

February 14, 2012

Roll Call

Finance –Senator Devivo

Public Relations—all present

Student Activities—Senator Chaouch and Senator Etter unexcused

COLA –Senator Keenan, Senator Wilich and Senator Casey excused

Academic Affair—all present

Student Action – Senator Ravach and Senator Kaznetz excused and Senator Manago unexcused.

CODEEE—Senator Al-Namee excused

Public Forum (01:17:28)

Jason Katz: Hi folks, I thought that since today is Valentines Day, I would come in and wish all of you senators a Happy Valentines Day. And I would like to read a little poem that I snagged today from the water tower.

Hey pretty senators,
I would start going.
But I only met you recently so, I am a little shy.
Everybody else sees you as just a (inaudible)
But I see you as so much more.
You're sweet, and so authoritative and I like that
You seem mean to me, but you're so friendly with everyone
here, so I can't be sure.
I'd like to take long walks with you.
I think it's one of both of our favorite hobbies.
You have a tattoo that kind of looks like me.
I think it's me
Honestly, I love you as much as I love (inaudible)
Oh, and finally, I want to lick your face.
When? Everyday.
Where? You're work, my play.
I saw a tiny, not so tiny person.
I am Jason Katz.

Senator Nenopolous. So, I had an idea last night, and I wanted to pitch it to all of you. I was thinking of proposing a resolution where we would have to wear professional clothing to the senate meetings. And I think on the day of Senate meetings, because like if guys are wearing suits, and girls are wearing professional attire then, students will be like, "why are you wearing that?" And then we'd be like, "Well, we're senators and we have senate meeting tonight, and it would help with spreading the word out more. And it could also help just with our internal meetings. So, I wanted to throw that out there. And if anybody wants to talk to me about that, I'd be happy to talk about it. I just thought that it would be a nice little idea to help spread the word on SGA.

Old Business (01:14:16)

Bill Allocating Funds to UVM Hillel

They wanted to bring in a speaker. Senate members discuss about funding with the club, and whether or not Senate has enough funds for bringing in this speaker. Chair Dougherty replies that they do.

Bill passes.

Bill Allocating Funds to Triathlon Club

After having some amendments made to the bill.

Bill passes.

No Emergency Business (01:06:50)

New Business (01:06:41)

Bill allocating funds to gymnastics

Resolution Concerning extra police controls on campus

Resolution regarding the information in the expanded section description

Executive Reports (01:16:27)

- Speaker Osef—had interesting meeting with constitutional club. They came up with a radical conclusion to rewrite the constitution that is more concise.
 - Senator Mathews: Is there any way you could get the section about senators only being inducted in the spring who have good academic standing immediately rather than waiting until the new constitution gets made?
 - Speaker Osef: I guess being elected in the spring does trump your ability to be censured for bad academic standing. So that is a problem. Email me and I will bring it to the committee, and the changes will be made before spring elections and presidential elections.
 - Chair Benner: What is the process of dissolving the constitution?
 - Speaker Osef: 2/3rds vote by the senate body, and then it's a 2/3rds vote to adopt a new constitution.
 - Chair Benner: When do you plan on having the first draft finalized?
 - Speaker Osef: It will be a long process. I don't anticipate the research even being done by spring elections.
 - What happens when we clear the last constitution, and we don't approve of the new one?
 - Chair Goodnow: What happens if we dissolve the last constitution, and then we don't approve of the new one?
 - Speaker Osef: That's something that I have not thought of.
 - Chair Rifken: We have had that occur before, where Senate was without a constitution for 5 minutes. I trust that everyone would be responsible.
 - Chair Goodnow: Can we involve more students in the writing process of the constitution?

- I really want people to be engaged. I would like to have a 4-5 hour workshop where we work on the constitution. The constitution belongs to the senate body and the student body, so the more, the merrier.
- Chair Rifken thanks Speaker Osef for the Valentine's gifts.
- Senator Campbell: have you thought about making it an ad hoc committee to involve non-senatorial students involved?
- Speaker Osef: I think that that is a great. As it stands now, it's open to the public. After the changes are made to the constitution the student body can go to the lynx and submit amendment ideas. But Senate has not been great about publicizing that power to the students. So, yes, I would be in favor of that, and more publicity.
- Chair Burns: I have to disagree with Senator Campbell. There are no students here, and we are best equipped to know how SGA runs.
- Senator Campbell: I was thinking for people who are running for senate next year.
- Senator Goodnow: When determining what SGA should be here for, that part should be left up to the students.
- Speaker Osef agrees with Senator Goodnow.

