

ROLL CALL

Finance- Chair Dougherty and Senator He excused

COLA- All Present

Student Activities- All Present

Academic Affairs- All Present

CODEEEE- Senators (?) and Al-Namee excused

Student Action- Senator Zhao unexcused

Public Relation- Senator Coffill excused

PUBLIC FORUM (00:01:14)

VSTEP- we are Vermont Student Environmental Program (VSTEP) and we are trying to make our campus more sustainable. As well as educate our community on environmental issues and potential ways to make our community more environmentally sustainable. Last year we worked on a resolution that reflected our values and goals for the new beverage system that will be coming out this summer. We got well over 10 percent of the student body to support that. We passed it through the SGA last year and we are still working on how to educate students about it and the community as a whole. We are just here to let you guys know what we are working on right now. We are going to ask you guys to help us by promoting this resolution and helping us obtain our goals. We want a new beverage system that will encompass these 3 goals. Keeping our environment clean, one that makes economic sense for the university something that supports our values here at UVM, pay fair wages to the workers and also treats local people in a manner we tend to be proud of. Next we are going to talk about how our beverage system reflects UVM's common ground and core values. So we like the five core values of integrity, respect, responsibility, justice and innovation. We are trying to have a system that is very much consistent with these. For respect; respect for the environment, respect of the workers and integrity would be having fair labor and justice kind of goes along with the same thing, just being environmentally and socially just. Innovation is a big one, because if we did ban water we would be the first public university to do so. That definitely would start a bunch of ground breaking and responsibility being environmentally and socially is definitely key. If we want to uphold these five parts of our common ground it is definitely clear that we need to have a more (?). This is a timeline of how all of the negotiations are going to happen. This past spring a contract committee was formed and began discussing and also that is when a lot of (?) started picking up on campus. If you guys remember the ban on bottled water and we started the resolution that got passed. And I understand that Judy (?) Thompson came to you recently and updated you all about the recent developments which are really cool which are that we are not going to have an exclusive contract anymore with whichever provider we are dealing with. And any contract we do have will be less

than 3 to 5 years so it won't be long before revisions or change. This fall requests for proposals starts. We will be going through and that is when the committee will be opening bidding up to different contractors and things and that's when all of the decisions are going to be made and that's when we are going to really see the next system get shaped. This spring all of the bidding will be happening, proposals will be evaluated and negotiations will be happening and something will be implemented. We don't know what yet. This is where all of the work has to go through. Just as a refresher, some of you were not here last spring and those who were probably do not remember all of the details, we had a really long resolution. The first two things, basically were the non exclusive contracts and no long contracts and those are checked off. But we still really want to discontinue the sales of bottled water on campus. We don't think it makes sense with the University's stated mission and we don't think it makes economic sense for students to be spending their money on things they don't necessarily need to. We really want to reduce the number of beverages sold in single use containers. That would be plastic soda bottles, when they could just go to a fountain and get it there and really just any canned thing that are not necessary. To add to that, we would like to increase the amount of refill stations on campus, so it is really easy for people to just fill up their water bottles. We encourage students to use their refillable bottles that they have, they are given out at campus events all of the time, they are really helpful. Also, maximize the number of beverages that are sold in fountain form and made by local distributors which we realize is going to have to be worked on a lot because there is not enough supply in demand.

Just as far as what to look forward to with VSTEP doing, right now for October, we are providing educational display in the dc tunnel the environmental forum. Then October 19th, if the environmental forum and we will be presenting there so if any of you guys have any other questions about what else we are up to you can come to that. We are going to be involved with food day which like a campus wide initiative. We want to put on a hurricane Irene victim benefit concert and hopefully actually get to work with water issues related to hurricane Irene and water purification. There is the survey going out which is on campus and surveying students for their opinion on what they want to get out of this beverage contract and bottled water. We really want to have our education done so when the survey goes out we will have an educated populous. The main reason we are all here is you are the single voice of the student body. What the admin wants is a single, unified support from the SGA which represents the voice of the student body.

QUESTIONS

Senator Osef- Thank you for coming. My question is, you are talking about a non exclusive contract, the contract with coke is that they have about 80% of the products so it is not exclusive. What in your mind would be a non exclusive contract and have you worked towards a more permanent removal of coke?

