000 but that number has gone down because there hasn't been any substantial get out the vote project besides Chris Pearson's a couple months ago. So that Number has to have gone down a little bit but I don't have the numbers yet because I just started but I'll get into it.

Senator Lovell: While I realize there may not be any imminent election, do you have any plans for voter education because frankly I'm more bothered by ignorant voting than not voting.

Senator M. White: That's a good point and I'd love to work with Lucas and COLA once we start getting people registered just on debates and getting people talking about the issues and just general apathy kicking out of.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: Awesome project, I registered a bunch in New York in the last election and something you might want to take into consideration is that this is a state with a lot of refugees. So a lot of them actually spend a fair amount of time on this campus in addition to exchange students so you might want to look into cross lingual people who are around because as long as they're citizens you might want to look into registering them as well.

Senator M. White: absolutely, let's work together.

CODEEE (1:23.40)

Chair Herman: Hello everyone. We had a great meeting yesterday, our first official meeting. We'll be looking to arrange another meeting with Allen Josie and Daniel Dulude. I know it's been a long time coming. They kept postponing last semester. I did get stop by Dan today and he was discussing Joshua Benes' pilot program to put lids on the composting to see whether it deters from throwing trash in it as opposed to compost. Hopefully when we have a meeting with Alan Josie the Director of Operations for the Davis Center we can discuss pilot programs. Hopefully we'll be able to schedule and actually meet with them in the next week or two. We'll be following up on some other resolutions. The composting resolution we're reaching out to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences for assistance with the composting resolution and just some ideas. On the Resolution on the capital ranking proposal, the resolution that we just recently passed before the semester ended, I have a meeting with Bev Colston. I was supposed to meet with her this week but she's been out this week. So I'll be meeting with her February 2 regarding the capital ranking proposal. The Alana Student Center staff sent out a thank you card to CODEEE and SGA for passing the resolution but it got misplaced somewhere so if anyone comes by it or know what happened t it. They dropped it off last week Wednesday or Thursday and it disappeared completely from the CODEEE desk and the Academic Affairs desk. So just look out for that card. We'll be speaking with the ALANA community and other students. Pretty much our main focus for the next few weeks up until the end of the semester, April 12, really is doing outreach. We'll be going out and like speaking with students and going out. Like I said last week, we got a response from VSTEP to go out and do actual workshops and educate students on the environmental and the water bottle ban and catch them up on what's the important factors for the water bottle ban and why Student Action is doing it and pushing for it. Those are some things we'll be doing pretty much up until April 12. Hopefully we'll be meeting with as many groups as possible in the UVM community. We're also reaching out with Wanda Heading-Grant. One of the interests is the strategic diversity planning, pretty much what will UVM look like 5 years from now, 10 years from now, 20 years from now, in its diversity. Senator Bennington will reach out to her and hopefully we'll be hearing from her. Pretty much we want to know how we as students can affect that change and of course Senator Bennington will probably join a committee that actually started, they had their first meeting at the end of last semester, the Strategic Diversity

Planning Committee, so that's going to be a committee that's going to be going for years to come. And lastly, just to catch up on the climate survey, there's still a committee working on that survey. It's down to 200 questions, which is still a lot of questions, so at this point they are looking to break that survey down into smaller surveys and giving it out to the community that way.

Senator Vitagliano: Just to touch on another thing that CODEEE is doing right now is we're trying to get in touch with the Red Cross about the whole blood donations around homosexual males. We have tried to contact them, both Chair Herman and I, countless times and I've even gotten a response email saying it has been read but nothing has ever been sent back to us. So soon we are going to give them another chance and in a couple of days if we don't hear something Chair Herman and I are going to march down there and hopefully get some answers.

Chair Herman: Just one more thing look to look for, Black Student Union's events that are coming up. Black History month is fastly approaching next week. Just look out for the events that they're putting on and I have their weekly events that they're putting on so I'll send it out to the whole listserv.

