

Date: March 26th, 2013

Session Opening: Start time 7:00pm; start time with recorder (00:11)

ROLL CALL

Finance - Chair Dougherty excused, Senator Sinkula excused

PR - All present

SAC - Senator Apicella excused

COLA - Senator Renaud excused

AA - Senator Foley excused

SA - All present

CODEEEE - All present

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - March 19th, 2013 Minutes approved

PUBLIC FORUM

UVM TV - Jack Seal, President 13'-14', UVM TV and UVM TV Executive Board

Jack: So we just came here today just to show our faces. To show you who the new leadership is at UVM TV. As many of you know, we're going to a rough, transitional time now as we are losing our space at the end of this term. We really do look forward to establishing a new identity for our rapidly, evolving club. So right now we have about 20-25 really dedicated members. The meeting we had last week was quite possibly the best meeting we've had. And rather than be quite disappointed in the fact that we're losing our space, everyone's really on board and committed to finding a new space and creating a new identity and a new era for UVM TV, and it's really great to have that sort of empowerment as a club. So now Haley is going to talk about a new development that's come up.

Haley: We have recently lost the ability to broadcast to the channels, because as of next year they're getting rid of all the cable on campus in the dorms, so we have to change our whole identity as a club, because the very channels we broadcast too have been taken away. We're just asking for your support not necessarily with anything direct just in general with the club.

Jack: So yeah, we just wanted to come and show our faces and no specific help or anything, we've been working really diligently lately with Connor meeting every Tuesday and looking at what's available and talking about what's best for our organization, and we look forward to working all of you in the future, and forging this new identity. Thank you very much.

Speaker Ducharme: Senator Matthews.

Senator Matthews: So do you think the move from Davis Center is not as negative as everyone had thought?

Jack: Yeah. I definitely do think that it's much less negative than we originally thought. I think that it allows us to really start from square one which is scary, but also inspiring. I definitely think that finding a new space will help us practice this new identity, which will give us momentum to really update our website, we have a website right now at uvm.tv, and it's really great, but it's a long way from where it could be, especially with moving to an all web-based TV production, we really need to update it

to ensure it's in top form, and it also allows room for the ad sales department to create a lot more revenue, where has before we had commercials that ran on air, now we can have commercials that go on the website, it'll be a lot more direct advertising.

Speaker Ducharme: Senator Cantell.

Senator Cantell: I just had this idea that popped into my head, have you guys thought about being able for next year, to advertise on TV's in the lounges or TV's in the Davis Center, so you still have that visual out there for you guys?

Jack: The way I understand it now is that the TV's in the Davis Center are just on a slide, they're not actually connected to any channels, I spoke with the Tech Ops a couple days ago and apparently the cables already been cut in the Davis Center, so whether or not that is roomed I believe the Davis Center is a separate entity, so that might be difficult than what Res Life has to do, I think the Davis Center is more so for advertisements off-campus, as far as Living and Learning I do not know that I can look into.

Speaker Ducharme: Senator Mustafayev

Senator Mustafayev: Do you plan to collaborate with International Office to promote UVM TV for the exchange student as well, because I am an exchange student, I have been here for more than 2 months, I know you exist, but I haven't seen any videos of UVM TV.

Jack: That's a great question. We haven't explored that partnership at all and I think it would be a great partnership to make and I think it would be incredible. I'd love to talk with you more after this meeting.

Speaker Ducharme: Anymore questions for UVM TV? Seen none, I'd like to thank UVM TV for their time. Would anyone else like to speak on public forum for 5 minutes? Seen none, we will now move on to Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Allocating Funds to Freestyle Ski Team

Sponsored by Chair Dougherty, FINANCE, Presented by UVM Freestyle Ski Team President

"WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Finance Committee that Freestyle Ski Team be allocated \$4,200, LET IT BE KNOWN that the University of Vermont Student Government Association supports the allocation of \$4,200 to Freestyle Ski Team"

Funding going towards Nationals, for travel expenses, registration, etc. Funding will cover about half of total cost.