VSTEP- The contract says we are not allowed to do any advertising not having to do with coca cola on campus, so 20% of the products can be milk, cider, coffee and tea. But the rest are all

coca-cola products and we want to end that. We would like to sell juice that is from Vermont and it could replace minute maid, and that is what we want.

Chair Goodnow- I want to talk quickly about the bottled water, getting rid of that on campus. Being the voice of students on campus, one of our responsibilities is to not only voice the opinions of students on campus, but to voice the majority of what students feel. I am curious to your opinion on what you would say if we found that majority of students don't want bottled water to be taken off campus.

One of the things we have been talking a lot on campus in the DC is sustainability and for example none of the bathrooms have paper towels, they are all hand dryers and that was something that was just put in. You don't hear about students being like, oh man I need a paper towel right now. The way we thought about it was, when you ask someone do you want to never buy bottled water again on campus that sounds kind of confrontational. Once the change is implemented, and people are glad or indifferent to the change. We are not saying you cannot have bottled water on campus, we just will not sell it. And a response like that would just mean we have more to do with education. We really do believe there are better options so that would just mean we have more work to do, and we really do want to put in that time until students can see every side of the issue.

Senator Mansfield- I know there are people with several allergies where they cannot drink the tap water. Is there some way to decrease the amount sold instead.

We have heard stuff about the allergies. We talked about purification systems, installing one or two on campus to address that concern and make sure the water coming out is of a higher standard. Also, you addressed this earlier, people with those specific needs can get it elsewhere because this is an issue they will deal with throughout their life. Secondly, we have weekly events, we have a table where we are constantly engaging people as they walk by, so we have a random sample. Then we have tables at farmers markets and are always asking students, what do you think of this? Good or bad? One thing we forgot to mention is we are going to try to reach out to other clubs on campus and meet with them specifically and individually to explain to them reasons why we want their help. Hopefully through their clubs they can educate their members and we can reach more people that way. Also we believe that every one of the clubs on campus recognized by sga follows one of the mission statements that the university has planned out. There is also the eco rep program and our job is to educate the students in the resident halls and that is just another way to get to students.

Chair Caster- So you are aiming towards a reduction of single use containers, what recommendations would you pose to come up with the solution for the fact that part of that market would be missing and that there wouldn't be bottled water. If we banned bottled water, people still drink it and that brings into question the environmental impact you are trying to have.

There is a trend right now, we don't actually have the graph that you were shown, but there is a graph for over the past 4 years, sales of bottled water are going down. Dasani has slammed down to very little amounts compared to where they were. That is why they are selling beverage like Honest Tea because they know there is a movement across the nation to stop the sales bottled water. Even if students are not still buying it, it would send a really strong statement, we would be the first Public University to not sell bottled water on campus and we are supposed to be one of the most green universities and whether or not that is true, that is the message we are sending out and we need to live up to it and show other universities that it is possible.

Professor Lance Polya (00:18:13) - I am here to talk about opening up the IACUC records to the general public. I know a lot about this so let me give you some background. About 20 years ago I was part of a group that began to understand what IACUC was and we made comments to the public based on what we had heard. All of the sudden, they decided to keep us from the meetings. How they did this, by law, any committee that goes into executive session can keep the public out. So they went into executive session virtually the whole meeting. So we sued them in district court to have access to the legal documents and we won. And great and then they came back and appealed so it went to pellet court and we sued them again and won. Again they were not happy and they went to the Vermont supreme court and again the Vermont Supreme court heard their case and we won. We won by a large majority, I forgot they number, I think it was 5-0 or 4-1. The ruling was very specific, it said this committee at UVM must make all records open to the public and the minutes open to the public. And allow us to attend. We were jubilant, we went to the meetings and got information from them and we used that info to send it to the newspapers and the UVM committee in general and everything way fine. For four years, we won this in 1982, it was good, and all of the sudden 4 years later we were excluded, just like nothing ever happened. We were excluded from the meetings, they went to executive session and we were excluded from that and from getting the documents. What had happened was, without our knowledge, the legal staff of UVM went to VT legislation and asked to be exempt from the public records act. Without our knowledge, the legislature overturned the supreme court and said that we are no longer granted the freedom of information. We were flabbergasted because we thought the supreme court ruling was definitive and final. So we went back to the same way. What we are doing now, we are in the process of getting the exemption revoked. Here is the kicker, the exemption is being looked at by two committees in legislature right now, the government operations committee and the senate operations committee. Both these committees are being run by current UVM trustees, Senator Jeanette White and Representative Donna Sweeney. They are deciding the exemption and they work for UVM as active trustees. They are not recusing themselves because they legally don't have to. But that doesn't mean it is appropriate. We are now in the process of trying to get legislature to overturn it but to do that, to redact it, we need as much public support as possible and Gerard William's resolution would be one more step in the gathering portfolio we want to give to the legislature to justify the redaction