Vice President Vitagliano

- Working on banquet for the end of the year. He talks about the banquet. It's on April 10th from 5-7pm. He takes a poll of people who will not make it.
- He talks about the SGA awards for senators. There are 3 awards: SGA Service Award, SGA Diversity Award, and the Senior Award (not including the Executive body). He talks about the procedure for nominations and what the awards are.
- He thanks everyone who helped pass out the scarfs—and he got a letter saying that the scarfs looked excellent on TV
- He had a meeting this meeting with Tom Gustafson, President Bremly, and Joseph Adel.
- He encourages senators to make the Galaxy Space respectable, because there have been a lot of disrespectful comments being thrown around.
- Question #1: He's already started to put his transition binder together. And to continue putting it together. Also meeting with students who are interested in the Vice President position for next year
- Chair Burns suggests an appetizer for the banquet menu.
- Vice President says that he has the menu already set.
- Chair Caster: Are the administrators attending this?
- Vice President Vitagliano: They will not be in attendance, but they are holding their own dinner on March 27th from 5-7pm. They are still deciding on where to host it. He and Clair Burningham are going to be having meetings to look at the future of (inaudible).

President Golfarini

- Wishes everyone a Happy Valentines Day
- He met with Jeff Wakefield—to get SGA represented in “Just Rights” in the university communications department.
- He met with the president of the Ski and Snowboard club, regarding a partnership with the Bolton Valley about discounts on ski lift tickets for students.
- He was also at the meeting with Senator Rifken, Tom Gustafson, President Bremly, and Joseph Adel.
- He has been invited to the White House in April along with other 120 SGA presidents, from around the country, and to talk about student issues. If you wanted to say something to the president, email him.
- He thanks everyone for coming out to the hockey game.
- They're going to announce the UVM president on February 22nd
- He is also going to have lunch with the future UVM president
- Everybody can give feedback on the Capital Campaign Commercials
- Senator of the week for last week: Senator Heffrin
- Senator of the week for this week: Senator Al-Namee
- Question #1: getting the speech for the next president ready.
- Chair Caster suggests a comment for the meeting with the President, “to end the occupation and don't start any new ones”
- Senator Campbell: Does that mean if anyone helps you write the speech, then they get to know who the next president is?
- President Golfarini: I'm going to write the part that includes sensitive details, but I am happy to have help with the other parts of the speech.

Treasurer Juaire: He seconds the President's and Vice President's comments about keeping the Galaxy a space respectful, because a club member was really hurt by some of the comments that were being said by senators.

- Budgets are going to be done this week
- He and Blanka closed the finance office hours on Monday to make sure P.Os were done.
- Spring Break is sooner, so he encourages senators to spread the word to clubs to talk to treasurer before going on any club related trips for spring break.
- For Ski and Snowboard club are going to submit some “Ticks me off” regarding the process of budgeting.
- On Friday night from 8-10pm, “Free to be” is having a coming out party at the Davis Center.

Committee Report (00:39:53)

Finance— The gymnastic group is going to nationals next week.

They had budget hearings past weekend, but some clubs did not sign up for budgets and they are one of the biggest clubs.

- The first round of budgets done will be done by Feb. 27th

- Appealing for budgets are going to be the first week after spring break.

Public Relations—he will email his report

- Chair Caster: is there any more information on when the results for VSOP will be back in?
- Chair Denton: He should get it, by the end of the week. They are being formatted currently.
- Senator Daley: Is there any progress of the board with all of our faces on it?
- Chair Denton: They're still working on finding inexpensive sources to make that board

Student Activities—they will be suspending the end of the year club awards banquet.

- Has a goal for next week's meeting to have new clubs.
- Working with the MCAA policy.
- President Golfarini explains the MCAA policy, which states that a spirit team must be present at games; otherwise that particular athletic team automatically forfeits the game, and they loose. So since the dance team is SGA recognized and they have funds for out-of-state trips, SGA is looking into ways that those trips could only be half-funded, because the dance team is required to be at the athletic events at UVM.
- They are going to be working on liaisons for clubs.
- Senator Campbell: Have you thought of having every senator be a liaison, not just the senators on student activities?
- Chair Benner: I have. I thought that it would work well, and it would be useful. But that is an idea that in theory, is great but in practice, it is a nightmare.
- Senator Daley: Suggests the idea of holding an academic club conference?
- Chair Benner thinks that that is a great idea.

COLA: there has been a lot of COLA related meeting this past week.

- Is going to Montpelier tomorrow
- Mayoral Debates are tomorrow. She advises people to get to Brennans early at 6:30pm on Wednesday to help out.
- Also working on police luncheon—which is going to be after spring break
- Community Coalition – those who are interested in running for president and vice president of SGA, they should go to the Pearl House and attend this meeting.
- Meet today with Tom Bremley for overall issue of off-campus relations, and specifically about Office of Student Committee Relations and the Office of federal state and committee relations, and what the future of that is, and how students can play a role on that.
- They also discussed the UVM city contract and how students can get involved.
- She talks about the Joint Patrols, which is both for student safety and quality of life issues that are targeting students. It is a pilot program, but it is also a way for UVM to show community involvement. They hope to see the resources for this resolution to be used for restorative justice.