Bill automatically called into order: bill passes. \$4,200 allocated to UVM Freestyle Ski Team for Nationals.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Supporting the Intercollegiate Infrastructure and Housing Act - Chair Conlon
Constitutional Amendment - Senator Matthews

Bill Recognizing Affect - Senator Heffrin
Bill Recognizing Chem Cats - Senator Longyear

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Speaker Ducharme - Nothing new to report, I've been sending Sarah Fletcher our voting records, and our attendance, something Chairs need to start keeping track of, I'm going to begin contacting people who are on the brink to exceeding their limit. I would be upset kicking someone off Senate with only a few meetings left.

Question by Chair Conlon: Have we not been taking attendance?

Answer: We have been, I have consistently been taking attendance, I am just now starting to personally contact people who are on the brink.

VP Holland - Working on papers and binders to pass off to the new Vice President, I will be combining the two binders. The Growing Vermont space is open for application for use. Several spaces in the Davis Center and Galaxy Space are open for use, Pat Brown is accepting applications. RSVP was due today for UVM Presidential Dinner. Some pinnies are left over from the giveaway, and are available for pickup from senators and students. Available sizes are mostly extra-small. Election Packets for next Senate due this Friday at 4 pm.

Question by Chair Dougherty: Have you thought about getting a larger binder instead of shortening them?

Answer: I will simply be eliminating extraneous information.

President Daley - Last week, I had a number of meetings with university officials. I met with the Inter Residence Association, to discuss points of collaboration, we obviously have to talk about the cable. I also talked to Selena from the library to discuss what the Library Survey was about, it will be providing information to the Library for changes that are needed. Tomorrow I have the first of four honorary degree meetings with the Honorary Degree Advisory including other university representatives to discuss who will be receiving honorary degrees and speaking at commencement. Also for the Provost Search Committee, Thursday we are meeting with the 80 or so off-campus candidates to cull it down to 10-12 for on-campus interviews. Senator of the Week is Senator Matthews.

Question by Senator Pope McGraw: Can you give us a quick rundown on what is happening with the cable?

Answer: Right now, the Department of Residential Life has decided to stop the purchase of cable on campus, I believe they use Comcast, it's a lot of money I believe close to \$200,000, and 86 percent of people who were asked responded from the sample size said they do not watch TV.

Question by Senator Birmingham: Are they going to do anything about covering sports in Brennans?

Answer: I believe there will still be cable, I spoke with Allen Josie and those commercial spaces will still have subscriptions for cable.

Question by Senator Cantell: What are they going to do with the \$200,000 they will be saving? Will room and board be going down?

Answer: They said tuition will not be going down, the money will be used to better our infrastructure, water fountains, and better wi-fi, etc.

Question by Senator Sinkula: How was that data collected? One of the problems could be that the people who do fill out the survey are people who are going to say they don't watch TV, and the people who don't fill it out maybe are just too lazy to fill it out.

Answer: I don't know how that information as to how the data was collected.

Treasurer Juairé: Budget applications for Committees are due by Chairs on Thursday, I've only received one so far, thank you Chair Wooley. The application for Treasurer is due next Wednesday, no applications received yet. I will be having clubs submit feedback for the budget process via UVM Voice, it was one of Pat's ideas so that clubs can not feel influenced when submitting feedback. I will spend my last few weeks in the office doing those things. Please keep the noise level down in the Galaxy Space, I don't like to have to yell in order for people in my office to hear me. Awesome lecture on Thursday: Racism Without Racists.

Question by Senator Matthews: What is the final SGA fee that went to the board of trustees, if it was previewed yet as to what those fees entail?

Answer: It has not been decided yet, it will be available from the board in May. I believe it was 6 dollars more a semester. The percentage increase was 4.2%

Question by Senator Gauchette: What was the information for the lecture?

