SGA Senatorial Meeting: Tuesday March 15, 2016 at 7pm

- Attendance
  - Student Action: Senator Howley and Senator Xia absent
  - Club Affairs: Senator Falques absent
  - Academic Affairs: All present
  - PR: All present
  - CODEE: Senator Miller absent
  - COLA: All present
  - Finance: Senator Donoghue

- Minutes Approved

- Public Forum
  - Gioia Thompson from the Office of Sustainability
    - Strategically bridging academics and operations in support of sustainable development
    - Want to get UVM energy to net zero
    - Challenges associated with UVM’s Sustainability Commitments
      - Green building
      - Higher Education Leaders
      - Carbon Commitment
      - Dining
      - Energy Efficiency
      - Public Reporting
    - President’s Climate Commitment- now called the Carbon Commitment
      - Reduce emissions through efficiency
      - Switching to renewable energy
      - Buying carbon credits or otherwise compensating for carbon pollution
    - Quantifying Emissions
      - Direct
        - Emissions from the activities of the campus
      - Indirect
        - Emissions from utility production not at the university
        - Emissions including agriculture, transportation, and waste disposal
    - UVM spends more electricity and fuel than peers because of
      - Higher electrical and fuel costs are higher
      - Older buildings
    - UVM Clean Energy Fund
      - $10/student per semester for renewable energy research projects and education
  - Questions/Comments
    - Is it true that UHN and UHS have brackets for solar panels? Is that something that will happen in the future? (VP Davis)
      - The orientation of the buildings was made for that purpose, not sure if there are brackets there
      - Want to get more solar energy and they are at the top of the list, but also looking at other buildings
    - Do you ever see UVM’s goal to be giving the Burlington area energy once we reach net zero? (Senator McDermott)
      - Don’t see us coming anywhere near making our own needs
      - We have an old infrastructure, so we’d have to tear everything down to get there
      - However, we are building new buildings that are ready for net zero
• Does your budget give an allowance to structure improvements? (Treasurer DeGama)
  o No money for infrastructure
  o We try to support and voice how infrastructure money should be spent
• Is your office paying attention to water bottle ban? What are your thoughts? (Chair Cares)
  o SGA pushed for ending water bottle sales. There was push back, especially by Coke
  o Students pushed further, to end sponsorship arrangement with Coke
  o All money from arrangement was going towards scholarship, but it wasn’t too much of an advantage
• Are the new resident halls being built for net zero? (Senator Kruglik)
  o Buildings will not be net zero buildings, but we’ll be able to track usage much better
  o Men’s Ice Hockey
    ▪ Participate in the NECHA division of the ACHA
    ▪ Compete against other club teams across the Northeast
    ▪ 40-80 people try out for a 32-person team
    ▪ We like a bigger team to help teammates focus on academics
    ▪ More successful because we delegate responsibility
    ▪ Positions: president, treasurer, marketing, social media, travel
    ▪ Club is competitive and fun; thanks for all of SGA’s help
    ▪ We’ve built bonds and great relationships
  o Questions/Comments
    • In addition to SGA funding, what else can we do to further your efforts? (President Maulucci)
      o Appreciated the marketing of games to students, as well as sending out results afterwards
    • Can we build relationships with other universities through clubs like ice hockey? (Senator Wu)
      o We get to go to other schools and meet other teams
      o I hope other clubs have this relationship
    • Do you consider grade when recruiting? (Senator Donoghue)
      o Students don’t make the roster, coaches do
      o There isn’t a year when we don’t take a first year
      o Don’t reserve a set amount of spots for certain years
    • Is there a process you go through with feedback to your advisor? How involved is they in club processes? What do you do to keep coaches and advisors accountable? (VP Davis)
      o USA Hockey keeps everything in check, including coaches
      o Coaches provide feedback to referees every game
      o Coaches also keep in constant communication with how athletes and officials are treated for a positive environment
    • International students, especially from china, come here and don’t know what ice hockey is. Is there a way to get them involved further?
      o We always want people coming to games
      o We try to get marketing fresh
  o Old Business
    o Bill Recognizing Books 4 equality
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- Want to help students get free textbooks
- Books for equality is nonprofit and volunteer led
- Questions/Comments
  - What do you do with books that aren’t used or wanted? (Chair Cares)
    o Pledge to donate textbooks worldwide to those who don’t have access
    o Working in the Bahamas
  - Where do you keep books? (Senator Elrick)
    o Last year we had a place on Lumis, now we are using the SGA cage
  - Clarification: Students give their textbooks and you give these books to students for free. Do students chose to keep textbooks or give them back? (Chair Ryan)
    o They give them back, but it’s not a rental because there is no money
  - Do the textbooks have access codes? If not, is there a way to label them so students know? (Chair Zhou)
    o No current way to give access codes to students, but we will label them
  - Is there any way to regulate highlighting and writing in the textbooks? (Senator Scott)
    o We haven’t considered that yet, but it’s something good to think about
  - What is the success rate in finding books for classes students are trying to take? (VP Davis)
    o Have a wide selection for intro classes
    o Not sure about more specific classes, but you can check the database
  - How do you hold people accountable for returning books? (Senator Falques)
    o Currently working on an honors system, but will come up with a better system later
  - How many people have been working with you? (Senator Kruglik)
    o Decided to have manager at the bookstore be our club advisor so we have can work together
    o 12 students are currently involved, hoping for more
  - What made you initiate this idea? (Senator Chik)
    o We searched for this kind of program and nothing like it exists. We are trying to spread locally and hopefully build further
  - How do you access the list of textbooks? How many books do you have? (Senator Stark)
    o Have 300+ books collected
    o Books4Equality.com
  - Extremely impressed and excited to work together (Treasurer DeGama)
  - What is the bookstores response (Senator Miller)
    o Manager was very compliant, wants to help out students
- Bill Read
  - Bill passed
- Bill Allocating Funds to UVM Triathlon Club
  - Student Presentation
  - Questions/Comments
    - None
  - Bill Read
  - Bill Passed
- Bill Approving Fiscal Year 17 SGA Club Budget
  - 144 clubs requested budgets
  - Amounted $2.22 million
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- Had $1.247 million to allocate
- Allocating rate has doubled over the past few years
- All funds come through student fees
- Hoping next semester the fee will be $100
- 67% of SGA budget went to clubs directly and through supplemental funding