of the ruling they made. UVM's reason for wanting to have the public exempt from the meetings and documents is three fold, first they say that there is copyright and proprietary information that that would have to be divulged and that is a lot of junk because we are not asking for that. We want no info that would have to do with copyright info, we just want to know how the animals are being used in the experiment. The other reason they say is that Animal Rights Activists will do violent things, like release the animals or stage protests or whatever, that never happened both in this University when we had the right to know nor in any other university, we think that is a smoke screen for keeping this information private. All we want to know is how the animals are being treated, nothing else.

QUESTIONS

Senator Campbell- Do you remember if when they let you back into the meeting they then stated the binding action they had been discussing in executive session?

No, they did not

Senator Habib- What kind of information are you hoping to gain? I know you said you want to know how the animals are doing but if that information is tied intricately into what the research is about, how are you willing to go about that when it involves intellectual property of the professor conducting the research.

It's a delicate balance here. We are trying to insure the safety of the animals. We just want to know how they are being used and what we can suggest to them as alternatives. It's a very positive approach.

Senator Habib- from what I understand of IACUC, why would you not try to join the committee rather than to get this research exposed?

You are right, there is one community member and one veterinarian, but the majority of the committee is made up of researchers, who are bias towards their research. We have never thought this as a fully public thing. The animal defense fund feels the same way. If we can get the info specific enough, not to impair the experimentation at least to get feedback.

Senator Habib- The reason these meetings are made private is to protect intellectual property. Many researchers go before IACUC prior to starting their research to receive a grant in order to discuss if it is pliable, feasible. IACUC, they are not puppy mill people, they are people that are there to protect the animals and to make sure that it is as humane as possible. As a former animal science major I have seen the inside of a lab and I understand that UVM's labs stick to a higher standard than what IACUC and the FDA require.

Couldn't we just redact the information that would be "intellectual?" Even after the experiments have been done, the protocols have still not been made transparent. If UVM is above board as you are suggesting they are, then there is no reason they should not be made public.

Provost Office Members (00:32:44)- Kerry Costano- I am going to be very brief. The University is in the planning process for its next capital campaign. As part of that planning we need to set our priorities. The goal for the campaign is about five hundred million dollars which is fairly ambitious but when we ask everybody across the campus, what should we ask for when we total that up? It will probably come to about a billion dollars. We identify the strongest and the most likely to be funded and the most in line with our mission (ideas) as we were talking about this we thought we might get the freshest and most exciting ideas from the students. So we met with Julian last week, provost Knodell and I and we invited the SGA to participate and we were delighted when Julian said sure, we will participate. So what I am here for tonight is to give you the info to get started. The first thing you need to know is your submission categories are student support, faculty support and program support. You don't need to get hung up on what these categories are, we know the lines will blur. We just want you to understand that we are not talking about buildings, not talking about equipment, not talking about stuff. So when you are thinking about, what is a good idea for a program, you also need to think about what are the strategic areas that the university is working on, including the student success and satisfaction in general ed, research in general and diversity. So just keep that in mind. You want to think about those other initiatives. That said, if you have a brilliant idea that falls outside of that, it is certainly worth of consideration. You need to start with vision, what is your vision and your mission. When he submits your strongest ones, he is going to have to talk about what you think about it. Last year we read your SGA mission statement and we were really impressed. It also might help if you think how submissions are going to be evaluated. Is it exciting or visionary? Does it advance our mission? Does it have strategic value? Does it advance those initiatives I talked about prior? Is it collaborative in nature? They are not inclined to support silo thinking. Is it likely to become successful? It could be the greatest idea in the world but we also need to think about can we really do it here at UVM? Other questions you should evaluate are, does your submission set UVM apart from its peers? Will it help us to retain staff and faculty? Will it to provide an exceptional academic experience for students? (?)

