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
    - Comments/Questions
      - Going to Sacramento, CA for Nationals
    - 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.
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- 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 Chiko
      ○ 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
  - TedX is tomorrow night
  - Comments/Questions
    - None
- 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