SGA Senatorial Meeting: Tuesday March 1, 2016 at 7pm

- Attendance
  - Student Action: Senator Howley absent
  - Club Affairs: Senator Falques absent
  - Academic Affairs: All present
  - PR: Senator Chik absent
  - CODEE: Senator Blick absent
  - COLA: Chair Francis absent
  - Finance: Senator Kruglik absent
- Minutes Approved
- Public Forum
  - Jean-Pierre Adéchi from Wheeli
    - Carpooling app exclusively for students
    - It is a hitchhiking app that is safe, smart, and cool
      - Safe Network
        - Need a ".edu" email
        - Can also connect to Facebook
      - Tip calculator
      - In-app Payment
    - Allows for two-way communication
    - Have endorsement from Ski and Snowboard Club, Outing Club, RAs, and Parking Services
    - Offers more options for students to get transportation
    - Transportation is a big cost for a lot of clubs. We want to take away that cost from clubs and transfer those funds to students on campus
    - We have a long-term vision with UVM
    - Questions/Comments
      - How do you handle liabilities with this? (Senator Scott)
        - Not an Uber, you're riding with your peers
        - Safer driver with people than driving alone
        - Parents like it because they don't have to drive
        - If you have people in your car and get into an accident, better chance of getting help
        - What we do is legal
        - Wheeli doesn't make a profit
        - You and your insurance covers you and the people in your car
        - Want to offer an umbrella insurance to help cover differences
      - How do you think using an ".edu" equals safe? (VP Davis)
        - Integrated ratings and comments for passengers and drivers
        - Community aspect
        - There is the social media part of it
        - Want to offer full transparency
      - Have you talked to UVM risk management about clubs? (VP Davis)
        - Haven't had conversation with them yet
        - Have gotten full support from Parking and Transportation
        - What matters the most is what the people want
      - Do you have special screening or certain criteria to post the rides? (Senator Patel)
        - We play the role of facilitator

- Where else are you working on this? (Senator McDermott)
  - Focus right now is at UVM
- Are the students making money or is the money just for gas? (Senator McDermott)
  - We calculate tolls and gas prices, but leave it up to the drivers
  - Some ask for snacks, good company, a DJ, or nothing at all
  - Plan is to grow network in order to bring money to students and charge big businesses
- What about reliability? (Senator McDermott)
  - There are comments and ratings
  - There is also a log that keeps track of last minute cancels
  - Debits the passenger 48 hours in advance to incentivize passengers not to cancel
- Do you have any financial gain with the University? (Senator Guarino)
  - Want to partner with students
  - Didn't go to the university first because of bureaucracies
- Do you have any institutional investments? (Senator Guarino)
  - No, we've raised money from friends and family up to this date
- Why wouldn't you pick something close to home? Why UVM? (Senator Donoghue)
  - A lot of students in NYC don't have cars
  - UVM is a little more isolated and need cars
  - Parking Lots cost a lot of money
  - Can develop more flexible policies where maybe some first years can have cars
- Old Business
  - Bill Recognizing DREAM Salmon Run
    - Student Presentation
      - Community building, mentor program, with students and kids who live in low income areas
    - Questions/Comments
      - What is the current status of DREAM? Why do you want to be recognized separately? (Senator Johnson)
        - DREAM is an overarching program that finds a low income community in a specific place
        - All programs have specific stations
        - We are one of a larger organizations
        - Each group operates individually
      - How many mentors are involved with this? (Senator Stark)
        - Once you are in a program, you need to stay with your program
        - Right now have 15 mentors and 12 mentees
    - Bill Read
    - Bill Passed
  - Bill Recognizing UVM Entrepreneurship Club
    - Student Presentation
      - Serve as a venue for students who have innovative ideas and turn them into something

- Serve as educational, monetary, and connectional resource
  - Questions/Comments
    - What is your membership? (Chair Letendre)
      - 25
      - Want to get SGA approved because there is a push to get an entrepreneurship center on campus with the Kalkin expansion
    - Are you investing in companies? (Senator Guarino)
      - Want to start their own company as a club so they can get validation from students
    - Are you starting for profit? (Senator Guarino)
      - Want to invest in others
      - Matching students with companies in the area for start ups and internships
    - What will you use SGA funding for? (Senator Guarino)
      - Networking meetings and venues
    - Where would your startup capital come from? (Senator Stark)
      - Not come from SGA money
      - SGA money would be for hosting events
      - Money raised is for investing
  - Bill Read
  - Bill Passed
  - Resolution Reaffirming Our Support of the Publication of Course Evaluations
    - Resolution Read
    - Questions/Comments
      - Has anyone talked to any of the others Deans and know what their stance is on this? (Chair Letendre)
        - Focused more on syllabi on the past because course evaluations have been more stigmatized in the past by faculty
        - Apparently most faculty members support course evaluations, but it's the loud opposers that fill up the room and make it seem larger than it is
        - Other Deans could look at this resolution as an opportunity to follow suit
      - With evaluations being released, will they be uniform? (Senator Donoghue)
        - Ratings of "difficulty" and "well-liked" are not correlated with data from 2014
      - Students aren't going to be helped out by evaluations if they are not lined up. Want to get evaluations standardized (Chair Brandt).
      - How can we make sure that students are filling out the evaluations genuinely? (Senator Scott)
        - We don't believe the details in the evaluations would be published. Looking more for general ideas
        - A lot of reasons students don't put the effort in, is because they don't know where it is going
    - Resolution Passed
- Emergency Business
  - Bill Allocating Funds to Alternative Spring Break
    - Bill Read
    - Questions/Comments
      - None