Open the Floor for Questions (1:29.13)

Chair Adams: Are you looking to pass a bill with regards to the Red Cross to try to remove them from campus again or is it just trying to look into the policy?

Senator Vitagliano: This isn't to remove them from campus because we still support them collecting blood for the purpose that it should be used. So it's not to remove them but it's for them to look into their policies and reworking them.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: More of my own personal ignorance, are there other groups that do blood donation and blood collection other than the Red Cross. Is there an alternative to use because they're pretty discriminatory?

Senator Vitagliano: I don't believe so.

Senator M. White: Has anybody thought about legality of having it on campus if they do have this discriminatory policy and it's a public school?

Vice President Maciewicz: Point of Information: it is legal because it is government policy and sexual orientation is not a protected class by the federal government.

COLA (1:30.36):

Chair Morgan: Hey all. So the Community Coalition Common Ground Summit was on Saturday and I'd like to thank all of you who were there and a special thanks to City Councilor Sharon Bushor. What group was it, the wandering noise group, I heard it got pretty heated. I wanted to thank all of the students that were there because she got a lot of insight. Sometimes the conversation can get a little contentious and she would be happy to look for more student input further down the line from Community Coalition. For those who aren't aware, we had UVM Officials, Burlington Officials, students, residents, Burlington Police Department and landlords. We all got together and talked about the issues that we face in the shared community. So continued action, especially in walk by noise, so we're going to continue to work with the Office of Student Community Relations with a taskforce, the walk-by noise taskforce. They're going to use the SARA method, which is analysis by watching. That's kind of one of the major thing that's from out of this. The Community Coalition meeting where we're going to debrief the summit is February 11 from 2-4. It would be cool if people want to be there. I want to see more students at coalition, I think I've said that before. So City Council last night was kind of cool. They passed a resolution recommend the state legislature protect affordable housing in the city and at first that

doesn't seem like it involves UVM at all but a lot of the conversation stemmed from the fact that the large number of students that live off-campus is clogging the housing market in the city and causing rents to skyrocket. So you're looking at rents that are \$800+ per bedroom and a lot of residents can't afford that but a lot of students can afford that. You see these mass markets of landlords owning property, they don't even live here, and it causes a lot of strain and a lot of things were centered around this. It was really interesting to listen to two different opinions about UVM that I didn't even know people had. There's a special meeting on Thursday regarding Burlington Telecom. It's nearly \$33 million in debt. Another thing that's tied to UVM that people may not think. Right now Burlington's credit rating has gotten lower which is a bad thing for any institution that does financial transactions with the city. The Burlington airport, its credit rating is lower and it has a harder time taking out loans now so that could potentially happen to UVM if Burlington doesn't get their financial shit together. I want to, Senator Bennington sent out a bill, did you include the link to the Seven Days article? I want everyone to read the Seven Days article. I feel like not a lot of people would know anything about this bill unless you follow Burlington Politics so if we make an informed decision please be informed because this is going to go beyond people in this room. With that said, questions.

Student Activities (1:33.52)

Chair Adams: Hi friends, sorry, I've had like way too much coffee today, but I'm going to finish this cup. Anyway, thanks for recognizing ZEST and approving all of the appointees, I now have a full committee again, which is great and needed. Policy workshops, Treasurer Salsgiver put on financial workshops for all the new incoming club signers, specifically the Treasurers. I jetted in to do a spark notes policy workshop so all of the new clubs signers have seen both the financial and SGA policies. That's kind of where I jetted out to tonight, just so you all are informed. Also, please thank Treasurer Salsgiver because it was excellent and basically her and Blanka organized the whole thing, which was nice. We're still focusing on club point allocation, which will be really nice to have some new faces working on. We're going to try to get those done and over to the finance committee because they love budgets. Another thing you guys should be aware of in club world is that all the class councils are merging into one super class council. So what that means in terms of SGA is they are going to be one organization with a large budget instead of 4 smaller budgets. The Lynx, just to send out a little Lynx reminder, you all should be on Lynx. If you are a newly appointed senator you should join the Lynx and join both the SGA Senate page and your committee's page and we should all try to use it because we make our clubs use it.

