

Date: March 19th, 2013

Session Opening: Start time 7:02pm; start time with recorder (00:01)

ROLL CALL

Finance - All present

PR - All present

SAC - All present

COLA - Chair Redell and Senator Thompson excused

AA - Chair Wooley excused

SA - All present

CODEEE - All present

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

February 26th, 2013 minutes motioned, seconded, approved

March 12th, 2013 minutes motioned, seconded, approved

PUBLIC FORUM

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution for the University to Recognize April As “Get Yourself Tested Month”

Sponsored by Chair Al-Namee and Senator Auchinclosse, SGA CODEEE. Presented by VUX

“BE IT RESOLVED that the University will recognize the month of April as GYT, Get Yourself Tested, Month wherein the University and affiliated organizations will collectively emphasize the need for individuals to take responsibility for their Sexual Health, by taking the first step of knowing their status.”

Resolution automatically called into question, and approved.

Bill Recognizing UVM Jazbaa

Sponsored by Chair Keyes, SGA SAC. Presented by UVM Jazbaa President, Treasurer, and Event Manager

Jazbaa, meaning “Passion”. The club’s goal is to promote and bring the Indian Bollywood dance form to the University and Burlington community. The club will hosting dance workshops, dances, and cultural nights to help the community learn more about the South Asian dance style and culture. The will also be participating in the UVM Orchesis Dance Show.

Bill automatically called into question, and approved.

Bill Allocating Funds to Lawrence Debate Union

Sponsored by Chair Dougherty, SGA Finance Committee. Presented by LDU Representatives

National Funding for travel to LA, California. Current funding allows for 5 teams to be sent, additional

funds will allow for 2 more teams to be sent (2 people per team).

“LET IT BE KNOWN that the University of Vermont Student Government Association supports the allocation of \$3,200 to Lawrence Debate Union”.

Funds going to plane tickets at \$490 per person, total cost \$3800 after 4 additional teams. Tournament to last 4-5 days long. Last year, debate team ranked 7th in the world.

(\$10,000 remaining in Nationals Fund, usual amount around \$7,000 at this time).

Bill automatically called into question, and approved.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS

Bill Allocating Funds to Freestyle Ski Team

Bill Allocating Funds to Taekwondo

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Speaker Ducharme - Constitution finished being edited, to be up on the website as soon as possible. Voting records have been kept tracked of by Speaker Ducharme and Sarah. Question by Senator Ghazey: People would like to see what each senator votes on? Answer: As we serve the constituency, they have the right to see how we vote as we are elected on a platform. **DOUBLE CHECK**

VP Holland - SGA at President's Dinner on the 4th, come see VP Holland if you are a senator who has not received the email invitation. Every year, the President's Office holds a dinner banquet for the SGA, to meet with the President, Provosts, and Vice Presidents, RSVP requested before the 26th. The SGA Banquet will be held on April 9th, at end of term. Please sign up on the list passed around if you are coming, and tell VP Holland of any allergies or food preferences (vegetarian, vegan, et cetera) you may have. Banquet at Sugar Maple Ballroom after Senate meeting. Description of the 3 awards are again as follows, as the voting is tonight I will tell them again. There is the Service Award, Diversity Award, and Edward J. Gourmley Award. The Service Award is presented to a senator who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in upholding the goals and ideals of the SGA. The Diversity Award to a Senator who has demonstrated leadership in developing a diverse and unbiased student community. The Edward J. Gourmley Award is presented to a Senior senator who has contributed most in the position of Senator. Awards can also be given to Committee Chairs, however not members of the Executive Committee. The seniors eligible for the Gourmley award are as follows: Kelsey Wooley, Bridget Hilton, Mark Laliberte, Kerry Wilson, Andrew Dougherty, Knight Ducharme, Samantha Cantell, and Harrison Keyes. I will read the awards one at a time and we will vote. (Votes have been passed around during description). Those missing from this meeting include: Senators Sinkula, Garau, and Dowling, Chair Redell, Senator Thompson, Chairs Wooley, and Al-Namee.

Point of Information: Chairs are eligible for the awards, however the President, Vice President, and Treasurer are not.

The votes were collected after VP Holland's report.

Question by Senator Cantell: Is the Banquet mandatory? Can we get an excusal from class to come?

Answer: The banquet is not mandatory, and if an excusal is required I can get one for you.

President Daley - I apologize, I didn't have a video in my email last week. I was sick last week and was unable to finish the video I was going to present last week. I recently participated in a survey of colleges on high risk behavior and health issues. Thursday, I participated in a meeting with the curricular affairs committee of Faculty Senate, discussing the certificate and experiential learning, providing credit and a more holistic experience, for studying abroad, leadership duties, or research for those who don't receive a stipend. Friday morning, I participated in a 4 hour long Provost Search Committee, down to 60 candidates from 250, next week narrowing it down to 10 for interviews off-campus. UVM TV met with at 6pm. Over the break, it was decided UVM TV was leaving their space. I believe, that it is our responsibility to help them gain a new space in the interim. That may include the old Student Center in billings, and Hills Agricultural Building. Regarding the DC Trip, I met with Chair Redell and Wendy Koenig, the people who will be representing UVM will be Chairs Al-Namee, Redell, Treasurer Juaire, and Speaker Ducharme. Annual Police Luncheon coming up. Senator of the Week awarded to Senator Riley.

Question by Senator Longyear: Do we know who will be filling the UVM TV space yet?

Answer: The only proposal for the space received this far is from Living Well.

Question by Senator Matthews: Is the Davis Center planning on getting proposals for the other spots being vacated or would they rather it be emptied?