What we will be asking SGA to do is just like what we will be asking the college's deans to do. You're responsible for establishing your own process for submitting ideas. Your submission have to come in ranked. So you can decide that among yourselves. Submissions are brief, they don't have to be 20 page papers. We are talking about a couple of blocks that are 250 words each. We are not talking about very long documents Your submission have to come with funding estimates. We can provide support if you have questions about that. The strongest submissions will adhere to the three categories. I know I said the submissions should be collaborate but before you go and make all of the connections with people. You should be reaching out and create some internal bedding first. Timeline? Proposals are due January 4th. They will be reviewed by a team in January, in February they will be reviewed by (?) another team, the president, vice president and provost fellowship. February to March you will get to see the first draft of the ideas that made the cut. They will present a new list to the new president in March and in May the board will endorse the list.

QUESTIONS

Senator Daley- Just a few weeks ago the SGA started the idea of making a student academic vision, the 2020 Initiative. What students perceive the academic strengths of UVM are now and what they should be in 2020. We were going to have it done by the end of semester but we will try to get it done before then. Why is student success and satisfaction and gen ed in one section?

Gen ed is thought to be a component of student success and satisfaction.

Senator Osef- If the BOT was to approve the plan in May, when would it go into effect?

They would endorse the list, not approve it. The campaign will take place over the course of 8 years and the first part is considered the silent phase, the second phase is when we go public but we would start fundraising immediately.

Senator Daley- what is the UVM foundations role in this?

The UVM foundations is where our development has transitioned to.

David Wisotsky (00:42:40)- Hi, my name is David Wisotsky and I would like to speak again about issues regarding prejudice and harassment against barefoot students on campus. There are no university wide policies that require footwear. But by lack of specification in University policy most departmental institutions on campus have integrated footwear requirements. The departmental institutions on campus that require footwear include the libraries, gyms, busses, Davis Center and dining halls. Interestingly students are allowed to roam barefoot in residential halls and most classroom situations. This arbitrary distinction about where you can and cannot be barefoot on campus sends mixed messages to students. This distinction disables students that choose to be barefoot from having access to many of the services and buildings that we pay for. I began being barefoot last spring. In high school I was a cross country runner plagued with injuries and eventually my injuries forced me to quit. At UVM my friend Ian was training for a marathon by running barefoot and these funny looking minimalist toe shoes called Vibram five fingers. This summer after experimenting with them, inspired by Ian I decided to teach myself to run barefoot and I have been running since without injury. I read a few books on the topic and read that being barefoot helps humans to walk and run with a healthier gate, virtually eliminating impact on joints and that walking barefoot is healthier than locking your foot inside a hot closed toe shoe. Being barefoot has allowed me to enjoy running again, which is something I have not been able to say since my freshman year in high school, when I started running on the cross country team. I don't have to buy new expensive running shoes every month. To get my feet in shape for barefoot running I began to ditch the shoes in my daily life. Now I am barefoot fulltime the time, at least until the weather permits me too. I enjoy long boarding, hiking and rock climbing barefoot in addition to running and walking around town and occasionally getting