Finance (1:35.48):

Chair Mallea: Hi guys. So, it's been a really busy week for Finance. Budgets were due on Monday so we had a lot of budgets coming in and a lot of really late budget questions. That's ok. Internal budgets for committees, chairs, please have your internal budgets in by February 4 which is not this Friday but next Friday. Thank you to Chair Morgan who is the only chair to fill out their budget. We had a lot of hearings tonight. We had upwards of 8 supplemental hearings. Just to give a quick highlight, we gave money to Women's Ultimate Frisbee, UVMtv, Student Action Committee, International Relations Club, UVM rescue, Squash, and Gymnastics. Next week we will be bringing up a bill for UVM Gymnastics. I would also like to welcome all the newly appointed senators whoever, I'm quite disappointed that none of your favorite superheroes were women. Be innovative.

Senatorial Forum (1:37.18)

Senator Filstein: Hey everybody. So, last time we met, last time I was here, we were in the middle of a boycott and it kind of ended after we left so we really didn't get a chance to wrap things up with senate as a whole. So this is just coming from AA we just wanted to thank you to those of you that helped out and spoke out in your classes and supported the boycott. It was successful in a lot of regards. It increased the dialogue around this issue and a lot of other issues. Got the administration to take some of the stuff a little bit more seriously and we're going to continue to work on some of these issues with Faculty Senate now. So, you know, it's behemoth

bureaucracy and we're moving forward slowly and it worked and we showed that we do have power here. So congratulations to everyone here. Hopefully we can have some more activism around tuition and other things when the issues come up. Special thanks to PR for all the stuff you guys did on facebook and it took a lot of time to answer all the arguments because there was a lot of contention around it and we didn't do a very good job explaining it. So thank you guys.

Senator M. White: Hey everybody. So I just had one thing to say. I had some reservations about the appointments process. I was really nervous about having 1/3 of our body now be unelected in an elected body. That's over now, you're senators, and welcome. Something somebody said to me earlier today that I thought was very wise and I wanted to repeat. It's not what's happened, it's how we proceed that's going to matter for us. Now that the body's filled, we have a challenge, and the challenge is to come out swinging. To hit the ground running. To do whatever hackneyed phrase is going to sink into your heads. So use it. Use it if you're floundering and remember that we're here to help. Look to Lucas, like I did earlier, if you need help on how to get involved. Look to Amanda if you need help keeping your nose to the grindstone, it's tough for a lot of us. Lean on Aliza if you need to get yourself fired up. Look to Jesse if you just need somebody to inspire you. The worst thing that can befall a body or any of us is apathy and the worst crime we can commit is to stop caring or to give up and I pray that none of you ever become numb. Rachel Maddow said something beautiful last night that I thought we should all hear before we proceed. "If you want to be a pioneer, don't just be the first person like you to do something, be the first person like you to do it brilliantly. That's how you change the world, so other people like you get chances too." Welcome and give 'em hell.

Senator Vitagliano: I have a question regarding if a timeline has been established for replacing Chair Nelson.

President Mensah: We have an application now which is on the Lynx and it is due Thursday.

Senator Vitagliano: What is the timeline after the application is in.