How it worked:
- Two mandatory budget workshops for club treasurers
- Budget hearings
- Considered the number of members, growth of the club, fundraising abilities, allocations for past years, and special circumstances
- All clubs are eligible to appeal their budget allocations
- Made sure everything was fair

Questions/Comments
- What is in a club budget? (Senator Fortner-Buczala)
  - There’s a summary page and multiple tabs (i.e. wages, services, travel, events, registration, equipment, and other). There are line items within each tab
  - We have hearings so that clubs and SGA know what is going on and where the money is going
- There is an appeal process, has this happened? Were clubs satisfied? (Chair Brown)
  - Had 23 clubs appeal and come in to talk
  - All received updated budgets
  - Yet to receive any angry feedback

Bill Read
Bill Passed

Emergency Business
- Bill Allocating Funds to UVM Shooting Team
  - Student Presentation
  - Questions/Comments
    - Have you been to nationals before? (Chair Brandt)
      - We’ve gone every year in the past 5 years, except last year
  - Bill Read
  - Bill Passed
- Bill Allocating Funds to the Lawrence Debate Union
  - Student Presentation
  - Questions/Comments
    - None
  - Bill Read
  - Bill Passed

New Business
- Resolution Supporting SLADE Environmental Co-op and the Save Slade Campaign
- Bill Recognizing Bee Keepers Club
  - Bill Recognizing _____

