

February 28, 2012

Roll Call

Finance-all excused

Public Relations-Chair Denton excused

Student Activities- Senator Etter excused

COLA- Senator Goodrich, Senator Casey and Senator Nenopolous excused

Academic Affairs-Chair Caster excused

Student Action-Senator Manago excused

CODEEEE-Senator Ferreira excused

Public Forum (01:09:00)

Becky Holloway- Hi, everyone! I'm Becky. I'm a part of UVM Greek life and I'm here today to bring to your attention the "Inclusive Language Campaign" which is going on all this week. It's hosted by Greek life and "Free to be." And it's pretty much just touching upon how language is very impactful, and "Free to be" and Greek life have very similar characteristics, and we really care about how the power of language is extremely important, especially in creating safe and positive environment. So I don't know if you guys have seen these posters around campus, but I'm here basically to basically invite guys to our Inclusive Language Banquet which is on Thursday night Billings at 8pm. And because you guys are such leaders and role models on this campus, I would love to have all of you there, if you can make it. We're going to at least have 3 staffs speak on panel about the power of language, and "Free to Be" and Greek life are going around and putting up posters, kind of talking about it. It's our first annual one, so I'm really excited about it, and I hope that you guys can make it. And that's pretty much it.

Carlie - Okay, hi, I'm Carlie. I'm for students...for Palestine. And I'd like to invite you all to an event honoring the 8th annual Israel Part-Time week. Pretty much, what's going to go on is it's titled the Struggle against part-tide? Past and present. And it's going to talk about the South African Part Tide and also Israeli Part Tide, in the use of boycott divestment sanctions, and how it was used to end South-African Part tide and how it's being used now for Israel. And I know that last year we came to Senate with the divestment proposals, and a lot of senators expressed the fact that they didn't know a lot about the Israeli-Palestinian issue with the divestment proposals, and we thought that this would be a great chance for you guys to kind of educate yourself a little bit more. It's a really open forum. Like we would like people from all ideologies to come discuss this. Maybe you don't agree that Israel is in a part-tide state, and we would like you to come and express that here. We're going to have a big discussion section and we just think that it's a really important for this discussion if we had on our university campus. It is Thursday at 7pm at Fleming 101, again we would really like to see you guys there. It's going to be a great talk. We are going to have professors, and people who are really educated about these things coming to talk to us, so we're really lucky. You can't ask any questions now, but you can bring me these questions to the event. I'm sure someone else will be able to answer them. Thank you very much!

No Old Business (01:05:29)

No Emergency Business (01:05:21)

New Business (01:15:14)

Bill allocating executive power to President for 14th and 15th of April

Resolution requesting level funding from the state of Vermont to the University of Vermont

Bill derecognizing Call of Republicans

Executive Report (01:04:24)

President Gofarini: he introduced the new president, Tom Sullivan. He thanks Tom and Rob for helping out with his speech. It was one of the highlight speeches of the evening. He gave them [Tom Sullivan and his wife] shirts, SGA mugs, and the scarfs

- He has been in antibiotics on the last few weeks.
- Senator of the week: Senator Hope He.
- He had an interesting conversation about next semesters' Naked Bike Ride with Andy Stevens, Stacy, and Pat Brown. He'll be talking about that with exec tomorrow.
 - Question #1: He wants to figure out and start planning the trip to Washington D. C, and figure out what he wants to do for Spring Break.
 - Chair Burns: will there be any planning committee or a chance for the Senate body to assist in the planning for the naked bike ride?
- President Goflarini: we'll talk later about that.
- Chair caster: In your conversation with Andy Stevens and the Naked Bike Ride, was there a mention of the rule of a reading day discussed?
- President Gofarini suggest speaking to him one on one about his conversation with Andy Stevens, but he does not want to say anything about the issue just yet to the Senate body, because nothing is final and it's still in the works. Nevertheless, he does share that one of the potential concerns for next years' Naked Bike Ride was the reading day in between the Naked Bike Ride and the exam day, that is why there has been so many excessive drinking on the day of the Naked Bike Ride. So there is a possibility of the reading day being taken away.

Speaker Osef: Constitution Committee met on Sunday and they went over the James Madison University constitution, and are planning on analyzing that and seeing how it works. He's going to send it to the entire body because it's a good document structure wise.

- He's going to start sending out sign legislation to the entire senate.
- Wishes everyone a great spring break.
- Chair Rifken: Do you want legislation due on next Thursday during Spring Break?

- Speaker Osef: Yes, I'm going to be on a beach. So that will be the first thing on my mind.

Vice President Vitagliano has senate vote on the 3 awards that will be presented to senators at the Senate Banquet on April 10th.

- Budgets were available today
- He will be presenting the winners at the banquet
- The Administrative Dinner is on March 27th from 3-7pm at the Waterman Manor.
- He met with the new senators addressing some of their questions, ideas, and issues.
- He commends Public Relations for promoting the President's reception last week. It had a huge student turn-out

Question #1: He wants to continue his work in the transition binder.

