

SGA Senatorial Meeting: Tuesday March 29, 2016 at 7pm

- Attendance
  - Student Action: All present
  - Club Affairs: Senator Gliserman
  - Academic Affairs: All present
  - PR: Senator Cleary absent
  - CODEE: All present
  - COLA: All present
  - Finance: Senator Guarino absent
- Minutes Approved
- Public Forum
  - No one scheduled
  - No comments
- Old Business
  - None
- Emergency Business
  - Bill Recognizing Intag Solidarity Group
    - Student Presentation
      - Raise awareness, generate funds, and build economic relationships with the Intag Region of Ecuador
      - Goal is to stop the construction of a copper mine in the Intag Region of Ecuador
    - Questions/Comments
      - Is there a deadline you're working towards? (Chair Brandt)
        - This will be a continuous goal. Although the people have fought off many companies, there are more that are coming in.
      - What is the progress on your petition? What is the interest in your group? (Senator Scott)
        - Not sure how many people are directly interested
        - There are 50 signatures online
        - Another petition will come soon, supporting the sale of Intag coffee in Henderson's Cafe
    - Bill Read
    - Bill Passed
- New Business
  - Bill Derecognizing Vermont Students for Animal Protection (VSAP)
  - Bill Allocating Funds to Club Gymnastics
- Executive Reports
  - Speaker Andrews
    - Congratulations to President Maulucci and Vice President Davis on their win for a second term as President and Vice President
    - SLADE
      - Passed because of the way we define a simple majority
      - When you abstain, you give up your right to vote
    - Questions/Comments
      - Great job handling last meeting, you did a fantastic job! (Senator Johnson)
  - VP Davis
    - SGA Banquet
      - Next Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm
      - Gormley family will be there
      - Food ordered

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- Give-away glasses ordered
  - It's on Us
    - Got the vector file for the logo from last year's campaign
    - Want to do a travel coffee mug giveaway
  - Photoshop is now available on VP Davis' computer
  - Earth Day
    - Feel free to design a sticker
    - Want to print on recycled material
  - Questions/Comments
    - None
- President Maulucci
  - We will be getting Reading Days back
  - Met with Dean Falls about Expanded Course Description
  - Peer Advising
    - Presented the program to the Mathematics and Statistics department and they will be a pilot program for 2016-2017 year
    - Applications for peer advising interns in the Advising Center open this week. Already have 20 student applications
  - Committee Chair applications are open tomorrow
  - Treasurer applications are open tomorrow. Talk to Treasurer DeGama if you are interested or know someone who would do well in this position
  - Thank you Senator Ford and Senator Corcoran for your work on the Carbon Footprint Committee
  - Speaking with Governor's Chief of Staff to coordinate bringing Governor Shumlin to UVM to host a forum on Fossil Fuel Divestment
  - April 19 new chairs and senators sworn in
  - April 26 will be speaker and treasurer sworn in
  - Questions/Comments
    - None
- Committee Reports
  - Student Action (Chair Cares)
    - Joke: Why don't oysters share their pearls? Because they're shellfish.
    - Meeting with IRA next week to start building a relationship
    - Meeting with UVM dining about fixing points plan
    - Free bicycle pump will be fixed soon
    - Campus App survey will be sent out soon
    - Elections Chair for senate elections
      - Mandatory meeting at Sunday, April 3 at 6pm
      - Packets Due Friday, April 1
    - Reading Days
      - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday are finals
      - Wednesday has no scheduled finals except one make-up slot in the evening
      - We are getting rid of one reading day, but also one exam day
    - Questions/Comments
      - The blue-light on the Redstone Green (across from Southwick) is out of order (Chair Francis)
  - Club Affairs (Chair Brown)
    - Spring check-in forms went out yesterday
    - Derecognitions are coming up soon

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- Sending out thank you emails to club advisors
- Met with people from the Lynx and offering a mini-Lynx workshop
- Athletic Director Search went well
- Questions/Comments
  - None
- AA (Chair Brandt)
  - Dean Falls Meeting
    - Have been creating an outline of course information students would like to see
    - Attending a Provost Academic Leadership Council Meeting with President Maulucci. All Academic Deans are there.
    - Want to reconvene College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Advisory Committee
    - Dean Falls wants to conduct a focus groups with students in CAS for marketing purposes
  - Chair Brandt is on the search committee for a Peer Advising Coordinator. Job search went live yesterday.
  - Senator Fortner-Buczala is working on an initiative surrounding science related fields working in the career center
  - Questions/Comments
    - None
- PR (Chair Ryan)
  - Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)
    - Fraternity and Sorority Life are screening The Hunting Ground so we will not. However, we will help them
    - Committee meeting tomorrow, March 30 at 3pm
    - Working on posters and giveaways
  - Questions/Comments
    - None
- CODEE (Chair Letendre)
  - Equity Week
    - Collaborating with SAAM on Friday 2-4pm in DC atrium
    - Posters will be up tomorrow
    - Banner will be made for students to write on
  - Senator Miller is working on supplemental resources on sexual harassment
  - Senator Miller got the composting of brown paper towels in McCauley approved for the Fall
  - CO<sub>2</sub> Task Force
    - Working on PR campaign
    - Want to make a video
    - Working during Earth Week
    - Want to have a physical representation of greenhouse gas emissions each student emits- 6 tons
    - Meeting March 30, at 4pm
  - Power Dialogue
    - Tuesday, April 5 at 7pm
    - Get students engaged with state legislators
    - Will be more of a round table discussion on Obama's Climate Action Plan
  - Questions/Comments
    - None