Executive Reports
- Speaker
  - Election packets for President and VP are still out, due on Friday at 4pm
  - Election debate is scheduled for March 23rd at Brennan’s at 6:30pm
  - Questions/Comments
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- None
  - VP
    - End of the Year Banquet
      - Everyone gets their own glass mug
      - Give out 3 SGA awards
        - Service Award (senators)
        - Diversity Award (chairs and senators)
        - Gormley Award (graduating seniors)
    - Pat Brown sent a survey to senators who have left
      - Most left because of academic and time commitments
    - Questions/Comments
      - None
  - President Maulucci
    - Fraternity and Sorority rally was Thursday before break
    - Dean of Rubenstein school and previous Interim Dean of Rubenstein want to bring governor Peter Shumlin for a forum
    - Reading Day ad-hoc committee met; President of Faculty Senate reached out and wants to talk about bringing reading days back
    - UVM is signing with ESPN3 to get D1 sports on TV
    - Meeting with honorary degree comity to talk about commencement speaker for 2017
    - Meeting with Dean of Students to inform about Sexual Assault Awareness Month
    - Kickball starts next week
    - Questions/Comments
      - Will ESPN3 be broadcasting both men and women’s games? (Senator Ford)
        - Not aware, but will ask
  - Treasurer DeGama
    - Congrats to ASB
    - Congrats on a successful budget pass
    - Questions/Comments
      - None
- Committee Reports
  - Student Action (Chair Cares)
    - Senator McDermott is working on issues at Trinity
    - Senator Howley is meeting about who’s being admitted into the WE
    - Working on this semester:
      - Campus App
      - Survey on Physical Health
      - Transportation- Buses for Winter
      - Dining- Fixing points and dining Hall hours
    - CatCard wants us to look at new CatCard designs and help select one
    - What did JZ call his girlfriend before they got married? Fiancée
    - Questions/Comments
      - None
  - Club Affairs (Chair Brown)
    - Going through recognition process
    - Working on outline for new leadership meetings for clubs
    - Going to a meeting in NYC for a new Athletic Director
    - Met with someone from Collegiate Links and we are excited to work with them
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- Reading Day ad-hoc committee came up with a lot of different options and we are hoping to come to a compromise
- Questions/Comments
  - Are we renewing our membership with the Lynx? (Senator Kruglik)
    - Yes, because they are merging with another company and are more collaborative now
  - Does the lynx have anything to educate students? (Chair Cares)
    - They have YouTube sites and different tutorials
- AA (Chair Brandt)
  - Looking at course syllabi, course evaluations, and registration
  - BOT met on Monday
    - New Minors: Neuroscience and Behavioral Change and Health studies
    - All Earth and UVM have an agreement to add more solar panels
    - Converse Halls will be added to the national registrar for historical buildings
    - Virtue field is getting seating
  - Questions/Comments
    - None
- PR (Chair Ryan)
  - Senator Tracey and Butler met about club sports newsletter and we will be in communication with them. Work passed off the newsletter crew.
  - Senator Butler is working on faculty/student BBQ the weekend before classes start in the fall
  - Equity Week will be the final week of March or first week of April
  - Questions/Comments
    - Will the BBQ be targeted for 1st years? (Chair Letendre)
      - Mostly, but will also have RAs, student senators, and upper classmen come to meet with first years
- CODEE (Chair Letendre)
  - Meeting about heating in buildings at 2:45pm Wednesday in Gormley
  - Equity calendar finalized
  - Chair Letendre and President Maulucci with the Vice President of Human Resources, Diversity and Multicultural Affairs about promoting the keynote for Blackboard Jungle
    - Keynote Panel on Rachel Dolezal
    - March 31st at 4pm
  - EcoReps sent out a survey
  - Questions/Comments
    - None
- COLA (Chair Francis)
  - Have a Heart is Wednesday at 5-6pm
  - Friday at 3pm is Community Coalition
  - Fraternity and Sorority Rally
    - Every chapter had a speaker
    - President Maulucci also gave a speech
    - Community members came
    - Great turnout
  - Questions/Comments
    - None
- Finance (Chair Langham)
  - Thanks for passing the budget
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- Heard from
  - Lawrence Debate Union
  - Shooting Team
  - International Socialists Organization
  - Roller Hockey
- Thanks to Club Affairs and Treasurer DeGama
- Questions/Comments
  - None

- Senatorial Forum
  - Senator Guarino
    - We should do a weekly “What you need to know SGA” email
  - Chair Ryan
    - Love the idea, but we also send out other emails
    - People hate getting blasted with emails
    - President Maulucci sends out biweekly emails, so we could try to incorporate it into that
  - President Maulucci
    - My emails are a little long and not always read, so I think we should collaborate with this
  - Senator Kruglik
    - Maybe we could advertise SGA on myUVM
  - Senator Scott
    - Windows Outlook has cool features for planning events
    - Really enjoy the events promoted on banner

- Comments and Announcements
  - Chair Ryan
    - Watch Save SLADE video
  - Chair Brandt
    - January 8th is Martin St. Louis Day in Vermont
  - Senator Howley
    - Delta Desserts is Sunday at 5pm
    - $5 before, $7 at the door
  - Senator Donoghue
    - Next Wednesday and Thursday is the Spring Career Fair

- Adjourned