Committee Reports (00:49:25)

Finance: Budgets came out today.

- They are going to send out the budgets for clubs to Senate once the budgets become finalized
- They also had some supplemental.
- Chair Burns: Can you clarify on your final decisions pertaining to certain budget cuts?
- Chair Dougherty: After going back and looking at the process, because last week there were eleven clubs who did not sign up for budget hearing. After having conversation with Pat Brown and Blanka, they determined that the process was wrong. This was the first year that they had electronic budgets, so no club had handed a paper copy, which was a problem because there was no interaction between people of Senate and the club signers who would direct the clubs requesting over \$15,000 for a budget hearing time. Because that didn't happen, clubs just forgot and didn't do it. As well as, Sarah was not aware that she had to do that. And because the system was flawed, no percentage was deducted from any budgets.
- Senator Campbell: commends Chair Dougherty for how he handled the situation and offers him a hug.
- Chair Dougherty denies the offer, but appreciates Campbell's compliments. Dougherty also offers his compliments to Senate for asking the questions they did during last Senate meeting.

Public Relations: Chair Denton will email out his report

Student Activities: talked about helping out with the Student Life awards

- Talked about the cancellation of the Clubs Awards Banquet
- Mentioned his reasoning for the DE recognition of the College Republicans, since they have not been meeting or responding to the SGA.
- He met with CORE last week. They are a really cool club.
- He met with OXFAM America today.

- He apologizes to Chair Dourgthey for calling him a “coward.”

COLA: Obama is coming to UVM!

- The tickets are \$44 for students
- Police Luncheon is on March 14th from 12-1:30
- Community Coalition meets on Friday March 17th.
- They did a type of funding similar to Senator Keenan’s Resolution Level Funding and they sent it to the state house. If people want to hear more about that, Senator Rifken would love to talk to them.
- Police funding resolutions from last week. They’re following up on conversations.
- Senator Keenan and Chair Rifken are working on priority registration and they are going to be meeting with neighbors soon.
- If anybody wants to hear about Montpelier, Chair Rifken has the pictures and PowerPoint
- Chair Goodnow: Is there any way you can look into lowering prices for students with financial need?
 - Chair Rifken: They have been talking to Federal Relations for trying to get something for students. It’s hard because it is a campaign event.
 - Speaker Osef: Is it the campaign that is asking for \$44?
 - Vice President Vitagliano: The Obama Campaign is renting the space for the Gutterson Field House. It is not associated with UVM, because UVM has to remain neutral when it comes to campaigning. UVM is not setting that price; it’s the campaign.
 - COLA: It was actually \$100 to go, but they reduced it to \$44 for students and activists.
 - Senator Casey: We are trying to arrange something along the lines of “Meet and Greet,” which is outside of the campaign and where students would not have to pay, since the university cannot be affiliated with the campaign.
- Chair Burns: Can President Obama come and speak to SGA in a non-campaign way?
- Senator Casey: That would be pretty difficult, and not really that realistic. They have not gotten his schedule, but it is pretty much booked to my understanding.
- Senator Mansfield: Would you like me to present anything to the education chair?
 - Chair Rifken: Once we have our resolution, yes, the more people the better.

Academic Affairs: received an email from Julie Roberts, who is the president of faculty senate, who said something along the lines of in order to reduce the misbehaviors associated with the naked bike ride, the administration is contemplating removing the first “reading day” and instead of giving its students Fall break instead.

- They are still contemplating advising.

- Senator Campbell has drafted a letter to David Shiman, who is the president of the United Academics, so they can have a conversation about enhanced section description, since a lot of the faculty is on the fence about that.
- As far as the resolution goes, Chair Caster will be sending that out to the necessary representatives and whoever becomes the chair of Academic Affairs next year, he has already scheduled a meeting on April 19th for that person with Jane O'Dell and he, himself.

Student Action: Tiksmoeff. He encourages people to comment on the Tiksmoeff that he presents to senate. He received a Tiksmoeff last night concerning nutrition information being specifically posted on the unlimited dining halls. He will be working on that. There was another Tiksmoeff for a change in food options in the Late Night Dinners at Harris Millis. There were also concerns from the students about the appropriation of the Senate executive branch election in running for their position. They want to see a clean fight. So he suggests maybe a meeting with all the candidates after the papers have been signed. Senator Chaouch clarifies that the meeting already takes place. There were also two Tiksmoeff about its name, because they felt that it was instigating a negative connotation to the comments. So Chair Goodnow is going to speak to Vice President Vitagliano about changing the name of that in the website.

- He wants to change the area where Senate posts its legislation to near the Market Place. They are going to be working with Public Relations about that.
- Water bottles are in!
- Microwaves—hopefully students will be seeing that soon.
- He has been working on the transition binder for the next chair of Student Action.
- Chair Rifken: sent Chair Goodnow an email about UVM rideshare.
- Chair Goodnow: thought that CODEEE was working on that, but he would be more than happy to work with CODEE on that issue.
- Senator Chaouch: Talks about the many concerns she discovered in Twitter from students concerning the microwaves in the Davis Center.