Answer: Growing Vermont and Underground Copy originally did not require a revenue quota, however now the Davis Center does request one and that revenue is going towards the General Fund. With the new round of budget cuts, the demands on Davis Center organizations is the same, however departments that fund things that go on for these organizations are receiving less.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - 3 meetings tonight, only 2 showed up. Freestyle Skiing in Colorado, Copper Mountain, requesting \$6000. Ski and Snowboard Club, more money required for buses as this season is running a little longer due to weather. 7 budget appeals tomorrow, 10 on Thursday, and a few on Friday. Budget proposal in front of senate by next week or the week after for voting.

PR - VSOP currently in the works with Student Life, any committees not turning them in yet get them to us ASAP. Please give us continued suggestions for facebook and advertising. Anyone interested in becoming PR Chair for next year come talk to me, shoot me an email. We have been working for a good portion of the year, to get some kind of window covering for the office downstairs.

SAC - Thank you for passing UVM Jazbaa, I attended an event with them this week it was really cool. Celtic Cats also held a workshop it was awesome, dance workshop went well. Most likely last recognition this senate session. There may be one more if the club gets in the paperwork very fast. One club issue being dealt with this week, more information to come next week. We've been following up with clubs this year, dealing with issues and things that have gone on throughout the year, as well as attempting to contact Risk Management. Expect more information next week.

COLA - Senator Frost speaking on behalf of Chair Redell. Senator Riley finished setting up the police Luncheon renamed, the Meet-and-Greet, setup for next Wednesday, at 11:30 in the Rosa Parks, with free pizza and a chance to talk to the police officers. Senator Renaud, to email Kesha Ram, to talk more about

State House appointments for the trip on March 29th. Senator Thompson still working with Catamount Taxi. Working out financial planning with Catamount Zone for next year to see if program will continue next year. Neighborhood Cleanup canceled for this weekend.

AA - Senator Ducharme speaking for Chair Wooley. Chair Wooley in Orlando representing UVM. Not a busy week for Academic Affairs this week. Senator Laliberte went to a Gen. Ed meeting and attended the Faculty Senate, and presented a program to change the writing requirement. It was met with almost unanimous support. Unfortunately, we asked the bookstore to come out with textbook dates requirements for when you can see what books you need to order, they denied that request. Senator Hilton is continuing the work on formalized complaints.

SA - Mural decommissioning ceremony on the 4th. The weekend the mural will be painted is between the 18th and 20th of April, outlining to be done on the 18th, exacts are being tweaked as we speak. Volunteer positions available for helping paint on the 19th and 20th. President Sullivan spoke with during the Executive Meeting regarding the Men's Center Bill, he is open to meeting with Senator Matthews and his team, it is being pushed forward.

CODEEE - Senator Wilson filling in for Chair Al-Namee. This coming Thursday is Community Day. Chair Al-Namee to send out rest of report.

SENATORIAL FORUM

Chair Dougherty: Next Monday at 6:30 PM, will be the Debates, 1 Presidential Candidate, 2 Vice Presidential Candidates. Senatorial Packets going out tomorrow at about 1PM. Please come down to office and sign one out. Due next Wednesday at noon (**changed to Friday**). Yield to Senator Matthews: Have you sent out email to students as to who the candidates are? Answer: They have been posted online and I believe President Daley sent them out via his email. Yield to Chair Conlon: Will the Operational Documents be reflected in the packet? Answer: It will.

Senator Martinez: Community Day to be this Thursday. Main purpose is for people from UVM from different clubs to get together and share community and share their programs and clubs. To be held in the Diversity and Equity Lounge. Club sailing to be in the DC atrium, from around 10-2PM, events accompanying that. The main theme of Community Day is more inclusivity. SGA will be constantly tabling during Community Day, signup sheet being sent around.

Chair Conlon: I was wondering why we didn't include the elections packet going out tomorrow in the email sent out today? What is the plan for publicizing that?
Yield to President Daley: I believe it will have more impact if sent out by Chair Dougherty himself.

Chair Kaufman: We are tabling this Friday again from 12-3, we need all the help we can get. It has gotten a little weak these past few weeks, please signup.

Chair Conlon: I would like to disagree. I think this week we killed it at tabling, we had a solid group of people there and everyone was energetic and engaging, we filled the whiteboard in like 20 minutes.

SENATORIAL COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Ghazey: Senate Bill through Vermont Senate Legislature, putting lots of road blocks into Wind

Production, as well as all renewable energy production.

Yield to Senator Wilson: This bill is about all renewable energy production, its a block for energy developers who want to come in and establish renewable energy. 2 or 3 calls will make a huge difference.

Yield to Senator Ghazey: Bernie Sanders is opposing the bill, but yeah if you'd like more information on this come talk to Senator Wilson or I.

Chair Keyes: 200 raffle tickets for Vermont Adaptive looking to be sold in next 2 weeks, if anyone is interested in buying a ticket or helping sell them please contact me. Traditionally, half the pot goes to the person who wins, they normally end up donating it back anyway. This weekend, a power-soccer team I've been working with for the past few years, is hosting a tournament on campus in the gym from 11-5. They just want fans. Come watch! Tell your friends! The captain is a UVM Senior who is a great guy.

Chair Dougherty yields floor to VP Holland: I wanted to let everyone know there is a Career Fair tomorrow, there are a lot of people coming up for summer internships and jobs for seniors. There is a Networking with alumni next Wednesday night, an email has recently been sent out.

Senator Gachette: I just wanted to take a moment to commend Speaker Ducharme for his work done tonight.

FINAL ROLL CALL

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CODEEE - Chair Al-Namee excused