kicked out of buildings. I love the feeling of freedom of walking barefoot and the feeling of earth's many different textures. I enjoy not trekking mud and water into places as barefeet are more eager than shoes to shed any water and dirt that they pick up. As proof of this, on a rainy day you can see many students walking around barefoot. Other than summer pavement, I haven't had to avoid any surface and have sustained only the most minor scratches, stubbed toes, splinters and blisters. All of these injuries pale in comparison to the chronic debilitating injuries while wearing shoes. If you allow a foot to be bare it avoids most injuries as a mode of evolutionary survival. I plan to be bare foot for as long as possible into the winter and then experiment with different kinds of socks and minimalist footwear to protect myself from ice and salt. At UVM I often see other students walking around barefoot but we are kicked out of on campus establishments for this very choice as if we are committing some sort of crime. Many habitually barefoot students choose to carry around shoes all day and put them on in certain establishments to avoid conflict. In the long run this discourages students from being barefoot at all to avoid confrontation and the hassle of carrying shoes with them everywhere. Fortunately, UVM doesn't force vegans or vegetarians to eat meat or carry a hamburger in their backpack. I feel like being barefoot just like choosing to be vegan or vegetarian is a lifestyle choice that UVM should respect and allow students to practice without prejudice or harassment. I am not vegan or vegetarian myself, but forcing me to carry around something that I am so opposed to evokes similar feelings that a vegan or vegetarian probably feel when they are pressured to eat meat. There are three major arguments against going barefoot in establishments and all of these are easily debunkable. The first and easiest to debunk is that I am violating federal law or municipal health code. These are total myths, also known as phantom laws. OSHA laws only regulates the footwear of employees and only in certain situations. There are no health codes that regulate the footwear of student, patron or customer of any establishment, including dining facilities. The Davis center justifies its shirt and shoes requirement by stating in their operating guidelines online that they require shirt and shoes "to comply with public health codes" which is a lie. Science labs and construction zones dealing with hazardous materials with footwear that exposes skin of any kind is disallowed. Pointy nails or electrical currents are perhaps the only reasons that require foot protection on campus. The second argument is that bare feet are a safety or sanitary issue on campus. I argue that shoes are likely more dangerous than are bare feet. There is no evidence to suggest that the bottom of a shoe is cleaner than the sole of a habitually barefoot individual. Anecdotal evidence suggests otherwise in that shoe treads often clog with large pieces of dirt. A barefoot individual has no means for developing fungal infections or smelly feet as shoes act as incubation chamber for odor disease causing microorganisms. Being habitually barefoot increases a person's awareness of their foot in relation to space which is a concept known as proprioception. This proprioception allows a barefoot individual to actually be more aware of the presence of their foot, the surface of the ground and the location where their foot falls than footwear. Being barefoot allows for better balance as the soles of the foot are constantly sending feedback to the brain. By allowing the toes to function as they were designed as vital tools for human balance. This is why sports such as gymnastics, surfing, martial arts and

many others are traditionally performed in bare feet. A shoed person is unable to feel moisture under their feet making them more susceptible to slipping on the surface than a barefoot individual that can feel the water. Someone in high heels is more likely to slip and sprain their ankle than an experienced barefoot person would get any major injury. The third argument is that being barefoot would be a liability. Sodexo folks like to claim that if a barefoot student steps on a piece of glass sodexo could be sued. This rare and unlikely scenario justifies the ban of bare feet entirely. Sodexo and the university should be protected from these situations in a policy that students could wear what they want at their own risk. If a student chooses to wear large hoop earrings, wear loose clothing or have long hair, they accept the risk that if it gets caught on something and getting injured. Students are free and should be, to wear sneakers or high heels which can unintentionally cause one to fall and get injured. The policies on campus are bias against the choice of being bare foot and other forms of nudity. I feel that these liability claims are just to justify the upholding of policies solely based on conventional wisdom. Conventional wisdom dictates that people wear shoes whether or not feet are actually at risk. My issue with these departmental policies has gone beyond minor inconvenience. In the Bailey Howe library the staff called the police on me for doing my homework barefoot after a history of confrontations. Once a staff member compared me to an animal saying that the policy banning bare feet is just like the policy banning pets. The distinction between bare feet and pet bans is that pet bans is a university wide policy while the bare feet ban is the departmental policy in the library among other institutions on campus. Despite waiting outside waiting outside library for the police officer to arrive, in my peaceful demeanor inside the library the police officer submitted a police report to the center for student ethics and standards and I am scheduled to a student conduct hearing on the 11th of this month. The library staff and police officers told me that they will try to get me trespassing from the BH premises despite my standing as a full time student. I have not since been in the library and do not own my own computer so I have been using the waterman computer lab frequently to do my homework. Since I live on campus I also had to go through the meal plan appeal process to remove myself from the campus meal plan since I was repeatedly denied service at the dining halls since I refuse to wear shoes or carry them with me all day. I am not allowed in certain supermarkets either, namely city market so acquiring food has been a challenge for me. I have been kicked off the bus and have Davis center staff call police services on me. I have heard stories from other students who have been denied service at dining halls, kicked off busses, out of the gym, out of the library and at least one other incidence where the police were called to remove my friend Colin from the Davis Center. These departmental policies I believe violate student rights 8 and 10 and in certain situations can violate more. If a Buddhist monk were to walk into the BH library barefoot, as many Buddhist monks are barefoot as their religious vow of poverty, asking them to leave would violate student right number one guaranteeing protecting from discrimination and harassment on the basis of religion. Student right 8 allows students to protest peacefully as long as they do not disrupt university functions which I argue that myself and other bare foot students are doing by protesting these prejudice policies by going into these establishments barefoot. Student right 10

