

April 3, 2012

Roll Call

Finance-Senator Devivo excused

Public Relations: all present

Student Activities: Senator Cofill, Senator Alston, and Senator Bates excused

COLA: Senator Goodrich, Senator Casey, and Senator Wilich excused.

Academic Affairs: all present

Student Action: all present

CODEEE: all present

Provost Knodell: Thank You so much! I have some slides which, and the topic tonight is the Strategic initiative project, and I appreciate the opportunity to let you all know where the project is headed, what's coming up, and how we are thinking about connecting our strategic visioning process with your process She presents a slideshow about the Strategic Initiative Project to Senate. For access to these slides please contact Jane Knodell at Jane.Knodell@uvm.edu.

- Her slideshow covered a range of topics starting with investments. She informs Senate about the Investment Teams, how SIP is going to help move the university forward and funds for those investments. There are two meetings to talk about investment proposal. She talks about the six different types of investment proposals such as: establishing in institutional grant programs, creating faculty reserve accounts, expanding shared resources, health service research investment, expanding graduate programs, and investing in spires of excellence. They are going to focus on ways to come up with better and smarter ways to deliver health care. She also notifies Senate about Diversity and Internationalization investment Proposals by expanding study abroad, global multicultural development workshops, and new American outreach and access Team. On May 2012 the final report from Full SIP Team will be presented)

Chair Caster: To what extent is SIP going to be redistributive of university resources as it relates to current academics and what are the implications for 2012 budget, meaning are the results of SIP going to be presented to the board in May?

Jane Knodell: Thank You! So the budget we are presenting is next year's budget, which is fiscal year 2013, and in the current budget we have identified a little shy of a million dollars for academic initiatives. And the SIP process will inform how that is spent. So that's new resources for academics. Moving forward for future years, it will be ongoing, you know carving out savings from administration and putting it in academics, but the strategic value discussion which we will be accessing all of the academic programs. So that means the Rubenstein School, you know the environmental program, the engineering degree, you know every single degree, everything you are majoring in is going to go through an assessment. And that

information will be used to potentially reallocate from some programs to other programs to identify some of the very strong programs that we need to invest in to keep them strong.

Chair Caster: When is Strategic Value Initiative Program going to be occurring?

Knodell: It is under way right now, and we've got two different faculty groups that are evaluating methodology that the SIP team proposed. The documents on the SIP website, if you really want to torture yourself, and I know that you will. I know that you're going to go right from this meeting and go do that. So we have proposed a methodology. We have put it out to the faculty, and say if you can come up with something better, tell us. All of these three version are going to come forward ultimately to President Bramley, President-Elect Sullivan, and me. And so nothing is going to happen this year but next year we're going to run the numbers and see what it tells us, and then have a really broad collective decision about what we should do, and what it is telling us.

Presidents Elect Daley: If I am explaining this to a student on the street, what will this mean for students, basically?

Knodell: For students it will mean that we are going to be investing in the academic program with a couple of different ways to do it, and they have to help us decide, should it be in writing, or new residential learning communities, or career development. Which of those are most important, and why. So at this point, we really want people to join the conversation, and in our survey, you can just click off numerical responses, but we're also inviting you to comment in the narratives, which is almost more important; so kind of not just say that you like this one the best, but tell us why.

Senator Campbell: When you are comparing a major that's highly competitive nationally that gets the university lots of grants to a major that is highly competitively but the university receives almost no grants because it's something more in the humanities or liberal arts, how are you going to fairly compare those two in your initiative process?

Knodell: The methodology we have developed involves comparing the program, let's call it the psychology, there are a lot of external funding in psychology, we're going to compare psychology, to a peer group of other psychology departments, and we are going to compare our history department where it's hard to get external funding to a peer group of other history departments. We are not going to expect history to be performed the same using an external funding metric as the psych department.

Chair Goodnow: I just had a question on the study abroad, which is point that you brought up about expanding that. As a Russian major going abroad is a huge part of my degree here, and like that point of expanding it seems very broad. And I was just wondering if you have—so for example, the actual process of going abroad is pretty

complex, the monetary issue is sort of interesting sort of vague. Also the number of opportunities isn't as much as it could be. So I feel like there are a lot of places that you could take that. I am sort of curious, have you thought about which direction you could go if there is a priority of a certain thing when it comes to abroad programs for students that you want to focus on?