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  - Bill Allocating Funds to Nordic Ski Club
    - Student Representative
      - Sending 5 people to Nationals
      - Covers lodging, travel, and registration fees
      - Traveling to Lake Placid
    - Questions/Comments
      - None
    - Bill Read
    - Bill Passed
- New Business
  - Bill Recognizing Books for equality
  - Bill Allocating Funds to Triathlon Club
  - Bill Allocating Funds to FY17 Club Budget
- Executive Reports
  - Speaker Andrews
    - Election packets are at the front desk of SGA
    - Meeting with Elections Committee this week
    - No sock update
    - Questions/Comments
      - None
  - VP Davis
    - Happy Fest
      - Huge success
      - Gave out 1000 stickers
      - 300 bracelets
      - Tie-dyed 100 towels
    - Last appointment interview for new senators was this week. Put them into the election process.
    - Questions/Comments
      - None
  - President Maulucci
    - Met with Athletic Director, Senior Associate Athletic Director, and Head coach of Men's Basketball. Talked about student athlete challenges and showed plans for the new Athletic Complex
    - Met with President Sullivan and his Chief of Staff about textbook information. Want to get on top of this issue and online course syllabi. President and Provost are behind the online course syllabi
    - Spoke to the President about Fraternity and Sorority housing; he sympathizes with them. Would like him to make a general statement about his support and send it into legislation
    - All should hear from 2020 groups. Submissions are due before Spring Break
    - Broomball is over, if you want to join kickball or flag football we will start a team
    - Questions/Comments
      - None
- Committee Reports
  - Student Action (Chair Cares)
    - Joke: What does a nosey pepper do? Get jalapeño in your business

- Senator Patel had a meeting about faculty perspective on reading days and CAP usage
- Senator Xia met to talk about fee increase for dinning; still working on points problems
- Senator McDermott worked on shuttles for break
- Happy Fest
  - Thanks to all
  - Mural turned out great
- Questions/Comments
  - None
- Club Affairs (Chair Brown)
  - Starting online check-ins for the spring
  - New leadership workshop is going well in the creation process
  - Questions
    - None
- Academic Affairs (Chair Brandt)
  - Chair Brandt, Senator Dineen, and President Maulucci met with faculty in the department of Biology and staff from the CAS to discuss peer advising
  - HESA has helped with the logistics for Peer Advising training
  - Course syllabi and evaluations
    - Looking back at 2020 surveys, getting data and other input to bring to faculty senate
  - Questions/Comments
    - None
- PR (Chair Ryan)
  - Happy Fest went so well!
  - Mural will be hung in the Davis Center
  - Sending out an email about Sexual Assault Awareness Month
  - Questions/Comments
    - None
- CODEE (Chair Letendre)
  - Attended a presentation on a study on Staff Pay Equity
    - Results are very good for UVM. Campus announcement soon
  - Senator Corcoran has a meeting with IRA to get refill stations in residential halls
  - In process of hiring interfaith coordinator
  - Will be drafting a resolution for SLADE over Spring Break
  - Questions/Comments
- COLA (Senator Scott)
  - Will email report as soon as possible
- Finance (Chair Langham)
  - Budgets were sent out last Thursday and Friday
  - This week dealing with appeals process
  - First meeting back from break, we will vote on all club and organization budgets
  - Heard form
    - Triathlon
    - Ultimate Frisbee
    - UVMTVs
    - Real food revolution
    - Nordic ski team

- Snowboard team
- Free skiing team
  - Questions/Comments
    - None
- Senatorial Forum
  - VP Davis
    - President Maulucci met with Director for State and Federal Relations to set a Gubernatorial forum
    - Quick shout-out to finance for balancing the budget
- Comments and Announcements
  - Senator Donoghue
    - Ski and Snowboard Club is in a Red Bull competition
  - Senator Wu
    - Apologize for clubs at public forum not showing up
- Adjourned