

- Attendance
 - Finance: All present
 - CODEE: All present
 - Student Action: All present
 - COLA: All present
 - Club Affairs: All present
 - Academic Affairs: All present
 - Public Relations: Senator Cleary absent
- Minutes Approved
- Public Forum
 - Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences
 - Six major undergraduate programs
 - All majors in college work together as if they were one
 - Have ‘foot’ in UVM Medical Center and UVM Medical School
 - Have the only online undergraduate health sciences degree completion program for students who haven’t finished their degree
 - Offer Emergency Medicine services
 - Working on an undergraduate Integrative Health certificate and minor
 - Goal to educate disciplines as one and then spread into their own fields
 - Have a peer mentoring program
 - Links program— academic and social
 - Not mandatory, but almost all students are involved
 - Comments/Questions
 - What is the passing the NCLEX exam for students (Senator Kruglik)
 - 92-96% pass rate in the whole college
 - 5 out of 7 undergraduate programs have had 100% pass rate from their program over the past 5 years
 - In 2015, CNHS was rated 7/556 colleges for best health professional programs
 - It’s cool that first years take one class together, specifically because it creates collaborative work in the college. I like that majors aren’t working against each other, but with each other. (Chair Ryan)
 - It makes it a little hard with ~250 in the class, but it really *is* worth it
 - There is a new inpatient facility being built by UVM Medical Center, will it offer more clinical hours and expand enrollment? (Chair Brandt)
 - Yes, we want that to happen and hoping it will
 - Census of certain challenges in Vermont is a problem
 - OBGYN
 - Pediatrics
 - Mental Health
 - I have heard concern from Medical Laboratory Science majors with a lack of support from UVM when they are stationed at other hospitals in the country (VP Davis)
 - There are great placements all of over the county in hospitals, but we don’t have the budget to help financing
 - Students are aware of this when they come into the program

- Our students have scholarship at a higher rate than other students
 - If we had a great donor that would be willing to provide the support, that would help
 - Unfortunately, there is no immediate ability for it
 - Is there anything we should say to perspective students that are excited about this competitive program (Johnson)
 - In nursing 100 slots for 1100 applicants
 - We don't have sufficient clinical placements
 - Faculty with PhDs usually chose to practice, not teach
 - If interested in health professions, we do have some openings in other majors
- Old Business
 - Resolution Supporting House Bill H725
 - Resolution Read
 - Presentation
 - This tax would effectively push the students out of their housing. Historically these houses are usually then purchased by the university. Then the university wouldn't have pay taxes.
 - Comments/Questions
 - This should be made a UVM issue, not just a Fraternity and Sorority issue. They do great work for UVM and the community. Additionally a large group of students live in the houses, they would then have to move out and find housing elsewhere. (President Maulucci)
 - COLA benefits from Fraternity and Sorority Life greatly (Chair Francis)
 - Could you explain how the houses offers unique experiential learning and educational opportunities for their residents (Senator Donaghue)
 - They promote brother or sisterhood with morals and ideals. When living in a house, this amplifies what is going on.
 - Have 3-4 workshops a month, usually mandatory, and they are most often held in the house.
 - If this goes through, would UVM buy the houses and give them back to Fraternity and Sorority life? (Senator Guarino)
 - If they pass H725, Fraternity and Sorority housing remains tax exempt
 - Do you have to pay that amount of money now? (Senator Fortner-Buczala)
 - It comes into effect July 1st unless the repeal passes
 - Have you seen what happens to Sorority and Fraternity life when the tax is implemented (Senator Fortner-Buczala)
 - This is very unprecedented. It usually destroys many programs that have been built for years, at schools where it is implemented.
 - There is nothing out there that says UVM will buy the houses, but historically universities across the country have.
 - Tri Delta figured it out, and each of them would have to pay an extra \$300 (Senator Howley)
 - What are the arguments against what we're trying to do? (Chair Cares)