- She has gotten various approvals for priority registration. The next step is talking with the community.
- She still does not have any feedback for doodle, so if people want to meet with her, she is willing to meet individually.
- Senator Holland: Do you have a log?
- Chair Rifken: There is a Facebook page for information.

Academic Affair: talks about topics that the academic affair committee is going to be discussing in their next meeting.

- Academic calendar: he's going to work with Chair Denton about student opinion about academic calendar.
- They are working on an Academic Bill of rights regarding at least 10-12 expectations students have for their faculty.
- Chair Caster declares that he is ending his efforts with publishing course evaluations.
- D1-D2—trying to connect with Treasurer Juairé about gender curriculum and how that works out.
- They are still sending out diversity emails to professors.
- They want to work with the provost office to evaluate the impact of the diversity requirement on students' education.
- They are considering crafting a resolution to communicate officially with faculty that this body and student body would appreciate Spires of Actions and Humanities.
- Working with Kevin to try to contact with the council of deans, and try to contact with other student representatives who advocate on students' behalf on faculty and towards the dean leadership and how we can cross-coordinate efforts to make a larger impact on things that we find relevant to our academics.

Student Action: They got a lot this weekend "Ticks me off" He encourages the President and Chair Benner on further initiatives to the ski and snowboard club, because it is an issue that is affecting the students.

- He voices his appreciation for public relations for the tremendous amount of "Ticks me off" he received from the student body. He is happy to see student participation with the SGA.
- They are going to be looking into about a possible bussing issue.
- They are also going to be working on possibly posting bills in the public, online and on their Facebook group.
- He wanted to pitch to Public Relations the idea of broadcasting Student Action's committee times to students who want to voice their concerns rather than going to public forum, which can be a little intimidating.
- He takes responsibility for spreading the negative energy in the Galaxy.
- Chair Burns: When are your committee meetings?
- Committee: Currently, it's Wednesdays from 5-6pm. It sometimes fluctuates, and if later is good, then he is able to shift the meeting time later. He also suggests giving students his office hours.

- Chair Daley: Would you consider having your meeting in the Mansfield Room, because there are a lot of people who go there, maybe even lunchtime?
- Chair Goodnow thinks that, that is a great idea.

CODEEE: Campus Food and Pantry shut down exec.

- Talks about a campus specific Craig's list—which would be incredibly useful for students
- Pat Brown suggested a carpool-type website. They may be purchasing a zipcar-like vehicle for UVM
- He is still working with Pat Brown and VSTEP about the vending Contract
- Next week there will be a bill establishing an office veteran's space.

Senatorial Forum (00:10:31)

- Senator Mansfield: Talking about Bussing and Car Service programs, she encourages looking online, a lot of bussing sites have problems not posting their routes. There are other car service programs here in Burlington, so she suggests publicizing the car services more. She further comments COLA's work and talks about the "wet campus" idea.
- Senator Campbell: He has been talking about Jared. He reads an email from Jared who showed Senate gratitude for passing his resolution.
- Senator Daley: He explains the 20/20 initiative to the new senators.
- Senator Zurlo: talks about a student who was deeply disappointed how senators were talking about club members and their budgeting issues. She advises senators to be more respectful, and any questions or misunderstandings about club should from now on be addressed to the club at hand, not each other.
- Senator Pasterkiewicz: This Thursday from 2-3pm he's going to be tabling at the Atrium about academic calendars. He encourages other senators to come table with him.
- Senator Daley: talks about the UGRAD where undergraduate students where students can teach 1-2 credit class that they are knowledgeable or interested about. He's working with the dean of arts and sciences to possibly have 2 classes next year.
- Senator Mathews: It's our jobs as senators to talk about clubs. We should be able to discuss it with other senators, and if someone is offended, they should correct us.
- Speaker Osef doesn't think that talking about the clubs is the issue, but more importantly about the level of respect when you are talking about the clubs.
- Chair Rifken: encourages comments to the Veterans, because AJ and she will be meeting with some of them in the upcoming week.

Senatorial Comments and Announcements (00:03:17)

- Senator Daley: Chair Dougherty wins fashion award

- Senator Pasteriewicz: On Friday, February 24th at Aiken 1pm, the “I wish I hadn’t posted that” talk is going to take place. It’s about how Facebook affects one’s present and future.
- Senator Neill: March 15th, 7pm on Angel 102, The Debate Team on campus is having a debate about Greek life and gender stereotypes.
- Senator Campebl: The UVM Top Cats is performing this Saturday 8pm.
- Chair Rifken: talks about “Sleep out with the Soldiers” on February 24th in the voice of Senator Devivo.

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