CODEEE: tabling with Student Action after Spring Break.

- Social Justice Retreat for the ALANA Student Center, he hopes that everybody received his email.
- The International Day—Senator Craine has been working on that, and CODEE is thinking about putting together an ad-hoc committee to start planning this.
- Student talked to Chair Burns about his concern with Sodexo food, wanting more local food. He is going to be working with that student
- He talks about “Kids for Peace,” and how they might sponsor some students to go to the event. If there are any questions, then talk to Senator Al-Namee

Senatorial Forum (00:23:53)

- Senator Campbell: Thanks everyone for responding to his email for what President Golfarini should speak to President Obama about, in terms of what the President should be focusing for student education. He anticipates

President Golfarini sending out a draft before Spring Break to the entire Senate body.

- Chair Caster: Motions for an informal pole favoring the loss the first reading between September 1 and Thanksgiving break replacing one of the reading days for Finals Week.
- Chair Rifken talked about the Veterans Club and their goal to get an office at the Davis Center and how they're working as an organization. COLA is helping out with the financial data and helping out with their organization. They may need some more support from senate as well as the students, so she will keep Senate posted.
- Senator Daley and Senator Campbell will have a draft on portal page to make advising experience better.
- Senator Chaouch: She expresses her communication, or lack there of, with the College Republicans since late August. So they were okay with DE recognition There are 10 packets out, 1 is back. The meeting in the Jost Foundation by 6pm, and the packets need to be in by 6pm.
 - Chair Burns: Can you go around residence buildings that is not your own, to gain signatures?
 - Senator Chaouch: Only if you have a resident from that building with you when you go around.
- Senator Devivo: Tom Sullivan is president
- Chair Burns: Rideshare is a really great idea, and it will save about \$10,000 for UVM.
- Senator Keenan: How did Sleep out for Soldiers turn out?
- Senator Devivo: It was awesome. We raised around \$6500. The radio station 95.5 Triple X sponsored them. He is still taking donations on Facebook.
 - He is also selling his mother's hand knit hat for \$20, if anybody is interested.
- Chair Rifken: Do you (Senator Chaouch) have committee solidify just for future reference?
- Senator Chaouch: I do have committee that is pretty solid right now. We have six people on the committee right now, but there is only one person, excluding herself, that is not running for an executive position this year. So she is looking for members for next years' Election Committee.

Senatorial Comments and Announcements (00:12:58)

- Chair Caster: He's running for president
- Senator Craine wanted to express her feelings towards Inclusive Language Week. She thinks that it's a great week, and they should all embrace it, and spread the awareness of it. With her conversation with Wanda Heading-Grant, Craine lets Senate know how important putting diversity issues out on the table is, and to continue to address them especially now that we have a new president. It is Senate's responsibility to really show the new President how important diversity is for the students.

- SGA should remember expressive to express to continue to address the issue.
- Especially now that there is a new president.
- Donna Brazil is coming to UVM to hold a Key Note Kickoff on March 29th-30th on IRA Allen chapel. She is a political strategist who worked with Al Gore. We should represent Senate and show up for one of the nights that Donna Brazil is speaking.
- Senator Habib sent an email about the Social Justice Retreat, so any feedback is much appreciated. Freedom Sader is being held on March 28th, at the ALANA student center and Hillel. There is a Mega-Shabbat that is being hosted on March 16th. She wants to know information about the Defender's Council of Vermont, because their website online weird her out.
- Chair Burns is running for Vice President.
- Senator Campbell is running for Vice President
- Senator Keys: Volunteers In Action is looking into turning April into a month of service
 - On March 19th at 7:30pm The Sled Hockey Team that Adaptive Sports works with is having a game against the Varsity Hockey Alumni. It's going to be in Gutterson.
- Senator Daley: Senator Casey wins fashion award.
- Chair Benner becomes upset that he did not win the fashion award. Senator Daley complements him on his outfit of choice nonetheless.
- Senator Mansfield is running for Student Government President.
- Senator Devivo: wanted to double check that Dani and Becky had the dates for the All Inclusive Language Week, and if anyone wants to know more about it, then Senator Devivo will happily answer them.
- Chair Burns: gives Kyle Devivo a round of applause for organizing the Sleep out for Soldiers event.
- Speaker Osef talks about March Madness
- Senator Goodrich: apologizes if she offended anyone today. She had a long day.
- Senator Neill had the chance to meet Ryan Little, and was able to talk to him and his experience in the military.
- Chair Goodnow: March 2nd is presidential election in Russia.

Roll Call (00:01:06)

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Public Relations- Chair Denton excused

Student Activities- Senator Etter excused

COLA- Senator Nenopolous excused

Academic Affairs-all present

Student Action-Senator Manago and Senator Matthews excused

CODEEE-Senator Ferreira excused