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- COLA (Chair Francis)
  - Community Coalition
    - Community Gardening
    - WCAX will be there gathering footage
    - April 15
  - Community Cleanup is April 17
  - Questions/Comments
    - None
- Finance (Chair Langham)
  - Bill for Club Gymnastics will be complex, but it will be explained
  - Hearings from:
    - Outing Club
    - Shooting Team
    - UVM Free Ski
    - Women's Basketball
    - Vermont Cynic
  - Questions/Comments
    - None
- Senatorial Forum
  - Chair Brandt
    - Want to present the list of student needs for preregistration course syllabus. Would like input from everyone.
    - Questions/Comments
      - Would hybrid courses be under the Primary Mode of Instruction? (Senator Scott)
        - Yes
      - Will it say how many tests or exams you may have? (Chair Cares)
        - That is a good point. We were having trouble categorizing that area. Possibly in Assessment Breakdown.
      - Maybe in Assessment Breakdown, include a description. In the Expanded Course Description, we would like to see learning goals and course objectives. (President Maulucci)
      - Reminds me of Rate my Professor (Senator Wu)
        - Students don't fill this out, instructors will be filling this out
        - Hopefully will have professor evaluations in the future
      - Additional Comments would be useful section to have, so professors can put in what they'd like (Senator Kruglik)
      - Assessment Breakdown, in terms of number of tests, may not fly with all professors because sometimes that information changes throughout the semester (Senator Scott)
        - We are trying to be specific, but also trying to consider the professors.
        - Want professors fill this out to the best of their ability
      - Maybe add the professor's technology policy (Senator Flaherty)
        - Could go under Required Material
      - Have you talked to the registrar about the feasibility of attaching this to their website? (Chair Langham)
        - They would have to write code, but it is possible
        - Would be tricky with a new system, but it should work
        - Will be bringing this to the next Faculty Senate meeting

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- Bigger barrier is the faculty actually filling them out
  - Would it be possible to show whether the classes are offered online or in the summer? (Senator Stark)
    - Yes
- Senator Butler
  - Faculty Senate BBQ: Met with Abby McGowan about details. Will go to ResLife for money. Event will be in the Fall, just before convocation on Sunday. Will try and have professors teaching first year courses, send out emails to reach out to students
- President Maulucci
  - Met with the athletic department calendar structure issues for students to make all practices
  - A lot of colleges have an “activity block”. This is a free time for students in the middle of the day— no classes
  - How would you feel about reducing passing time from 20 to 15 minutes, and using that open block for an activity block
  - Questions/Comments
    - Talked to the Chemistry department about reducing time, and it is not feasible for all students. It is hard to get to classes on one end of campus to the other, especially when they are in Cook. Also, the 20-minute break is good for some student’s mental health. (Senator Kruglik)
    - I think it’s a good idea, but I don’t think we should do it during construction. In terms of pushback, a lot of clubs would maybe put their meetings at that time, still closing that window for athletes. (Senator Johnson)
    - Would this be a once a week or everyday? (Chair Langham)
      - It would be everyday
      - Plan is to move back to 15 minutes after construction
      - Want to look at how many students are really using the 20 minutes to travel
    - I don’t think 20 minutes is necessary unless you are going from one very end to the other. I think reducing it makes sense. It would be great for meetings, especially for off-campus students. (Senator Donoghue)
    - Athletic fields are small, so teams may be fight over practice times. However, an activity block would be great for the career center when they bring in employers (Senator Scott)
    - Would this affect Tuesday/Thursday classes disproportionately because they are longer? (Senator McDermott)
      - Possibly
    - Would it be possible schedule different times for this block during the week, so it doesn’t always fall on the same hour? (McDermott)
      - I don’t believe it matters, so I it could work
- Comments and Announcements
  - Senator Miller
    - Friday, April 15 at 7pm and Saturday April 16 at 11am will be the Vagina Monologue
  - Chair Brown
    - Relay for Life is Friday, April 8
    - Made a team for SGA
- Adjourned