

SGA Senatorial Meeting: Tuesday March 22, 2016 at 7pm

- Attendance
 - Student Action: All present
 - Club Affairs: Chair Brown and Senator Gliserman absent
 - Academic Affairs: Senator Harris absent
 - PR: Senator Cleary absent
 - CODEE: Chair Letendre and Senator Ford absent
 - COLA: All present
 - Finance: All present
- Minutes Approved
- Public Forum
 - Dean of the Grossman School of Business- Dr. Sanjay Sharma
 - Focus is to prepare students for careers and jobs
 - Graduate programs usually expect students to have experience for a year or two before application
 - 2016: Entrepreneurship graduate program was ranked among the top programs worldwide— it's in its second year. 2015: It was ranked 4 in the Princeton Review
 - 2016: Master accounting program ranked 40 in US and 9 in mid-sized programs
 - 2015: Family business program ranked in the top 25 schools worldwide
 - 2014: Grossman School was ranked top 50 for most innovative
 - 3 strategic themes: Global Business, Sustainable Business, and Entrepreneurship
 - 4 concentrations: Finance, Accounting, Marketing, and Business Analytics
 - Experiential Learning
 - Internships: 95% of students
 - Placement: 95% within 6 months
 - Increased number/quality of employers
 - National/International Case competitions
 - Career& Industry panels
 - Alumni Networking
 - Deans Leadership Speaker series
 - Business pitch competition
 - Host annual Global Family Enterprise Case competition
 - Questions/Comments
 - In the immense amount of rankings, could you elaborate how the rankings are determined? (Senator Patel)
 - Entrepreneurship program MBA
 - Academic quality
 - Employee survey
 - Student survey
 - Faculty research
 - Accounting program is based on CPA exam results
 - Do you have one or two big take-aways to pitch for perspective students? (Senator Johnson)
 - Experience is based on how you seize it, talk to business students
 - Internships and placements are very big too
 - What is your take on improving the amount of employers to the career fair? (Chair Brandt)
 - We need more focus and resources, offering career support services for every college

- Business school offers its own career fairs and the finance and accounting programs do their own as well. Alumni come to campus too.
 - Are case competitions for undergraduates? (Senator Zhou)
 - They are all undergraduate
 - It's a very concentrated program
 - If you want to get involved talk to Thomas Chittenden
 - Is there any specific help for international students? (Senator Zhou)
 - Have a dedicated student advisor for international students
 - Have many international faculty members that work with students
 - Visa restrictions are a problem when it comes to placement
 - Could you elaborate on peer advising? (Senator Scott)
 - Professional and faculty advising
 - 1+2 year: Advising is focused on procedure and structure
 - 3+4: Advising is focused on career
 - Peer advising is critical for college life experience, mentorship, and relating
 - What do you think the major roadblocks holding us behind other colleges in terms of placement in internships and moving from a non-target to a target school? (Senator Guarino)
 - Building an application takes a long time
 - The schools build its own areas of focus to utilize small faculty and stay focused
 - Experiential courses and investment fund will help us grow
- Inter-Residence Association (IRA)
 - Student Advocacy group for those who live on campus
 - Slade
 - This decision to move SLADE onto meal plan was made at university level and not by ResLife
 - The decision was to move SLADE into greenhouse until renovations at their house are done
 - Included in this wing of the greenhouse will be a brand new kitchen
 - SLADE residents will all be together and won't be separated
 - They will have their own budget
 - They will have access to a garden
 - They were told renovations would take 2 years, but it will be longer because the University didn't understand the full cost of the renovation
 - Meal plan
 - Will have it next year. University decision, not ResLife
 - Will have a negotiation to have more options
 - Want to see if points can be used at farms and local co-ops
 - There needs to be more of a conversation
 - Student voice isn't being heard to fullest extent
 - A lot of miscommunication
 - More communication needs to be made
 - Questions/Comments
 - Could you describe your roll in this? (Senator Johnson)
 - We are a student advocacy, we go to ResLife with student housing issues
 - Have more access to information and resources than students
 - Do you know if there is a reason SLADE can't stay in the cottages? (Chair Ryan)

