

SGA Senatorial Meeting: Tuesday February 2, 2015 at 7pm

- Attendance
  - Finance: All present
  - CODEE: Senator Foster absent
  - Student Action: Senator McDermott absent
  - COLA: Chair Francis and Senator Woodward absent
  - Club Affairs: Senator Wu absent
  - Academic Affairs: Chair Brandt and Senator Fortner-Buczala absent
  - Public Relations: All present
- Minutes Approved
- Public Forum
  - Dean of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources- Nancy Mathews
    - Proud that UVM has activism
    - Aiken Building
      - Solar trackers
      - “Living” Roof
      - Recycles water
    - Rubenstein Net Zero
      - By the end of 2016, all Rubenstein buildings will embody electrical renewables
    - Experiential Learning
      - The more you engage in two practices, the better off you are
      - For a long time, this has lead the campus in partnerships
      - It’s a requirement in Rubenstein
      - They offer the soft skills you learn, turn into hard skills
    - Growth
      - 13% increase in applicants to Rubenstein, but 11% decrease in UVM applicants
      - Because we serve primarily out-of-state community members, we need to get more instate representation.
      - Imperative that all of the colleges give the best they have to their students. Working really hard to work on assessment on a program level.
    - Investing in water resources, like the Melosria Research Vessel
    - Want to get a Global or Public Health Minor at UVM
    - Ready to Grow undergrad research
    - Want to establish a science and stewardship network on top of Mt. Mansfield
    - Questions/Comments
      - Does Rubenstein offer scholarships for their students? (Senator Corcoran)
        - Yes, we have for many years
        - Most are managed by admissions, enrolment, and financial aid
        - Offer paid internships as well
      - Is there a way to get soft skills to *all* students sooner than junior year? (Senator Tracey)
        - There is going to be a requirement for the First Year Experience
        - However, all colleges do offer these programs, they are woven in, and just don’t required them
      - What is your opinion on the amount of majors and minors offered in your school? (Senator Miller)

- Core curriculum is about 13 credits
  - I think it is valuable to add another minor or major
  - However, we want graduates to leave with depth in one area
- How do you see the role of your college on sustainability and resources across campus (Senator Johnson)
  - Start spreading the word that we don't own sustainability; it's everyone's responsibility
  - Students and professors across campus are working together
  - Every college has a sustainability component
- Do you work with the clean energy funds and if so, will that help with Net Zero? How are students getting involved? (Chair Cares)
  - Not sure how that all works, but as we look for a plans to get to Net Zero going, we'll talk to office of sustainability
  - Students are working on projects, some are even working on the plan for Net Zero
- Can you expand on the University Institute of the Environment? (VP Davis)
  - It is a collaborative think-tank for all faculty to work on research initiatives
  - Doesn't fit neatly in one college because it is interdisciplinary
  - Hopefully launched this summer or fall
  - Mostly graduate entity
  - Primary focus on energy, water, and food
- Old Business
  - Bill supporting the confirmation of Maya Donoghue to the Student Government Association
    - Bill Read
    - Bill Passed
    - Maya Donoghue sworn in
- Emergency Business
  - No one scheduled
  - No comments
- New Business
  - Resolution Supporting the Reinstatement of Reading Days
  - Bill recognizing UVM Eco Club
  - Bill allocating funds to Gymnastics
  - Bill allocating funds to Nordic Ski Club
  - Amendment to the Elections Section of the Student Government Association Operational Documents
- Executive Reports
  - Speaker Andrews
    - Pack-the-Gutt
      - Thanks to those who came to help out
      - Giveaway socks were stolen
    - Constitution Committee had a great meeting about fixing the elections
    - Questions/Comments
      - Do we have any leads on the socks? (Senator Miller)
        - We know it happened in the third period
        - Video cameras at all exists

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- Could they have possibly ended up in a team locker room? (Senator Scott)
  - Police Services said they were going to check the building
- VP Davis
  - Have three interviews scheduled this week for senate spots
  - Happy Fest
    - Last week in February
    - 2 sticker and 2 bracelet giveaways are being made
  - Retreat
    - Silver Maple Ballroom, 9am-4pm Feb 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Library advertisement for Sexual Assault Awareness month
    - Static stickers
    - Mouse pads
  - Senator of the Week: Johnson for going to the audit reports
  - Questions/ Comments
    - Is lunch provided? (Chair Ryan)
      - Yes, probably New Moon Cafe
- President Maulucci
  - New Board of Trustee Student representative
    - Soraiya Thura, a second year medical student at UVM
  - Peer Advising
    - There will be a centralized advising center (where CatCard office is now), it will be staffed by peer advisors from all seven colleges, and a peer advising coordinator.
  - Creating an adhoc committee on reducing carbon footprint on campus
  - Lunch with Bill Falls
    - Tuesday February 9, anyone is welcome to join
  - Need to meet with broom ball members after senate
  - Questions/Comments
    - None
- Committee Reports
  - COLA (Senator Scott)
    - Will email report
    - Comments/Questions
      - None
  - AA (Senator Harris)
    - Online Course Syllabi
    - Degree Audit Implementation Committee
      - Creating a new updated system for CATS Report
    - Comments/Questions
      - None
  - PR (Chair Ryan)
    - Mental Health mural will be during Happy Fest
    - Want to have biweekly meetings with the chair of each committee. Want to know if they want or need PR
    - Questions/Comments
      - None

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- Club Affairs (Chair Brown)
  - Still have a few frozen accounts
  - Working with club singers and clubs that want to be recognized
  - Senator Pavlow is working on the lynx
  - Questions/Comments
    - None
- CODEE (Chair Letendre)
  - Happy about adhoc committee President Maulucci mentioned
  - Equity Week
    - Different clubs around social justice on campus will get together and work on this week
    - Theme this year: Education
    - Timmond West is speaker hopefully
  - Senator Miller got info on sexual harassment prevention training
  - Questions/Comments
    - None
- Student Action (Chair Cares)
  - Pickup lines
    - If you were a fruit, you'd be a fine apple
    - Are you my appendix, because this feeling in my gut is telling me to take you out?
  - Mental Health
    - Still trying to get together lecture series
  - Campus App will be coming back soon
  - Senator Patel is working with reading days group on alternate solutions
  - Comments/Questions
    - None
- Finance (Chair Langham)
  - Continuing budget process
  - Heard from
    - SASS
    - Gymnastics
    - Nordic Ski Club
    - Women of Engineers
  - Questions/Comments
    - None
- Senatorial Forum
  - Senator Johnson
    - Will there be Happy Fest posters?
      - Yes
- Comments and Announcements
  - Senator Miller
    - Met with Women's Center and was told that part of the upcoming Sexual Assault Awareness month is the dismantling rape conference. If you have any suggestions for people who would like to present, then email Katrina. Also, if you volunteer, you can go for free
    - We should change the name of broomball team

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- Senator Patel
  - Teaching free, easy yoga classes. They will be Mondays 2-3pm at Women's Center
- Senator Guarino
  - If there are any kids in Grossman or interested in finance, let him know.
- Senator Donoghue
  - Thanks for voting me back on and for the welcome back to SGA. Excited to meet and work with you all.
- Senate Scribe Petersen
  - Vote to get Camp Kesem to Burlington. We voted to make them a club last semester and it would be great to see that follow through. You can vote every day this week, Feb 1-5. They take the top 4-6 schools out of 12. Website: [vote.campkesem.org](http://vote.campkesem.org)
- Adjourned