

January 24, 2012

Roll Call

Finance-all present

Public Relations –all present

Student activities-all present

COLA-Senator Wilich and Senator Keenan excused

Academic Affairs-Senator Campbell

Student Action-all present

CODEEE—Senator Al-Namee excused

Public Forum (00:58:11)

Senator Lederer-Plaskett—As of two days ago, we confirmed the debates. It's become much bigger than it was initially supposed to be because the current criteria under which we were as UVM were allowed to take hold of the debate, because so many people want to host the debate, is that we also invite Champlain and Burlington College. And as of right now, I got a response 20 minutes ago saying that their full SGAs or like equivalence at their universities would like to attend. So it would be cool of us to have our whole SGA present. It would be really really really great if anyone was available. It's in 3 weeks. It's Wednesday the 15th at 7pm in Brennans. It would be really really great if everyone who was available at that time could come. It's a lot of our work that Katie and I have put into it. We're going to be short of one candidate as of right now. But she's going to come. We're going to try and get her an opening statement so that we can run that on the screen beforehand, sort of introduce her to the students, if she has a prior commitment. But both Miro and Wright, which right now look like they're having a really really close election, will be there. It's the first time in 30 years, there's no progressive candidate. There hasn't been a non-progressive, other than 2 years of a republican in 30 years in office. So it's a really huge deal that we're getting to host this debate when it's actually going to be really really close. Also if anyone belongs to an organization that is not the SGA, please please please ask for questions. Right now I have about 75 questions that we'd like to select from about 200, and I need to send a list of prepared questions that are like sample questions by Friday. So if you guys could collect, sort of take charge of that, I would really really appreciate it. And that's it. And that's it.

Chair Benner: Did you say that you were planning on sending the questions to candidates?

Senator Ledere-Plaskett: We're going to send 20 sample questions, so they have a sense of what we're going to ask. But we'll actually have about 200 to pick from, so they can't have like a prepared answer. They have a 5-minute opening statement, but we're not giving them a full range of questions that they can just talk at us.

Senator Dougherty: Given that so many people have been invited, do you think that Brennans is the best place to host this?

The likelihood of them coming in full numbers is minimal, plus their bodies tend to be smaller (laughter from SGA). Not their physical bodies, but their representative bodies. Their rumored number of attendance is really great for the fact that they are

smaller universities, or colleges. We're really excited that they're coming, but at the same time, we expect that there will be space. We're booking Brennans, but we're also double booked a the second room, just in case we get word that it's going to be some like astronomical number.

Jon Lott: For weeks now, you've heard me talk about coco-cola, but this week is going to be something different. As some of you might know, I'm hosting a tv show on UVMtv Thursday nights at 10pm called "UVMtv Late Night". You should like it on Facebook. And basically what it is, is a politacly-oriented show that has elements of news and humor, and that's pretty much it. The show is about a half an hour, and you should all like it on facebook, UVMtv Late Night. But more importantly, I am looking for more guests to appear on the show with me. I'm trying to have two guests on every show with me. The style, I guess will sort of be like David Lettermen meets Bill Mar, if you know what their shows are like. It's going to be something like that. So basically if you're interested in being a guest on the show or have questions, email me at jlott@uvm.edu or you can just comment on UVMTV's Late Night Facebook page. And I'm looking for guests to speak on all sorts of stuff. Not this Thursday, because we already have a guest for that, but every other week. But every other week after that, we don't have guests. Also if you play an instrument as an amateur or a professional, what we're trying to do is get one amateur or professional student to play live for about 2 minutes, because that is more interesting rather than just talking about politics and other cool shit. So basically if you have any questions about the TV show, I'll take them.

Chair Benner: This sounds really cool. I'm interested. You said politics, do I have to know anything about politics to be on the show. Like do I have to know politics?

Jon Lott: Yes. But if you are a guest on the show, I will inform you of usually about 2-4 things you should know before the show. There will be other things, probably half of what we talk about; you're going to know beforehand. I like to keep the other half a surprise.

Chair Burns: What level politics are we talking here? National or state-level?

Jon Lott: Not state. So, national or international. We're just not going state-level.

Senator Daley: Will it be more about American not European politics?

Jon Lott: It will be more American oriented, but that's not to say that we're never going to talk about politics dealing with Europe of the rest of the world.