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- This became a problem when the tax was put in a bill with other policies that passed for the state to create more revenue
 - The state hasn't seen how this has been played out historically
 - Resolution Passed
 - Resolution Supporting the Reinstatement of Reading Days
 - Resolution Read
 - Comments/Questions
 - A big goal for the University is retention rate, maybe that could add something to the footnote. Students who don't have reading days, don't do well, and can't come back (Chair Ryan)
 - Still uncomfortable with saying that only freshman and sophomores are exam dependent. Maybe add other majors who are dependent too (Senator Donaghue)
 - I think it's good to have these arguments, but I don't think we need to put all of them in the resolution (Chair Cares)
 - Resolution
- Emergency Business
 - Bill Supporting the Confirmation of Niky Falques and Lawrence McCarthy to the Student Government Association Senate
 - Bill Read
 - Bill Passed
 - Senators sworn in
- New Business
 - Bill Recognizing Entrepreneurship Club
 - Bill Recognizing College Diabetes Network
- Executive Reports
 - Speaker Andrews
 - Materials for elections have been handed out—Calendar
 - Elections Committee will come together soon
 - Want to get PR
 - Want to plan the debates
 - Comments/Questions
 - Do we have a date for the last day of this term? (Chair Letendre)
 - I need to talk to executive committee about that, but it will probably be the meeting after the elections
 - Is there any update on the socks (Senator Howley)
 - No
 - VP Davis
 - Senator of the Week: Senator Pavlow for working on the Lynx
 - Great work on the Resolution, Senator Patel
 - Sent out a survey for feedback on the retreat
 - Giveaways for Happy Fest
 - Two stickers are ready
 - Two bracelets are almost done
 - Will have a meeting about scheduling advertising for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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- Working on giveaway for that
 - Working on planning End of the Year Party
 - Comments/Suggestions
 - Portable phone chargers would be a good giveaway (Chair Francis)
- President
 - Attended a “Bring It Back” meeting for bringing back D1 Baseball and Softball. They are in the final stages of developing 501C3 tax exempt committee, that will allow tax deductible donations
 - UVM 2020— Team leaders should be reaching out to you soon
 - Spoke with Inner-Residence Association, and want to create a relationship with them.
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
- Committee Reports
 - COLA
 - Will be starting Front Porch Forum (Newsletter) soon
 - Community Coalition meeting Feb 26 at 3pm
 - Meeting with City Councilors to talk about off-campus housing in Burlington and whether or not we can schedule a forum in the DC with city councilors and the mayor, to represent student body
 - Comments/Questions
 - What’s going on with the Student Resident Ambassador Project? (Chair Letendre)
 - Working with Mayors office. Organically recruiting students to come on.
 - AA
 - Student Affairs committee meeting
 - Language used for peer advisors and capacity for confidentiality for peer advisors was questioned
 - Degree Works, new software that will be replacing the CATS report
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
 - PR
 - No emails from Clubs yet, so we are bringing in Leon for help
 - Going to make door hangers for dorm doors for Equity Week and Sexual Assault Awareness Month
 - Want to collaborate Equity Week and Sexual Assault Awareness Month
 - What is SGA week will be the third week in March
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
 - Club Affairs
 - Going to have a new workshop once a semester, for new clubs
 - Lynx
 - Not sure if we are going to renew
 - Will be sending out emails once a month with fun facts about the lynx
 - Comments/Questions

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- Who has the power to decide if we renew the lynx? (Chair Letendre)
 - We pay for about 35% of it
- Is there an alternative to the lynx? (Chair Letendre)
 - Orgsync is what we've been looking at
- CODEE
 - Had first Equity Week meeting and there was a good turnout
 - Senator Miller is meeting about recycling paper towels in residential halls
 - Carbon Emission Task Force is meeting in SGA Office about initial steps, 2/17 at 2pm
 - SLADE
 - Environmental Food Coop
 - Has been on UVM campus for a while
 - Has gotten some appeal from Residential Life
 - Residential Life wants it to be absorbed by Greenhouse
 - Current and Past Sladers have come together to make a campaign
 - Want to make a resolution to say this is not okay
 - Comments/Questions
 - How does your meal plan work? (Senator Kruglik)
 - We are taken completely off
 - Pay \$425 at the beginning of the semester, which pays for 5 dinners a week
 - A lot cheaper
- Student Action
 - Joke: Why are frogs so happy? They eat whatever bugs them.
 - Senator Howley will meet with group fitness to figure out how to promote group fitness
 - Senator Howley is working with Wellness Environment because there have been a few complaints about that
 - McDermott is working on fixing the problems with the gym on Trinity
 - Happy Fest is next week
 - Mon: Mini Lecture series
 - Wed: comedy show
 - Thursday: Inside Out
 - Friday: Celebration, music, giveaways, events
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
- Finance
 - Jazbaa
 - UVM TV
 - Moved out of current space and into a dorm on Redstone campus
 - Budgets will go out on February 26th
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
- Senatorial Forum
 - Senator Johnson

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- Thank you to Senator Xia, Senator McDermott, and Chair Cares for all their work on TedX
- Comments/Announcements
 - Chair Letendre
 - Black History Month Events— Fashion Show that BSU hosts is at 6:30 in the Grand Maple Ballroom this Friday
 - Wednesday at 7:15pm is the next Broomball team
- Adjourned