

SGA Senatorial Meeting: Tuesday September 8, 2015 at 7pm

- Attendance
 - Club Affairs: All Present
 - COLA: Senator Morgan absent
 - AA: All Present
 - Finance: All present
 - PR: Senator Samson absent
 - CODEE: Senator Washington absent
 - Student Action: Senator Collingsworth absent
- Public Forum
 - No one scheduled
 - No comments
- Old Business
 - No one scheduled
 - No comments
- Emergency Business
 - No one scheduled
 - No comments
- New Business
 - Bill to change changing Alpine Racing to UVM Alpine Ski Racing (Chair Brown)
- Executive Reports
 - Speaker Simpson
 - Weekend Retreat
 - Roberts Rules
 - Dress Code
 - Attendance Policy
 - Will give detail this weekend, but know by Tuesday (9/15) what meetings people are planning on missing and why
 - Excused only for exams and sports games on Tuesday nights
 - 2nd Annual Women and Leadership Conference
 - Run by Speaker Simpson and Senator Ryan
 - Starting up the process now, would like help if interested
 - Planning to occur this spring
 - Speaker Harper may switch to a different committee
 - Senate Bonding
 - Monthly events outside work environment (i.e. apple picking)
 - New plaquers
 - Replacing outdated ones soon, waiting for first years to come in to order everything at once
 - Doodle Page
 - Chairs: stop doodling on voting records
 - Questions
 - Absences (Chair Letendre)
 - This year, no difference between unexcused and excused absences.

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- You get two absences (other than ones submitted by 9/15). A third absence will result in a “conversation” between your chair, Speaker Simpson, and VP Davis
 - Extreme cases, talk to your chair or Speaker Simpson
 - Would absences that count for missing class, be the same for missing SGA? Example: varsity sport event? (Senator Gliserman)
 - Yes, ask by Tuesday (9/15) what meetings you plan to miss and why
 - Homework is NOT an excuse
 - Is the two absent limit for the semester? (Senator Chik)
 - Yes
 - Will the two absent limit be for senate meetings only or all SGA events? (Senator Wu)
 - Just meetings
 - VP Davis
 - Weekend Retreat
 - Will not be at Smugglers Notch this year, instead at Eagle Camp
 - Boves is catering
 - Veggie and Meat lasagna with salad and bread
 - If you don’t like lasagna, let VP Davis know so an alternative meal can be prepared
 - Events
 - Social Justice Training
 - Bystander Intervention Training around Microaggression and Sexual Assault
 - Presentation by Pat Brown
 - Meet outside Davis Center at 8am on Saturday (9/12). Vans leave at 8:30am. At Eagle Camp by 9am.
 - Leave at 2pm on Sunday (9/13). Back on campus by 2:30pm.
 - Give-Aways
 - Expanded budget for this year
 - First order coming in this month: 500 T-shirts made with athletic material. V-cat logo on the front and seal on the back
 - Idea (from Chair Langham): White bath towels with seal in the bottom corner. Possibly do a tabling event with tie-dye
 - Committee of Student Resident Ambassadors
 - Working with Chair Francis, who will oversee the process
 - Awaiting letter from mayor to UVM faculty; will ask them to appoint students who applied to the committee.
 - Sexual Assault on campus
 - Working on an “It’s On Us” video, email, and poster that will outline the process of reporting on campus
 - Getting out information in an easy and understandable way
 - Questions
 - Will we be making any reports after the first year elections? (Chair Brandt)

- Packets for first-year elections (on Tuesday and Wednesday) are due Friday
- Will send out campus-wide email telling students how to apply for senator position and will host interviews through the next week
 - Interest from ~10 people for in 3-4 vacancies
- Need people to sit on Appointments Committee
- President Maulucci
 - President Sullivan couldn't make it this week, but will be here on 9/22
 - President Sullivan's BBQ
 - Dress Code: Casual, but no shorts
 - Starts at 5:30pm, meet at SGA office at 5:15pm
 - Summer 2015
 - Peer Advising
 - Working with Chair Brandt on centralized peer advising, all over campus
 - SGA will identify and hire peer advisors from every academic discipline across campus. They'll be assigned to first years, undecided, and transfer students to field questions, support, and help transition into college
 - Will have people to help Sophomores if needed
 - If it goes through, it will be the largest expansion in SGA in a very long time
 - Retention Rate
 - Now 87%, want to get to 90%
 - Of the 13% that decide to leave from their First year to second year, the decision is made within the first six weeks of their time on campus.
 - We are providing a solution for retention rate
 - The more involved you are, the better the experience
 - Student Life asked all first years what clubs they were interested in joining. All the clubs got a list of perspective first-years so they could reach out before school started.
 - Problem: International Students weren't surveyed
 - Solution: VP Davis and President Maulucci spoke at International Orientation
 - Give-away
 - V-cat T-shirts
 - First major event for this: October 3rd at Men's and Women's soccer game (12pm and 3pm)
 - Another at last hockey game in February
 - Promotes school spirit and SGA
 - Questions
 - None
- Treasurer DaGama
 - Summer 2015