The proposal involves a big part of it is overcoming the financial constraints that students can have to actually participating in study abroad. A lot of the other issues that you have mentioned are kind of management issues that we can address within the current budget resources. So for example I have, there is an associate provost for internationalization and faculty affairs. So one thing she's looking at is how does the system work, and how can we improve the basic systems, the offerings. She might say that we have too many options. And it's kind of like you're drowning in choice and you can't figure out, it's almost hard to decide. So let's try to figure out what are the best ones and kind of like channel our students to the ones that we think are the best.

Chair Caster: So in terms of SIP, the resources of all these categories are all coming from the shy of the million dollars that came from increases in administrative efficiency.

Knodell: There will be more in addition, but that's just a starting point.

Chair Caster: How much recourse do you see coming from increases in administrative efficiency towards education and investments such as that so in the future like the next 5 years?

Knodell: Our goal by 2018 to have identified about 20 million dollars of new resources for academics with 12 coming from the new revenue generation and 8 coming from administrative savings. We started out with the reverse but it's very hard to define cost savings, and we're trying to be as flexible as we try to explore different ideas and be realistic about what we can do.

President Elect Daley; what will be the role of the new fundraising campaign that the University is about to embark on. Will that help temper some areas of SIP process?

Knodell: We designed the capital campaign priority setting process with SIP in mind. So they were designed to be used in the same categories. So the sip campaign proposals were collected in four areas: one is S cubed and gen-education, diversity and general education, TRI and research and the kind of other. And so some of the student, as you know you guys submitted proposals that got fit into all those categories. They were really designed to really mesh together. And in an ideal world, the money we raise from the campaign will simply complement the investments that we make from the University and allow us to do even more in a way that's completely aligned.

Aditi Giri: So Catamount Dance Crew is performing this Friday from 7-9pm. We've been working very hard, and it's coming together quite well. It benefits Kings Street Youth Center, and our very own Tom Campbell will be performing. Also PR did their weekly video with the Catamount Dance Crew yesterday, and essentially President Golfarini was supposed to dance, but that didn't really work out. But if you come, then maybe we can work with PR to let you guys see him trying to do the "running man." It's really funny!

President Elect Daley: Will there be any opportunity for dance-along?

Aditi Giri: We encourage any audience participation.

Chair Denton: Do you want me to show the video?

Aditi Giri: I really do, but I can understand if that cuts into Senate time.

Senator Mansfield: Was that 7-9pm

Aditi Giri: The 9pm is indefinite, so it's like 7-8:30pm.

(Chair Denton shows the video)

Old Business

Resolution Advocating for an Extended weekend in the fall semester

There was discussion about what the streamlining process was. Senator Pasterkiewicz and Chair Caster explain that if this is implemented, the only day that will be lost is the last day of finals. There was discussion amongst senators about whether losing a reading day between the finals week would benefit or cause problems to the student body. Amendments were made to the resolution to clarify that student body does not want to lose a reading day in order to gain a three-day weekend during the days between Labor Day and Thanksgiving Break. Senators raise the fact that having this day off between September and Thanksgiving Break is important to mental health awareness issue on campus because reports have shown that mental health frequencies are most prevalent during this time period.

Resolution passes!

No Emergency Business

New Business

- Bill allocating funds to Roller Hockey and Club Football
- Bill merging Program Board's Concerts Bureau
- Bill recognizing Chinese Student Union
- Resolution allocating for the implementation of effective advising evaluation.
- Revolution in favor of moving the final exam scheduling system to hourly based system.