- Eventually the cottages won't be used for living, but for faculty and student learning buildings.
 - The buildings aren't in best condition for living
 - The Greenhouse has a lot of resources SLADE would benefit from
- Does ResLife know how long renovations will take? (Senator Tracey)
 - 1-2 years
- Will SLADE forever be on the meal plan? (Senator Fortner-Buczala)
 - Replacement of SLADE was ResLife decision and meal plan was University decision
 - Everyone will be on a meal plan next year unless they have ACCESS accommodation
- Have you been in communication with Slade about meal plan? (Senator Kruglik)
 - There is a negotiation that can happen with SLADE and the meal plan
 - Want input and conversation on finding alternative ways to use points
- Are there any other programmed housing options with meal plan exemptions? (Chair Francis)
 - No
- How will SLADE programs work, like their coffee shops? (Senator Kruglik)
 - They'll have a lounge in the greenhouse
- Point of Information (VP Davis): Met with Annie Stevens today, and the University is thinking about letting SLADE stay in cottages until their house is done with renovations
- I think we should table SLADE because of the lack of representation and new information (Senator Johnson)
- What does IRA support? (Senator McDermott)
 - Follow four cornerstones of: Diversity and inclusion, leadership and civic engagement, health and wellness, and enhancing learning
 - Came here to give information and don't have an opinion. We have the student's back.
- IRA doesn't work for res life, they follow their pillars, but they work for students. They have a unique perspective and we should all work together in the future. (President Maulucci)
- Are there other issues on your radar that should be on SGA's agenda? (Chair Cares)
 - There are always a lot of things. Water fountains, surveys for first-years, things come up. Talk to Leslie.
- Do you have any say in the sanctioning process or protocol for problems?
 - We don't have anything to do with that, that is ResLife
 - You can come to us with any problems and we can advocate for you
- Old Business
 - Bill Recognizing Bee Keeping Club
 - Student Presentation
 - Secured location for hives
 - Risk management approved
 - Want to establish a bee keeping community on campus
 - Educate and inform community on bee importance
 - Questions/Comments
 - How many hives are you trying to start with? (Senator Corcoran)
 - Will have 3 by this spring

- The fence that will be built will hold 10 hives
 - How do you go about training people with bees? Will there be a care schedule? Have you contacted anyone about selling honey products on campus? (Senator Miller)
 - Some members are already seasoned bee keepers and they will help train
 - You don't need to go through any regulations to sell honey, you just need permission from the event you are selling
 - Location of bees is in the range of UVM rescue, they can get there in less than a minute
 - Will have EpiPens and Benadryl on hand
 - Could you give me an explanation as to why bees are important? (Chair Ryan)
 - Bees are crucial to crops and food systems. Every 2/3 of what you eat is pollinated by bees.
 - Economy Collapse Disorder- bees are leaving for no reason
 - What do you do with bees in the winter? (Senator Patel)
 - Make sure they have enough honey
 - Put mouse guards up
 - Make sure there is no excess moisture
 - After that, it's up to the health of the hive
 - What's going to happen in the summer with no students? (Senator Corcoran)
 - There will be students who stay here over the summer to help out
 - Sometimes clubs fizzle out— do you have a plan to keep up membership? (Chair Cares)
 - Want to get as many people included as we can
 - Hopefully will get an observation hive in Jeffords
 - Selling honey will also get attention
 - There is youth in the club
- Bill Read
- Bill Passed
- Bill Recognizing Headwaters Magazine
 - Student presentation
 - Provide print and online outlets for factual student commentaries on environmental issues
 - Informed Opinion-Based Magazine
 - Forum to help students develop environmental journalistic skills
 - Interdisciplinary studies
 - 40 students have expressed interest
 - Questions/Comments
 - In terms of fundraising ideas, will you reach out for advertisement? (Senator Donoghue)
 - Yes, will be looking for add revenue and local sponsorship
 - When do you hope to have your first print publication? (Senator Ford)
 - Mid-October
 - How often will you publish? What other fundraising resources will you have? (Senator Xia)
 - Working with local sponsorships and have add revenue
 - Apply for scholarships and awards
 - Want to print bi-semester

