

SGA Senatorial Meeting: Tuesday January 26, 2015 at 7pm

- Attendance
 - Finance: Senator Stark absent
 - CODEE: Senator Foster and Senator Crespo absent
 - Student Action: All present
 - COLA: Senator Woodward absent
 - Club Affairs: Senator Gliserman and Senator Flaherty absent
 - Academic Affairs: All present
 - Public Relations: Senator Chik and Butler absent
- Public Forum
 - Alexander Collingsworth–Reading Days
 - Submitting a petition and asking for resolution about reading days
 - There has been a protest, but there will be more in the future
 - Questions/Comments
 - Have you talked directly to faculty Senate? (Chair Ryan)
 - Personally no, but SGA has already
 - Do you know what is the point of taking away reading Days, is it because of unsanctioned events that occur on the last day of classes? (Senator Miller)
 - Not sure
 - When the idea of getting a fall break was being looked into, Faculty Senate came to the SGA President and Vice President with 14-15 different ways to get the fall break. There was some sort of miscommunication, and reading days were taken away.
 - Thank you for your work. It is imperative that we, as a Senate, support a resolution to get reading days back. (President Maulucci)
 - It is my understanding that reading days were taken away because of the unsanctioned events. As you guys come up with a resolution, have you considered how you can help them come up with a solution? (Senator Scott)
 - It's a good point, but kids are going to do what kids are going to do
 - I'm not concerned with the unsanctioned events, I'm concerned with Reading Days
 - We have helped curb the drinking with the funds for clubs/organizations to have events on high risk weekends (President Maulucci)
 - There are conflicting reasons of why they got rid of reading days. Have been told by a "higher-up" that it was because of the drinking, drug use, and dangerous events that occur in residential halls. However, I have met with Thomas Chittenden, and he said that drugs and alcohol were not the issue. Hopefully we will figure this out as time goes on. (Senator Patel)
 - Whether or not we know the reason on why reading days were taken away, they are going to want research on why we should bring them back. There needs to be evidence. (Senator Fortner-Buczala)
 - Evidence we need, can be found from most universities
 - Statistics should be used, and I think you'll see a steep drop in how people do on exams
 - While the Faculty Senate did not distinguish why they got rid of reading days, they did explain that they wanted to give students a fall break for

Mental Health reasons. They were *not* malicious with this decision, which is why we need solutions. (VP Davis)

- Old Business
 - Bill Recognizing Women of Color Coalition
 - Organization presentation
 - Questions/Comments
 - How many consistent members do you have, besides chairs? (Chair Ryan)
 - Currently it is just the chairs, but we've had interest
 - Numbers fluctuate between 5-7 students
 - Can you explain the structure of the group? (Senator Patel)
 - The chairs all have equal power
 - Who are your club signers and what was your process of choosing club-signers? (Chair Brandt)
 - We are doing group work and collaborating to decide who will be the club-signers
 - Do you have any plans to make new members? (Chair Cares)
 - There are people aware and interested, but right now we are trying to set a foundation
 - We have a lot of members in terms of workshop attendance and we are recruit at such events.
 - What do you hope to gain from membership? (VP Davis)
 - Funding, we want to have a banquet
 - Do you have any fundraising ideas? (Senator Kruglik)
 - We will be putting on bake sales
 - We have a lot of ideas, but the priority was getting recognized first
 - Bill Read
 - Bill Passed
 - Bill Allocating Funds to UVM Men's Club Volleyball
 - Student Presentation
 - Going to Nationals in Louisville, KY for the first time in the club's history
 - Questions/Comments
 - None
 - Bill Read
 - Bill Passed
 - Bill Allocating Funds to Minority Association of Premedical Students
 - Student Presentation
 - Hoping to send 5 members to the National Medical Education Conference in Austin TX
 - Questions/Comments
 - We recognized your club this time last spring, how have the last 12 months been? (Chair Brandt)
 - Really well, we've brought 10 people to a conference at Yale and had some mixers with Med students
 - Bill Read