Dani Peck: Hi, everyone. So on Thursday February 9th, Greek life, with the help of student life as part of the Winter Fest series of events, are hosting a talent show called UVM's Got Talent. And admissions to come are a suggested donation of \$1. And why I came tonight is to ask all of you, because we need participants to compete in the talent show. So I know that there are a lot of singers or people in the SGA groups, or dancers within this group, or maybe you know some people. To compete it's \$15 for one performance, and all the money and donations will be going into a pot and the winner gets to chose a charity of their choice for all their donations to go to. So this is a great opportunity if you want a stage to perform or showcase your talent or if you have a charity that you're really passionate about to raise some money and go towards charity. And even if you don't win, every performance will

talk about the charity they choose and why they chose it, so it kind of advertises the charity that you want to get out there. So if you want to enter and compete in this, you can email UVM's Got Talent, or contact me. It's uvmsgottalent@gmail.com or contact me. I'd love to support of SGA, because it's the first time that I am hosting such a big event with the whole UVM community and we'd love to get some SGA groups involved. And it'd be great if you guys could help spread the word or come volunteer yourselves to participate this great event.

Senator Nenopoulos: Not to put you on the spot, but do you know the structure if any chance of the talent show? Like how you would be voted?

Dani peck: Well we're going to have a panel of judges. Julian is going to be one of them, and other random UVM students, and they'll have a criteria of what they're looking for. And it will be before the competition, we're going to be meeting with all the contestants and going over what we're looking for, what the criteria is going to be.

Chair Benner: Will you be participating?

Dani Peck: I don't know. I haven't thought about it. I might be hosting it, so I don't know if I can.

Chair Rifken: have you guys talked about collaborating with UVMtv or getting it videotaped or anything like that?

Dani Peck: No, but that's a good idea.

No Old Business (00:47:24)

New Business (00:46:54)

- Chair Burns motions to open the constitution. Motion passed!
- Speaker will email SGA about any amendments that have been made in the constitution thus far.
- Bill in support \$7.50 increase for the undergraduate student comprehensive fee.
- Bill recognizing VOX and (inaudible club's name).

No Emergency Business (00:47:01)

Executive Report (0043:52)

Speaker Osef

- Apologizes for being late, because he had to get the attendance sheets.
- New seating arrangements
- He's going to be sending out the revisions on constitution
- Jeff Wakefield, the associate director of communications of the university, asked Speaker Osef to solicit students from student government about what makes experience as a student in UVM unique. He's looking for 3 students.

Vice President Vitagliano

- He shows his gratitude for those who were present for retreat last week

- Presidential support is going well. He thanks executives for their participates. There are 3 more candidates coming to campus. They each have their own open forum. The next forum is at 3:30-5pm at silver Maple ballroom tomorrow. Public Relations will be posting dates for following presidential forums.
- Midterm evaluations are online on the lynx to assess the executive branch, which will be open for 1 week.
- Scarfs will be here in the next few days, and it will be distributed at the hockey game on February.
- Board of trustees met this week
- Socially Responsible Investment Work Group –which has been MIA past semester
- He has a meeting with Richard Cate—reformatting this committee who’s serving on it, it’s purpose. Right now, it’s a committee about what should be invested in, and divested in, but it ended up giving a false role of what the committee is responsible for doing.
- He has the office cleaning committee schedule.
- Question #1: Selecting the next trustee.
- Chair Benner: Are we not doing chair evaluation? Did we do them last year
- Vice President Vitagliano: He doesn’t think they did them last year, because they were not on the forums on the lynx this year.
- Chair Rifken: They were done two years ago.
- Vice President Vitagliano: He suggests chairs doing an informal evaluation with their committees regardless.
- Chair Benner: If they’re on the lynx, are they anonymous?
- Vice President Vitagliano: No, they’re not.
- Chair Caster: Are you asking Julian to make an ad-hoc committee?
- VP: He personally Ad-hoc is not necessary, a few individuals to write up a proposal and those recommendations will be sent to Claire and that will be forwarded to the board of Trustees.
- Chair Denton asks about the accessibility of the evaluations on the lynx.
- Vice President Vitagliano: Individual chairs can activate the evaluations on the lynx.
- Chair Denton responds by saying that it was previously activated by former Vice President David Maciewicz.

President Golfarini

- Welcomes everyone back.
- He got into a motorcycle accident.
- He’s working on the oral version of the Board of Trustees report which will be presented on Feb. 3rd at 8:30am.
- 2 senators of the week: Connor Daley (for his work during the Winter Break) and Haley Wilich (for the week).
- He met with Danny Glover today.
- He also talked to Jane today.