Answer: Thursday at 2:30 on the 3rd floor... (unable to be heard)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE - Tonight, 3 supplemental funding hearings. Taekwondo club who might go to nationals, for \$4600. Cat's Meow going to their national competition in Boston, called The Boss, \$4500. Society of American Foresters \$155 to bring in a speaker. Budget will be presented next meeting and voted on at the meeting on April 9th, which will be my last meeting.

PR - Tabling on Friday from 12-3 sign-up sheet passed around. VSOP issues in the past few days worked through, it can not be sent out the normal way, because there are too many surveys being sent out through that process right now. It will be sent out by us, still maintaining a representative sample of 2,500. there are 3 VSOPS being sent out. A reminder for the elections packet is also being sent out to students.

SAC - Chair session ending in 2 weeks, if you are interested in the position contact Chair Keyes.

Chemistry Cats is an organization for chemistry-minded students, it used to be a SGA club and is coming back up for recognition again now that they've re-energized the Chemistry community, fueling academic discussions, working with high-schools and middle-schools around the community. Affect is the other club coming up for recognition, they are Advocates For Exceptional Children Today, they work with underprivileged and at risk youth. They are relatively new, they have been quite persistent in that they are coming up for recognition. I will let them present more to you for what their plan is for the next year.

Question by Chair Al-Namee: Did you ask clubs how they feel about the liaison program and communication?

Answer: There is a space for them to talk about anything they want changed, in my meetings it hasn't come up that communication has ever been an issue

COLA - Senator Akkeh continuing to work to build a proposal for the off-campus living tutorial. Meeting with Gail to find out who she needs to talk to in order to build a platform for that. Senator Riley has organized the luncheon for the police, it is an “eat-and-greet” for students to talk to our police officers. Speaker Ducharme has made a poster for us that you’ll see around the Davis Center and on the SGA facebook page. Share it on your homepage! Trip to statehouse on Friday with Wendy Koenig, her parents had a baby. Extra space is in the car, if you’d like to come that is available, Senator Primeau is driving the van. We’re going to be there as a presence, to remind senators that students are involved and engaged and enthusiastic about giving money to UVM.

AA - Senator Hilton passed the formal complaint policy. That will be in the handbook beginning in the fall. Friday a meeting was attended about the Career Services moving into the old bank space and the underground copy space, if anyone has any specifics they’d like to see happen or anything please let AA know. We are continuing working with the library to see what the \$2,000 can be used for as far as books being put on reserve.

SA - Senator Matthews had an interview with channel 3 regarding the Men’s Center. Regarding athletics, I met with Chair Dougherty to discuss the financial data regarding athletics, I will be heading over to athletics with him on Thursday at 3 to discuss with the athletic directors. Mural meeting tomorrow, going through the final stages with that. Senator Dolph has begun discussing certain voice complaints, such as using a microwave in the library. UVM Voice submissions sent out today to the Executive listserv. The 60 delegates, in which some of our students are included in, are going down to Washington to discuss a bill that regards how donations to fraternities and sororities are tax-deductible, it is the highest-sponsored bill as far as the number of co-sponsors go, but because of it’s size it has to go into another tax bill, that will be brought up next week. Senator Dolan worked to help redesign the off-campus living site, and helped make publications for the spring.

CODEEE - Last week we had Community Day, Senator Martinez worked really hard to do some videos and get feedback from clubs and people. Get yourself text month, video being sent with President Daley’s email. Senator Gauchette meeting with Diversity Requirements Committee and we will be talking to them about the possibility of making changes. Also we are currently discussing with certain bike organizations on campus a program where bikes were available for students to use to get around campus, and reinvigorating that for students to have access to. Earth Day is also coming up. CODEEE is working on T-shirts for the event.

SENATORIAL FORUM

Senator Cantell: As you may or may not know, our Presidential and Vice Presidential Elections open tomorrow at 8am on the Lynx. Elections next week for senators. If you are interested or know anyone who is interested who hasn’t picked up a packet yet tell them to go get one!

SENATORIAL COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Redell: IRA Bingo is going on right now!

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