- How will you mitigate the risk of putting out and not having it picked up, while you could just put on the Internet? (Treasurer DeGama)
 - The magazine could be a beautiful forum of student ownership you could put on your table
 - Student voices have valuable ideas that should be presented beautifully
 - We are thinking about environmental options within the realm of our opinion-based sources
- You could reach out to Cynic and Water Tower during the intermediate phase (Treasurer DeGama)
- It would be interesting to reach out to art majors and get their pieces into publication (Senator Miller)
- Will the bi-semester magazine be a compilation of the weekly online articles, or will there be new articles too? (Senator Elrick)
 - We haven't quite figured that out, there may be overlap
- Have you reached out the other publications? What sparked you to do this? (Senator Pavlow)
 - No we have not reached out to make an opinion column in the Cynic or Water Tower
 - Our goal is to create a forum for student opinions on interpreting environmental issues, in a systematic way
- Bill Read
- Bill Passed
- Resolution Supporting SLADE Environmental Co-op and the Save Slade Campaign
 - Student Presentation
 - Save Slade campaign video
 - 1,100 signatures on a petition
 - Resolution Read
 - Questions/Comments
 - It doesn't sound like there has been an open discussion. The word "demand" shouldn't be used because it makes it sound like you won't compromise (Senator Scott)
 - The demands are essential for SLADE to exist
 - Have been trying to get involved
 - There are communication issues on both sides
 - Do first-years live here? (Senator Donoghue)
 - Yes, first years live here. Only can be there second semester
 - You have to seek it out and make a connection with it
 - You pay normal housing rate? (Senator Donoghue)
 - We pay the price of a single suite
 - Is there an RA? (Senator Donoghue)
 - Yes, there is one for the two buildings
 - Follow all residence hall conditions
 - Are there any other ResLife programs that have their own buildings? (Senator Donoghue)
 - 4 cottages on Trinity- two for SLADE, one for Recovering Program, and one for LGBTQA
 - We are the only ones off a meal plan

- The point of SLADE is to be off the grid. It's not affecting us, but it is affecting them. Can you explain what it would mean to live on-campus in a residence hall? (Senator Kruglik)
 - The point of SLADE is to live independently— like a family
 - We run everything— it's our own space
 - Another aspect is food— we cook meals 5 days a week
 - SLADE is where students can step up and be community members
- You mentioned being overlooked, I think opening SLADE to first-years is a great way to correct this (Senator Tracey)
- What do you feel you'd be losing if you moved to the greenhouse and could use your meal plan points to buy local food? (Senator Tracey)
 - Slade is an environmental co-op
 - We are skeptical the meal plan will allow us to get what we need
 - If it comes down to it, we would be willing compromise
- Can you talk about Slade's probation? (Senator Tracey)
 - The probation is from 2014
 - Without warning, ResLife told students they were closing SLADE
 - That year, seniors of SLADE threw a party that caused thousands of dollars in damage
 - Afterwards, SLADE made a promise that it would never happen again
- Given the flexibility, as far as SLADE being the longest environmental co-op and longest program here, University Heights South and all of its sustainability features could be a good fit for the future (Chair Brandt)
 - I would hope the South Prospect house would have environmental aspects when it is done
 - Appreciate suggestions and think it would be a great alternative, in that way
 - However, the independency is lost in the Greenhouse
- Spoke with Pat Brown. The timeline for SLADE renovations is taking longer because the building is a historical property that needs to be up to code. Because of this, cost projections have increased tremendously. (President Maulucci)
- It might be best to hear what Annie Stevens has to say before passing this resolution. That way we can make a more informed vote. (President Maulucci)
- Another interesting proposal from Annie was waiving SLADE students so they could live off-campus and have their residence there.
- What would SLADE's reaction be to Annie's potential proposals? (President Maulucci)
 - Would be great to hear all ideas and negotiate
 - Another reason we are opposed to the Greenhouse is because upperclassman can't live in the residence halls
- What specifically are we in support of here? Demands vs. Flexibility (Chair Cares)
 - List of demands have been a guide
 - There have been conversations in SLADE about increasing flexibility
 - This resolution is a way to say show a major student organization, like SGA, supports student interest
- If the resolution is not to 100% endorse SLADE demands, I would suggest a friendly amendment adding an expression of compromise and flexibility (President Maulucci)