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- New Business
 - Bill Supporting the confirmation of Maya Donoghue to the Student Government Association Senate
- Executive Reports
 - Speaker Andrews
 - Pack-the-Gutt is this Friday, doors open at 6pm and game starts at 7pm
 - Constitution Committee will be gutting the elections
 - The Constitution Committee will work on Presidential and VP elections afterwards
 - Questions
 - Can you elaborate on the elections? (Chair Brown)
 - There are a lot of problems with clarity, contradiction, and nonsensicalness of the election rules
 - We also want to add a timeline to each kind of election
 - VP Davis
 - Spring Retreat is Sunday February 7, 9am-4pm
 - Let VP Davis know ASAP if you can't make it
 - Working on getting Social Justice speaker
 - Pat Brown will also be doing a talk on the history of Social Justice at UVM
 - UVM 2020
 - Sent an email with assignments
 - Hoping to have a draft by February 26
 - Happy Fest
 - Working on stickers and wristbands
 - Tie Dye Towel give away will happen during this event
 - The Senate has 7 confirmed vacancies and 2 applications
 - Senator of the Week: Senator Xia for arranging his TedX event
 - Questions/Comments
 - None
 - President Maulucci
 - Went to Montpellier today to talk about the prospects of bringing back D1 Baseball and Softball to UVM
 - Have two meetings this week about Centralized Advising
 - Will be going to a Degree Audit Implementation Summit on February 1 and 2 with Senator Johnson
 - Re-public launch of advising program will be going out to students in the College of Arts and Sciences
 - Finalists for Board for Trustees will happen this weekend
 - Meeting with Provost Rosowski this week, let President Maulucci know if you want him to mention anything
 - Questions/Comments
 - None
 - Treasurer DeGama
 - Spear heading recruitment for Peer Advisors in the Grossman School of Business
 - FY17 budget requests are due next Friday

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- FY17 budget workshops are Wednesday and Thursday
- Budget release to senate is on February 29
- Meeting with a representative of the UVM Foundation to work on a crowd-funding platform. Also sharing SGA's project of collecting club rosters for future club fundraising endeavors
- Treasurer DeGama and Blanca will have had meetings with the Cashiers Office about petty cash and issuing deposits
 - Some clubs carry a lot of cash. We are trying to limit cash flow
 - Working to create a better program, hoping to get club credit cards
- Questions/Comments
 - None
- Committee Reports
 - COLA
 - Community Coalition's first meeting is February 26
 - We are trying to highlight the success stories
 - Will be traveling to Montpelier with President Maulucci to testify in front of the House of Education Committee about UVM student body issues
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
 - CODEE
 - The Bottled Water Ban is said to be flawed. Will look at full report and report back
 - Senator Corcoran is looking for alternatives for vending machines in the residential halls
 - Equity week will be at the end of March
 - Senator Miller has been working on sexual harassment training for employees
 - In the past, faculty/staff have informally showed up to a one hour class
 - The sexual assault and sexual harassment part of alcohol.edu will be used instead of the class
 - Will be putting together a refresher packet about this for when you start a new position
 - Questions/Comments
 - Is there a way to specify the alcohol.edu system? (Senator Kruglik)
 - Yes, but that's why we are also putting together the refresher packet
 - Club Affairs
 - Down to 3 frozen clubs
 - Having different clubs come in and speak at Public Forum
 - Questions/Comments
 - None
 - Student Action
 - Joke: Why did the duck go to rehab? Because he was a quack.
 - Mental Health Committee
 - Feb 22-26
 - Comedian on Wednesday
 - Film on Thursday
 - Music and games on Friday
 - Trying to finalize speakers

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- Will have stickers and bracelets
 - Senator McDermott will be meeting with transportation about getting more buses on campus
 - Senator Patel has been working on points plan. They say they are making small changes, but that means little. We are going to try and look at the contract see if we can push it forward.
 - Senator Patel has been working with student on the reading days situation
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
- PR
 - What is SGA? Campaign
 - Continuing with the mural from last semester, but combining it with the Mental Health Awareness month
 - Working on Sexual Assault and Awareness month
 - Thinking of cool things to do with all the swag leftover from previous chair
 - Questions/Comments
 - None
- Finance
 - Met with:
 - Woodsman Team
 - Orchesis
 - Questions/Comments
 - None
- AA
 - Peer Advising
 - Sending out job descriptions, brief application, information to other colleges about the program
 - Curricular Audit and Academic Program review is very important
 - Want to put Reading Days on UVM 2020 agenda
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
- Senatorial Forum
 - Chair Brown
 - UVM Students for Disability, Advocacy, and Awareness have their first meeting Tuesday, February 2nd at 6:30 in UHeights South multipurpose room
 - President Maulucci
 - Constitutionally, when a petition receives a certain amount of signatures, it calls for SGA to write up a resolution.
- Comments
 - Chair Brandt
 - Advocats, the tour guides on campus are hiring for next year. Applications are due February 5th. Reach out to any Advocats on Senate for any questions.
 - Senator Xia
 - Looking for host for the TedX event. If you know anyone interested, let Senator Xia know.
- Adjourned