

SGA Senatorial Meeting: Tuesday February 9, 2015 at 7pm

- Attendance
  - Finance: Senator Elrick absent
  - CODEE: All present
  - Student Action: Senator Xia absent
  - COLA: Senator Zhou absent
  - Club Affairs: All present
  - Academic Affairs: All present
  - Public Relations: All present
- Minutes Approved
- Public Forum
  - No one scheduled
  - No comments
- Emergency Business
  - Bill Supporting the Confirmation of Brendon Dineen and Andrew Percoco
    - Bill Read
    - Bill Passed
    - Sworn in
- Old Business
  - Bill Recognizing The Economics Club (Chair Brown)
    - Student Presentation
    - Comments/Questions
      - How many members do you currently have? (Chair Langham)
        - Approximately 22
      - Are you a club signer? (Treasurer DeGama)
        - No
    - Bill Read
    - Bill Passed
  - Bill Allocating Funds to UVM Gymnastics Club (Chair Langham)
    - Student Presentation
      - Going to Sacramento, CA for Nationals
    - Comments/Questions
      - Do you qualify as a team or individuals? (Senator Scott)
        - Team
    - Bill Read
    - Bill Passed
  - Amendment to the Elections Section of the Student Government Association Operational Documents (Speaker Andrews)
    - Amendments Read
    - Comments/Questions
      - Section B Article II— Does volunteering time count as a donation? (VP Davis)
        - No, only something that can be labeled as having a monetary value.
      - Article II Section E 1— What does a candidate being on campus or off campus change? Do we still make two different of groups? (Senator Donoghue)
        - We don't still make two ballots, but we still have to have a certain number from the body.

- Amendments Passed
- Resolution Supporting the Restoration of Reading Days (Senator Patel)
  - Resolution Read
  - Comments/Questions
    - What are the links on the resolution? (Chair Letendre)
      - More resources
    - Friendly Amendment: Maybe change some statements to “we predict students will” instead of saying “students will” (Senator Miller)
    - Fact Check: It says this new calendar will disproportionately affect first and second year students— where does this come from? (Senator Johnson)
      - This is a fact that comes from the Faculty Senate that was used to justify taking away reading days (President Maulucci)
    - This is great, but I don’t vote in support because we need to fix the wording so there are no presumed assumptions. You should put all information that is referenced in the resolution. (Senator Johnson)
    - The last “Be It Resolved” should include something about having a resolution that supports the decision students come up with, not saying that it will be the final decision (Senator Donoghue)
    - Not having reading days also affects those with jobs (Senator Butler)
    - Athletes are affected as well (Senator Scott)
  - Resolution Tabled
- New Business
  - Bill Supporting Vermont House Bill H725 Appealing Tax on Fraternity and Sorority Housing (Chair Francis)
  - Bill Allocating Funds to Crew (Chair Langham)
- Executive Reports
  - Speaker Andrews
    - Thanks for supporting amendments
    - Please email day in which you will be missing senate for exams
    - No update on the missing socks
    - Comments/Questions
      - None
  - VP Davis
    - Thanks for coming to the retreat, will be sending out a survey about it
    - It’s important that we acknowledge all the work we’ve done
    - Most of the giveaways for Happy Fest are in production
    - Looking at a few more applications for senator elections
    - Recognizing Senator Guarino, Chair Langham, and Senator McDermott for their great work
    - Comments/Questions
      - None
  - President Maulucci
    - Budget Finance and Investment Committee on the Board of Trustees approved funding proposal for Peer Advising, advising center, and club enhancement package
    - Today was the last day of interview process for Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
    - Attending the Student Affairs Committee meeting of the Faculty Senate

- Met with student leaders of clubs to talk about using our large organizations to improve enrollment and retention
- Faculty Senate elected a new president, Dr. Cathy Paris
- UVM Foundation will be sending out letters to ~30,000 people soliciting fundraising for different clubs and organizations. Encouraging alumni to donate.
- In reference to Bill Supporting Vermont House Bill H725 Appealing Tax on Fraternity and Sorority Housing, the tax increase will be crippling. Fraternity and Sororities raised almost \$120,000 last year for their philanthropies and have donated countless hours as well.
- Comments/Questions
  - None
- Treasurer DeGama
  - Attended the Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees, and they issued an unqualified opinion (which is a good thing). There was also an NCAA audit; this was compliant as well.
  - Blanca and Treasurer DeGama are working on the protocols for implementing the new cash procedures into their office
  - Comments/Questions
    - Does the UVM Foundation soliciting count as fundraising for the clubs? (Senator Guarino)
      - Yes
- Committee Reports
  - COLA (Senator Scott)
    - Senator Scott helped out with a clean up on N. Union Street
    - Working on encouraging landlords to supply bigger recycling bins
    - Chair Francis met OSCAR staff to set an agenda for Community Coalition meetings. Next one if February 26.
    - Comments/Questions
      - None
  - AA (Senator Fortner-Buczala)
    - Chair Brandt will send out official report in an email
    - Comments/Questions
      - None
  - PR (Chair Ryan)
    - Committees and their PR senators
      - CODEE: Senator Chik
      - Finance and Student Action: Chair Ryan
      - COLA: Senator Butler
      - Club Affairs: Senator Cleary
      - AA: Senator Tracey
    - Comments/Questions
      - None
  - Club Affairs (Chair Brown)
    - Working on combining all club workshops into one workshop
    - Thinking about doing a leadership workshop for new clubs
    - Thinking about creating emails to send to club signers once a month
    - Working on the lynx (Senator Pavlow)

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- Clubs aren't updating their lynx and there's a lot of stuff that they can use
    - Working on streamlining emails for fall check-ins
    - Comments/Questions
      - None
  - CODEE (Chair Letendre)
    - Senator Miller is working on recycling paper towels in residence halls
    - Equity Week committee is having their first meeting on Thursday
    - Carbon Footprint Task Force (Senator Corcoran)
      - Senator Ford and Senator Corcoran are leading this task force which aims examine and then reduce carbon footprints of the students and the university
    - Comments/Questions
      - None
  - Student Action
    - Pick-up line: Do you have any raisins? No. Then how about a date?
    - Senator Patel is still working on fixing the dinning points
    - Senator McDermott is working on addressing the biggest issues with transportation
    - Senator Howley is going to work on making fitness classes more available
    - Mental Health Committee is going along
    - TedX is tomorrow night
    - Comments/Questions
      - When is TedX? 6-9pm in Grand Maple ballroom with some pretty interesting speakers
  - Finance
    - Hearings
      - Crew
      - Women's Rugby
      - Society of American Foresters
      - Woodsman Team
      - SASS
    - Comments/Questions
      - None
- Senatorial Forum
  - VP Davis
    - Graduate Student Senate sent an email on behalf of TedX
- Comments and Announcements
  - Senator Scott
    - Has a friend that's doing recruitment for Aldi (a grocery store) Thursday 3pm in Kalkin 225
  - Senator Miller
    - In response to the social justice we've all learned, we should all try not to use phrases like, "you guys" in senatorial forum
  - Senator Guarino
    - Broomball game at 8:30pm Wednesday
  - Adjourned