- SLADE can change and should change slightly, we should have a better structural loop with ResLife
 - If you were to move as part of ResLife would you have access to their funding to potentially grow? How many people are signed up for SLADE next year? Has SLADE been growing over the years? (Senator Stark)
 - SLADE does not get funding, but we would like it. However, we have been working without it okay
 - Have had concerts at SLADE with local bands
 - We have 18 applicants for next year
 - Cottages can only hold 12, Greenhouse holds 15, the old SLADE hall holds 23
 - Have lost interest, but are slowly gaining it back
 - Given the University's master plan to make campus living more centralized, is this type of move inevitable? Is us passing this resolution now just pushing off problems of the future? (Senator Stark)
 - Passing this resolution and maintaining SLADE would work along side the changes ResLife wants to make
 - SLADE could be listed under a themed housing of environmental sustainability and stewardship without having to assimilate
 - I see two directions going forward— voting on or tabling the resolution. Would you want to work on the language of the legislation and talk with Annie Stevens or would you rather just vote? (Senator Johnson)
 - Would prefer to get this decided now
 - However, do not want to pressure the body into a decision
 - This resolution upholds what should happen in UVM halls
- Resolution Passed (Later Vetoed by President)
- Emergency Business
 - None
- New Business
 - None
- Executive Reports
 - Speaker Andrews
 - Great discussion with SLADE resolution
 - Elections
 - Two candidates for President and Vice President of SGA- Jason Maulucci and Tyler Davis
 - Debate tomorrow in Brennan's at 6:30pm
 - Reminder that there is a no phone policy
 - Questions/Comments
 - None
 - VP Davis
 - SGA End Of The Year Banquet
 - Thursday, April 7th 5-8pm
 - Gormley's will be here
 - The three SGA awards will be handed out
 - UVM 2020 is still being edited
 - There are a few topics that were never assigned, so help doing that would be great
 - Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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- Met with Annie Stevens and David Nester and rekindled the idea of Blue Lights being extended downtown
- Want to partner with SGA on the Companion App
- Looking at 100 sexual assault reports by the end of the semester. Taking this as a sign that more people are comfortable with the system and want to speak up.
- Posters are ready to go up
- Safe Ride- Looking into site visits for the summer
- Student Concern: What happens to the alleged victim during the investigative phase? UVM has safe housing for emergency situations like this.
- CAPS is aware of their demand and thinking about planning weekend hours
- Questions/Comments
 - None
- President Maulucci
 - President Sullivan's Annual Dinner is April 12th at 5pm, it is RSVP
 - Sent a letter to all the Deans regarding course syllabi and expanding course descriptions
 - Meeting with Faculty Senate in regards to reading days
 - Forfeited broomball game
 - Questions/Comments
 - None
- Treasurer DeGama
 - Working on search for Treasurer DeGama's successor
 - Application is due Friday, April 8th at 12pm
 - Any suggestions or questions, send his way
 - Questions/Comments
 - None
- Committee Reports
 - Student Action (Chair Cares)
 - Joke: Why do they put fences around cemeteries? Because people are dying to get in
 - Airport shuttles for spring break went really well
 - Reading Days tabling will be Friday 10am-1pm
 - Questions/Comments
 - None
 - Club Affairs (Senator Flaherty)
 - Chair Brown will email report
 - Questions/Comments
 - None
 - Academic Affairs (Chair Brandt)
 - Worked on and fully support the letter to the Deans about course syllabi and expanding course descriptions
 - Questions/Comments
 - None
 - PR (Chair Ryan)
 - Sexual Assault Awareness Month will now be referred to as SAAM
 - Tabling next Friday similar to the last day of Happy Fest
 - Want to do a mural activity as well
 - Take Back the Night
 - The Hunting Ground Screening

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- Emailed someone from Athletic Department to collaborate with the It's On Us campaign
 - In April, grab student in the Davis center to be a part of the SAAM video
 - Will be meeting with Abby McGowan on the first-year BBQ and it will be brought to the Faculty Senate on March 31
 - Questions/Comments
 - None
- CODEE (Senator Miller)
 - Chair Letendre will email report
 - Questions/Comments
 - None
- COLA (Chair Francis)
 - Will hold report until next week
 - Questions/Comments
 - None
- Finance
 - Hearings from:
 - Woodsman Team
 - Fencing Team
 - Club Softball
 - Women's Volleyball
 - Badminton Team
 - Questions/Comments
 - None
- Senatorial Forum
 - Senator Scott
 - On the Dean of Student's Advisory Board and would be more than happy to reference you in the monthly meetings to her and the committee.
- Comments and Announcements
 - Senator Ford
 - Have the UVM Water stickers and Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle stickers
- Adjourned