President Mensah: We hope to have a chair appointed by next week Tuesday.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: I have 3 semi brief things. One, starting with the more local of the three. I don't know if anyone here is familiar with Care Net. It's over on Colchester Ave. It's right next to Trinity Campus and I was actually going through my room and throwing out all my stuff from last semester that I don't really want and I discovered a notebook that I picked up from Care Net that informed me in a pamphlet that they taped to the inside that apparently condoms are only 36% effective. Care Net comes to our Student Activities Fair and provides information to students like that condoms are only 36% effective, which I would hope that you all know is not accurate. I think that's something to look into because while we are looking so deeply into getting better healthcare to our student body, we're also simultaneously providing false information via an organization that comes to this campus. They also have a lot of legal things, like they claim to provide abortion services and don't, but that's another thing they're dealing with. The issue that I think directly affects UVM is that they are providing information to incoming freshman, I would hope that others as they've been here have learned more, but particularly to incoming freshman who may not know, they are providing false information. If anybody has any insight as to maybe a bill or a resolution they may want to help draft to redirect the flow of information in a more accurate and truthful way, I think Student Action might be the place to go for that. The other thing is that, I don't know if anybody has been paying attention to it but Yale Greek Life has finally issued their statement about Delta Kappa Epsilon which is their fraternity that marched their pledges during September or October through their female freshman dorms yelling 'no means yes, yes means anal' and it was both hazing and really, really out there in terms of offensive to women and I think to people in general. Yale has decided not to do anything about it. Keep in mind that's the same chapter where both Bush's were president. I was hoping that, Greek Life here decided not to write a letter but I would hope that as senate because we do occasionally address issues to colleges across country rather than just UVM, I thought that if we wrote letter or

somehow got involved it would be setting precedent for UVM because while we have a different Greek Life system here it happens, apparently at Yale, and Yale is one of our more prestigious national universities. So I think that's something to look into. Lastly, Arizona's ban on ethnic studies officially went into effect this week. They will no longer be celebrating Martin Luther King Day in their public schools. They also will not have any ethnic studies and can't learn Spanish. Basically they got rid of ethnic studies and language classes unless they are directly pertaining to that which came of the Mayflower. Again, I wrote the resolution in April about what's going on with Arizona and their immigration policy but things are a lot more interesting there than just the immigration. What's going on in the classroom there also has a precedent for the rest of the question. Texas now also passed a bill and so does Alabama. So as this spreads I think that UVM really ought to pressure the administration into taking some kind of stance about the fact that we just passed MLK weekend and we're having our celebration this Thursday in his honor, while other states are refusing to acknowledge him altogether. I think that's something that as a student body we should be listening to.

Senator Bennington: What times we live in. I think it is cool to note that the City of Burlington has a boycott against the state of Arizona because of their immigration policies. I just wanted to echo what Chair Morgan said please read the article and look for your own information and argue with me if you disagree or tell me if you do agree. I care a lot about this and I've been working on it a lot over the past few weeks. I don't want this to go through with people just agreeing because they didn't want to read about it. I also don't want this to go through if don't agree about it. It's unclear what's going on and if 42 people or however many people there are in here do a little bit of research that even in bringing this issue up we can find out some good information that is not being publicized.

Chair Adams: An interesting note on the Martin Luther King stuff, VT schools don't necessarily get it off. Winooski had school on Monday. I was wondering about the library since we're back to that beginning of the semester the Cyber Café not being open and where that stands so I'll yield to Mike in a second. Since it was so cold this week, I was walking home and I was wondering why UVM was choosing not to run off-campus busses during the day because it was such a health hazard if people live in like the Old North End or elsewhere. I was wondering if as a body that was something we wanted to look into if after 0 degrees maybe there can be off campus busses running all day, that would have been awesome.

Senator M. White: Cool, so library update. The Dean of the library said she would be getting in touch with me Friday via her secretary or second in command. So on Friday I emailed her back and her second in command and I haven't gotten anything. So if it's not resolved soon I'll take a page out of Will's book and just go to the library and find her and talk to her about it.

Senatorial Comments/Announcements (1:48.13)

Chair Monteforte: DC Delirium, Friday. Biggest bash you've ever seen. Bring all your friends here to the Davis Center. It's an all floor party. We've got an Oxygen bar, we've got a Cher impersonator, we've got Boston's finest two club DJs. You better come along. It's 10:00-2:00. Bring all your friends, it's going to be awesome.