ensures us our rights and citizens and I feel that being barefoot is a right. I feel that students should be able to assume the risk of being barefoot and therefore I hope for a university policy along the lines of wear what you want, at your own risk, eliminating the ability for a department to institute a required dress code. Additionally I would like to propose the option of a barefoot waiver which could be drawn up in a simple process essentially utilizing student legal services as a resource to make students able to forgo shoes and UVM and Sodexo able to forgo liability. Thank you for your time.

QUESTIONS

Senator Daley- last week you talked about the barefoot movement. Do you have any numbers?

No, that is my next phase of what I want to do. I want to try to find out how many students are actually barefoot or in support of it.

Senator Daley- What do you want SGA to do?

I originally wanted to gain awareness, but I would like to team up with a senator to write legislation about giving students the choice of what they wear, specifically footwear. I also got the idea of a barefoot waiver. Maybe SGA people can help me.

Chair Burns- You met with Pat Brown, would you mind sharing how that went?

We agreed how there were no laws regarding footwear and it's kind of a myth. We were talking about the DC policy specifically how they claim it's a legal issue and it's not. We didn't come up with a plan initially, I was just letting him know my concerns about the issue and he said he would talk to people in the DC about change in the rules.

Chair Burns- have you talked to student legal services

I went to their office, they were not there.

Professor Darius Jonathon (00:55:15)- My name is Darius Jonathon, I am sure a lot of people have seen me, a big black guy walking around campus. 2008 I was asked by UVM to come over here for an interview, I got the job and I was given the task to start the Arabic Department because at that time the dean of Arts and Sciences said they had real need for an Arabic professor to come over here. So she really stole me from Sudan. I came over here and started the department and I was linked with the Asian languages department and if some of you don't know, I am at the top of those guys who do the debating society. Since I came over here we began with a course action plan for beginning Arabic 1 and 2. Then after that a need came for intermediate Arabic 1 and 2. There is really greater interest in Arabic language. The first semester I had almost 50 students sitting in my class. I had two sections. Second semester was also similar like that, but the task of teaching a foreign language is really daunting to the level that one person program, so the chair of the Asian languages department asked me to cut it down

to 18 so that it becomes really easy for me to teach the class. So instead of ignoring those people who cannot do well in the class and so forth we cut it down to 18. But usually every semester we had the room to increase the number of students up to 24 and 325 and usually we don't fail and giving opportunities to students who want to satisfy the requirements of language. Students are supposed to take two semesters of a language. We offer Arabic. I have also been given a chance to teach a one credit class with global studies and some of the students who are here might have taken my aspects of Arab culture. And also that is another problem, when you create a program like that the college wants to see the ration of why you want to teach this. With the aspects of Arab culture is that I have, I grew up in Sudan, among Arabic speaking group. The discourse in the media over here about Arabs and Arab culture has been very poor. For that reason I wanted to tackle something that would provide a chance for our students to see Arab culture from a different point of view. I started something on the honor and its impact on the day to day life. The Dean of CAS has asked me to offer a class to the honors college. I did offer a class for Arabic and Arab society, more or less of a social linguistic class on Arabic teaching the students the mechanics of what a country goes through when they make a language as an official language. A lot of students don't have that experience to talk about Arabs and Arabic language. You don't have one language, you have many different dialects and the Arabs are really building this language as a language that would be viable just like in other languages in the world today. For that reason, we offer 3 credit class, the last year in spring semester of 2010, I offered the class to the honors college, but they didn't allow the gen pub to join, last spring I offered it to gen pub, it was really successful. The chair of linguistics department, she is also a chair on faculty senate, asked me to make that a class as a permanent class of UVM. It is going to be in the linguistics department but it will also be correlated to the Arabic department. In 2010, since I am only one person, if I get sick or have family issues I have to deal with, there would be no Arabic. I asked the dean of CAS to hire someone and a chance came. We tried and then middlebury offered them more so we ended up not having anybody. The idea was to introduce Arabic literature to our students because we wanted make it at least a minor so that if student were taking classes at least related to Arabic, religion, etc. We failed in that and since the former dean resigned and left I am left with the task of, what am I going to do know. It just came to me last week when I met with the dean and he said we still have an opportunity to hire someone as a senior lecturer or lecturer so that we can start thinking about introducing Arabic literature on this campus. The other thing is a lot of students came to me and asked if there is any chance to make Arabic as a minor or major. That demands a lot of responsibility for us to create a course action and introduce subject like that. We would have to go through CAS curriculum committee to pass that. If they see that it is a good course that students would be able to take, they would approve it. So far, I am really happy, there is a lot of interest in Arabic and I enjoy my students. Since my house is in mass, I kind of live in my office. I am in my office from 9 am to 2 am. If anyone wants to come and talk to me about their Arabic problem, they are welcome. But of course, I always tell my female students don't come after 8, come before that time. Only boys can come after that, but you never know. Anyway, I was shocked, I walked outside and the kids were