- He's working on getting a blackboard app, which will be here in the next two weeks.
- We were invited to participate in the national colligate leadership council, and he was asked to on the executive board but since he's done on April he has to ask them if he would still be qualified.
- He talks about the South African students who are present in the audience today.
- Question #1: The presidential candidate interviews

Treasurer Juaire

- Talks about budgets at Friday at 4pm, the 27th.
- He's been budgeting this week
- He's working with club signers this week and going through details
- He hopes to have budgets by next month,
- Chair Burns: How excited are you working with budgets?
- Treasurer Juaire: He expresses his excitement and says that talking with club signers has not been that bad. He hopes that it goes well with all the clubs

Committee Reports (00:29:50)

Finance-had supplemental.

Public Relations-did boring logistics stuff

- Doing a poster that will highlight every single senator's faces at the Davis Center.
- Helping out with Mayoral debates—give questions to PR.
- Working with water bottle logo with Senator Ravach—close to being done
- He's looking to improve the video content of the weekly report, but he wants it to be focuses more on what SGA is doing.
- Wants to do more press releases for Burlington Free Press.

Student Activities- going to send Senate information about EMC.

- Had a nice meeting today, working on getting stuff ready for the club banquet at the end of the year, because there's no money for it.

COLA—Mayoral Debates are going to be really cool this year. She encourages questions and comments from SGA.

- Pearl house—Alisha Taylor is leaving. So they're going to be a little hectic.
- They're working on priority registration, visiting Montpelier, PSAs, Police luncheon.
- Community Coalition is lacking students. So she encourages students to join.
- Senator Ravech: Will there be "Have a Heart" in the future.
- Chair Rifken: There's no talk of it right now. But there will be some in the future.

Academic Affairs— Senator Pasterkiewicz is taking on the academic calendar.

- Senator Mansfield has been working on online evaluations.
- They're continuing to work on enhanced section description
- Advising—trying to set up goals for advising. It's been mediocre thus far.
- Looking at the faculty contract, and articulate some requests for faculty
- Chair Burns: are faculty supposed to have 3 office hours?

- Chair Caster: It was just an example. He's not sure. But he just wants to look at their contracts and see if they are doing everything they are supposed to.

Student Action—emailed his report

CODEEE—encourages that since committee work on similar things, that information should be shared with other committees working on similar things, and thus improve the line of communication in Senate.

- Portable cigarette disposables.
- Most of what they're doing is shared on his email.
- Senator Holland: You're CODEE and you're giving out disposable things?
 - Chair Burns: There're a lot of cigarette butts that takes 25 years to degrade.

Senatorial Forum (00:14:17)

- Chair Rifken: emailed the letter that COLA is sending to Senator Leahy with the letterhead and she encourages people to sign it. She motions for an informal poll to use the letterhead. Motion passed.
- Senator Chaouch: Encourages everyone to vote in tomorrow's Midterm elections.
- Senator Comlon: still working on the mural. Feb. 10th, he's encourages submission of ideas. He hopes that by the end of the semester they'll know what's going on the mural.
- Senator Pasteriewicz: He's going to give out a survey regarding the academic calendar.
- Senator Daley: Comprehensive capital committee has concluded its work over vacation.
- Senator Etter: What is the Friday phenomenon?
- Senator Pasterkiewica: No Friday classes
- Senator Daley: Dean search committee will be picking the 5 candidates and will be interviewing those candidates. He would appreciate questions from the senate to ask the candidates.
- Chair Rifken: After the meeting, people can sign the letter she has.
- Chair Denton: Studies have shown that people are more effective in a 4-day week.
- Senator Matthews: If senators do send letters out using the letter head, he suggest at least one student look it over before using the letter head, because the SGA letterhead represents the student bodies as well as Senate.
- Chair Burns: There are two more bills; there should be more stipulation at the end.
- Senator Etter: He worked with ETS who are very against this, so students are concerned about the issue, so he doesn't know how students were not knowledgeable about the letter.

Senatorial Commence and Announcements (00:05:17)

- Chair Denton announces that Marketing Club is going to be meeting at Thursday at 6pm at Kalkin 02. They're going to work on the Cynic.

- Senator Devivo advises for people to his Kappa Sigma sleep out on Feb 24th and 25th. Today they have raised \$100. Facebook group is up. If anyone raises a \$100, his mom will make you a scarf.
- President Golfarini: Talks about the Google docs, and if people are working on cool things, to let them know so that it can be a part of the video. Encourages SGA to hang out with the South African students.
- Senator Nenopolous: He has started a dodge ball team at Thursday nights after 8pm.
- Senator Daley: Kyle Devivo wins the fashion award.
- Hope He: Wishes everyone a Happy Chinese New Year.

Roll Call (00:00:42)

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Student Actions: Chair Goodnow excused

CODEEE: Senator Al-Namee excused.