Chair Adams: I just wanted to remind you guys, I sent an email out last week but I wanted to open it up to the new appointees as well. Last semester I did the Friday at 5 thing that Senator Benes used to host and I'm planning on starting that back up. So Friday at 5 at my apartment. If everyone wants to throw in a couple of bucks for pizza and soda, that would be terrific. Everyone's welcome no matter how new you are.

President Mensah: So first thing, if you only think condoms are 36% effective you should not be having sex. Second thing is that Cornell West a professor of Princeton University is coming to our university on Thursday for our MLK speaker and it's going to be from 4:00-5:30 in the Ira Allen Chapel on Thursday. The second thing is donuts and SGA. It's not Dunkin' Donuts, I

thought we could have gotten around it but apparently Sodexho has its magic wand around donuts as well. So it's donuts not by Sodexho but through an external company, Baker's Dozen, and the donuts are actually pretty tasty. So the donuts will continue Wednesday and Friday morning from 9:00-11:00am in the SGA lounge so invite your friends. It's an opportunity for them to come into our office space, learn more about what we do, different positions on campus and it's away for them to go back to campus and spread the word. Free donuts and coffee from 9-11 am Wednesday and Friday.

Senator Lovell: I'm sure probably 9/10 senators here really hate WalMart, but an interesting point that I just wanted to bring up because I know a lot of people hate them blindly, but they have recently made a push to remove high sodium and high sugar products from their shelves and are making an effort to sell mostly organic products at prices affordable so as to prevent people from having to eat at McDonalds all the time. While they may not have the best practices in the world, they are actually kind of doing good for some communities. Interesting thought.

Senator M. White: Anybody want to watch the State of the Union in the office?

President Mensah: Good point that you bring up about WalMart lowering their sodium intake off their shelves or whatever is actually a partnership with global Sodexho in which they are initiating meatless Monday. It's going to be starting this spring semester in different institutions, not necessarily school institutions but government institutions, whatever it may be. As of next semester they are going to roll that initiative to their 650 college campuses, one of which is UVM. So for students that are going to be coming back next year, you might be starting to see much more healthy options in your dining halls. Pat sent out an article about it, you'll see it eventually, it's called meatless Mondays.

Senator Cesario: Hello. I wanted to implore all of you for a moment. I'm doing a semester long research project on fair trade organic coffee. I won't get into it. I was wondering if any of you work in a coffee shop or had any connections to a coffee selling location in the area if you could come to me after the meeting.

Senator Yeager: Just to let everyone know, if you want a second option on Friday night, which you may, I don't know, at the Davis Center on Saturday and Friday night is the BANFF Mountain Film Festival. I've been two years and small films from all over the country are picked and its outdoorsy films of all variety and I look forward to this every single year. I would totally recommend it.

Senator Bennington: Saturday night if you're looking for something to do, my band it's playing at Manhattan pizza and the show is at 9:30. I'm forgetting the other band we're playing with right now, which really sucks. It's a free show. It's really fun whenever we play there so please come.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: Happy 38th anniversary of Roe v Wade. In addition, the week in general has been devoted to Martin Luther King Jr. Al Sharpton was here on Monday and Cornell West is awesome, he starts at 4:00 and it's totally free so you should definitely go, but get there early because the seats are going to fill fast. Also, BSU is having auditions for their fashion show, which happens every February on Sunday I want to say at 4 or 7, I'm sorry, kind of a large window. You should be able to see it on facebook somewhere. Also, last but not least I still have a pit bull puppy if anybody is interested. My parents really want her out of my house, my dog really wants her out of my house. So if anybody is looking to adopt.

Senator Filstein: "Justice is what love looks like in public and tenderness is what love feels like in private." Cornell West. Cannot stress it enough. Smartest dude in the country. That's his quote. Thursday, 4:00.

Roll Call (1:54.22)

Finance: Senator DeVivo, excused

Student Activities: Senator Moise, Senator Mason, excused

COLA: Senator Cooper, excused

CODEEE: All Present

Student Action: Senator Doran, excused

Public Relations: All Present

Academic Affairs: All Present

Adjournment

End Time: 8:54p