Executive Reports

Vice President Vitagliano: SGA Banquet is next Tuesday from 5-7pm

- They have a transition meeting with Senior Administration and Board of Trustee meetings as well
- Today he met with University Benefit Advisory Council to talk about the Tobacco Free Campus Initiative that's going to be recommended to the President.
- Chair transition reports are due by tomorrow.
- USBs are due either today or tomorrow.
- Senator of the Week: Senator Pasterkiewicz
- He gave Senate his yearly report.
- Question #1: to enjoy his last week in office, to formalize speeches, to get last minute things done in time.
- Chair Burns: Can you explain what you mean by defining of tobacco use and smoking?
- VP: To bring us better significance to the survey. Like an almost definition to smoking like I have smoked one cigarette within the last 30 days, or basically defining how often students smoke on campus and the frequency of that?
- Chair Burns: So will they be making a presentation to President Bramley about this or the administration?
- VP: they are pushing it up a little bit, but not by much. So it's possible send out a new survey that is significant. There are resources to campus to help make the survey more significant by the question. But that will probably go into the next year.
- Senator Mansfield: Could you tell the general trend of what was seen?
- VP: 78.4% were smoking on campus and 24.5% are off campus. Trend shows that 63% of people are against tobacco-free campus, 4% are neutral, and 32.5% are in support of the initiative.
- Chair Burns and VP agree to speak after the meeting about the topic.

Committee Reports

Finance: supplemental will be on Monday

- The two bills are for uniform request
- He's going to be holding two information sessions about how budgets work.

Public Relations: email out report

Doing video

Student Activities: email out his report

- He wants to talk to anyone who is interested in being chair of student activities

COLA: Miro Weinberger got sworn in as mayor in Burlington.

- Last Community Coalition meeting this Friday from 2:30-4pm at Pearl House
- She will email out the rest of her report

Academic Affairs: appreciates the resolution being passed

- He advises future senators to keep an eye on the Strategic Initiative Project because it is going to have a much greater impact in academic program of UVM than they know it.

Student Action: Keyes is working with the Month of Service

- Joel is working with executive pay document and getting that finalized
- Working on the mural project
- Working on microwaves to be installed in the DC.
- Hopes to have “tiksmeeoff” finalized before he leaves as Chair of SA.
- Working on transitional report
- If anybody wants to be chair then talk to him

CODEEE: smoke-free campus had a great response.

- Working on International day
- Working on his transition packet.

Senatorial Forum

- Senator Mansfield: Any ideas on club sports for what we can do for carbon offsets project, please speak to her that.
 - She talks about the problem of proper disposals being placed from the distances of the buildings to reduce litter on campus.
 - He advises people to check their email about diversity options.
- Senator Campbell: He encourages Senate to spam on Facebook with SIP survey so they get as much undergraduate input as possible.
- Chair Dougherty: Talk to him about chair position of finance.
- Chair Burns: talks about the L/L mural process
- Chair Daley: applications for chair positions will be on tomorrow morning at 9am.
- Senator Heffrin: Has been talking to a lot kids about the garbage can issue specifically between Harris Millis and MAT, and how it is disturbing to a lot of students who live there. He was wondering if there was anything that SGA could do to move that time back?
 - President Elect Daley: He called Waste Management and he will be meeting with the distribution manager in the coming weeks, he encourages senators to join that meeting, to discuss a possible route that delays their hours for MAT and Harris to the afternoon.
- Chair Burns: When is the chair positions application due?
- Chair Daley: They are due next Wednesday by 4pm, which will mean we will not have chairs for next Tuesday.
- Chair Caster: speaks that we should be as critical as possible about the SIP project next year.
- Senator Kofman: trying to get new signs for on-campus busses, they are going to have new signs by next semester. They are also working to improve the Blirp-It system
- Vice President Holland: The Capital Campaign committee is supposed to be over how many years?

- President Elect Daley: The Strategic Initiative Project goes to fiscal year 2018 where they hope to find 36 million dollars in savings, and then implement those policies. The Capital Campaign Committee is also supposed to go until that same time. So meanwhile they are going to donors, so we don't know what we will be funded, but the time period is the same.
- VP Vitagliano: 8 years is the estimated completion date, but there is a possibility that it will go longer.

Senatorial Comments and Announcements

- Senator Devivo: He's going to talk about Megabus in Public Forum at next week's meeting.
- Chair Rifken: Everyone should come to the Student Research Conference
- Senator Keenan: presents a personal award to Senator Casey for her birthday.
- Senator Mansfield: There is a talk on Friday at noon for the Dismantling Rape Culture event, if you missed the registration date for DRP conference on Thursday.
 - There is also the take back the night conference to end the terror of the night at Wednesday at 5:30pm downtown.
- Senator Keyes: talks about the month of service
- Senator Kaztnets: Hit Paws A Cappella at 8pm this Saturday.
- Senator Devivo: officially announces Tom Campbell's Facebook Page.
- Fashion Award: Chair Benner and Chair Campbell

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