riding bicycles completely with nothing on themselves, you know. But really, we need to have either a minor or major and Arabic and for that reason some of your members asked me to come and talk to you so that you could help me. Everything really depends on CAS, if they have enough money, we would love another person to come.

QUESTIONS

Senator Chaouch- How would you like SGA help you make a minor or major?

It is good to see students support, you can always write to the dean. The dean is there, he knows the financial situation. From the impression I got, for instruction, they do have money. There would be a chance to develop a course here. What I haven't told you is I teach beginning Arabic in the summer for students and the community who don't have time to take it during the semester. I have students who come all of the way from Norwich.

Kayla Tepper Video (01:08:20) Support for animal testing resolution.

OLD BUSINESS (01:09:15)

Bill recognizing SASS, Salsa and Swing Society as the club of the month

Bill passes

Resolution advocating for transparency with IACUC

Senator Lederer-Plaskett supports bill but suggests against a whereas involving intellectual property.

Senator Campbell points out the violations they committees with

Chair Benner suggests a "be it resolved" about sticking to the clause about executive committee

Addition of clause about intellectual property safety.

Much discussion about what the resolution should say, the safety of new research, IACUCs mission. Suggestion of communication between IACUC and students.

Motion to table the resolution

Resolution tabled

EMERGENCY BUSINESS (01:47:22)

The appoint of Michael Ferreira to SGA

Bill passed

Michael Ferreira formally appointed to CODEEE

NEW BUSINESS (01:55:18)

Bill advocating funds to women's ice hockey

Bill in support of hiring a new Arabic teacher

Bill recognizing her campus wildlife and fisheries association

Bill for barefoot students

EXECUTIVE REPORTS (01:56:26)

President Golfarini- Capital Campaign Ad Hoc Committee. L/L mural project ad hoc. Found out why people from Homeland security were at the DC. They are doing a vulnerability study, headed by police services. A perfect example for the Capital campaign would be this Arabic dept. ideas for videos

Senators of the week, working on transparency bill
Senators Campbell and Habib

Question #1 I need you help for the ad hoc committees.

Vice President Golfarini- Greater Burlington Collegiate Council meeting this week, still have appointments to fill, 3 off campus positions to fill. Davis Center Advisory committee needs 2 people on it.

Question #1 This past week I was appointed the chair of the Board of Directors of BOT responsible for appointing the next student trustee. I will be working on finalizations to see if we are changing the application process and other details.

Speaker Monteforte- Parent's 24th anniversary! Legislation discussion; the presenter cannot respond to every comment. Constitution committee; first meeting, week of 10/10. All proposed changes due 10/17. Week of 10/24 to finalize changes. Week of 10/31 announcement of changes to student body. Week of 11/15 voting will occur.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (02:08:24)

Finance- Will email reports

COLA- One thing, don't leave your dishes on the COLA desk. A few cool things COLA is working on, This Thursday, October 6th, there is a NPA ward 6 meeting at 7pm, 600 South

Willard St. October 12th, ward 1 NPA meeting, Mayor Bob Kiss will be speaking at that. Everything else is going really well. Possible Hurricane Irene Relief Trip in the next two weeks.

Student Activities- Club policy workshop was alright, attendance was low. Two potential clubs coming up for appointment next week, Hercampus, wildlife and fisheries associations.

Academic Affairs- Possible creation of Arabic department, making Environmental Science a recognized science, general education, library, strategic investment project.

CODEEEE- Finally a full committee. Working on topics like compost, dining services, Barefoot student issue, barefooters.org.

Student Action- Commends David on his strong public forum standing. Pushing printers on trinity campus, possibly beyond that; Culture Cats group back together; UVM mural project; finally looking for an advisor to head graffiti club.

Public Relations- VSOP for library survey should materialize really soon. Idea of tabling just for the facebook page, transition from friend to like page. Implementation of QR codes for the facebook page.

SENATORIAL FORUM (Recording stopped at 02:15:33 prior to Senatorial forum, no time stamp available)

Chair Burns- Calling to Question is an important thing for allocating funds and recognizing clubs, we shouldn't have tabled that resolution tonight.

Senator Osef- I want to get engaged with as many things and people as possible, let me know if there is anything you want to get out.

Chair Benner- I came into the meeting planning on voting on the resolution but then something Chair Rifken said. We have not heard both sides of the argument. I have done my research, but simply we have only heard one side of the argument, I feel that we need more info.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett- We had so many people here waiting, we discussed it so much and I feel like people didn't pass it due to time. They are going to bring a referendum next week showing that the students support it.

Chair Rifken- I agree with part of what Chair Burns said, I would like to hear more about certain things before voting on them. I feel uncomfortable voting on something I am not completely clear on.

Senator DeVivo- We will not be offended if you ask us questions

Chair Rifken- I am glad we tabled the resolution, it is important to speak to all of the parties necessary.

Senator Keenan- Worked with SASS and the 18+ night, it isn't banned. If you have a free weekend to help with Irene relief, help out! Student Financial Advisory Committee, we want to make students more aware of the mechanisms that drive the executive operations in this University, more transparency

Senator DeVivo- On the note of the student trustee, I implore anyone who will be here for 2 more years, apply! About the resolution that got tabled, the Board of Trustees has not asked the two trustees to do anything in our favor. The way they painted this perturbs me a little.

Senator Daley- 20/20 vision. I love calling to question, when necessary but I wanted to hear a little more from SASS. I second the tabling of the resolution, although a lot of research has been done, more is necessary.

Chair Denton- I hate to ruin the moment, We are in the process of looking to get t-shirts for SGA, We want the logo on the breast with another SGA logo on the back. We need sizes!

Chair Benner- Not t-shirts, sweater vests! I second what Chair Rifken said, calling to question can be a bad thing to push.

Senator Osef- The resolution with IACUC I felt confident about it before it was tabled however I think it is really dangerous to say that people tabled it because they didn't have time. We should have respect for one another and not question each others motives.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett- TRI or research initiative; UVM stated they were not a research school first. On the barefoot students issue, we are going to create a waiver, a non-expensive legal document.

Senator Pasterkiewicz- We are all intelligent people that can decide for ourselves. I think it was ridiculous to table the bill.

Vice-President- please read the op docs on when it is appropriate to make amendments on the documents.

Senator DeVivo- TRI research thing, we have a lot of undergraduates that benefit from the research. UVM is so unique, we are a small university with a diverse offering, making us one of the best undergraduate teaching facilities in the country.

SENATORIAL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Goodnow- 1. Forgot to mention Kevin and Joel will be tabling for Tick me off 2. Shout out to PR for poster about ticks me off

Senator Mansfield- The Queer studies issue, still working on it, would love feedback. Next week is the national coming out week.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett- That takes Ovaries is coming up at the Royall Tyler Theater at 7 pm.
Sex trade lecture is at the Royall Tyle Theater or the Silver Maple? Proposal of SGA broomball team next semester.

Senator Neoponulos- I have been volunteering more now, if you want any info, come see me.

Senator DeVivo- this Sunday my frat is participating in Lacy's run to benefit retired police dogs, it's a 5K Sunday morning, 8-12.

Senator Neill- October 20th, Debate team will holding a debate about Fogel earned it.

Senator Campbell- Go see Stop Kiss

Senator Lederer-Plaskett- Hillel will be having ceremonies this weekend, also, looking for puppy sitters

Chair Burns- If anyone wants mice babies, we will be having them in about 3 weeks or som

Senator Zhao- Why does President Golfarini leaves every meeting before all of the Senators?

Roll Call (recording stopped, full roll call unavailable)

Finance- Chair Dougherty excused

COLA- All present

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