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- Closing and opening accounts
- Financial reporting with clubs
 - Centered around fundraising and negative balance for budget
 - Met with organizations this week to reconcile debt by the end of this month
- Goal: reaching the fiscal year with no debt
- Updating financial policies for fiscal year 2016
- Worked with Kevin Morganstien (a representative from UVM foundation) to create resources for organizations/clubs to fundraise. Working on crowd-funding platforms.
- Treasurers Workshop
 - Wednesday (9/9), 7-9pm in Livak Ballroom with club signers
 - Chair Langham and Blanka Caha will be there as well
- Questions
 - None
- Committee Reports
 - Club Affairs (Chair Brown)
 - Summer 2015
 - In contact with new clubs that want to be recognized
 - Start check-ins in October through Thanksgiving
 - De-recognitions will happen (3-4 clubs) in one bill, within a month or two
 - Finance and Club Affairs will start working together
 - Activities fest (9/9)
 - Social Justice Training
 - All clubs will have to go 9/29 or 10/5
 - Emails (Senator Flaques)
 - Divided clubs (sports and academics) between the two meetings
 - Questions
 - None
 - COLA (Chair Francis)
 - Summer 2015
 - Fall Events
 - Working with Chair Ryan on Veterans Day
 - Committee of Student Resident Ambassadors
 - Trying to boost relationship between UVM student body with Burlington
 - Mayor of Burlington on campus in a few weeks, joined with Provost, for coffee and chatting
 - NPA Meeting (9/9)
 - Questions
 - None
 - AA (Chair Brandt)
 - Peer Advising for Learning Success (PALS)

- Improve advising at UVM through peer advising
- Legislation for PALS act should come up this month
- Details on Saturday at retreat
- Launching pilot program this spring
 - 150 undeclared or exploratory students in CALS be assigned peer advisors
- Advising Center
 - Provost trying to get a center in the Davis Center this year
- Faculty Senate
 - Getting more SGA representation
 - Working with Senator Yang
 - Student Affairs Committee
 - A new faculty award for Outstanding Student Advising
 - A new Banner Integrated Course Survey Form
 - Install a strategic curriculum oversight form
- Committee on Financial and Fiscal Planning
 - Senator Stark will be joining the committee
- Curriculum Affairs Committee (Senator Johnson)
 - Focused on all things academic policies
 - Work with diversity and sustainability curriculum review committee
 - New Business
 - Educational Stewardship Committee
 - Looking at proactive education goals
 - Look for unattended consequences of IBB
 - Vermont Law School
 - Collaboration to create a 3+2 program
 - Launched this summer
 - Available to student in community and international development and Rubenstein school
 - Want to expand to political science and history
 - Academic Program Reviews
 - Review committees on campus
- Board of Trustees (Meeting from May)
 - On committee for educational policy and institutional resources
 - Approved new curriculum
 - Undergraduate certificate in actuarial science (CEMS), undergraduate certificate in ESL (CESS), and new minor in sport management (Rubenstein/BSAD)
 - Online publication of course syllabi
- Questions
 - None
- Finance (Chair Langahm)
 - Hearings
 - Softball- unexpected expenses
 - Women's basketball- need new uniforms (won't need a vote)

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- Crew- capital fund request
 - Working closely with Club Affairs
 - Questions
 - None
- PR (Chair Ryan)
 - Veteran's Day
 - Working with Chair Francis
 - Women's Leadership Conference
 - Working with Speaker Simpson and Senator Cleary
 - After new senators are appointed, will assign a PR senator to each committee for any requests/questions
 - "It's On Us" video
 - Working with VP Davis
 - International Student Newsletter
 - Worked on by Senator Chik
 - 9/11 Recognition
 - Speaker Simpson expressed interest. An email will be sent out
 - Questions
 - None
- CODEE (Chair Letendre)
 - Last Meeting
 - Resolution of interfaith center
 - Complete update in a couple weeks
 - Bringing ALANA closer to campus
 - Worked on by Senator Crespo
 - Vermont Student Opinion Poll (VSOP)
 - Sending out in the next few weeks
 - Related to waste on campus and can labeling
 - Working with PR on a PR campaign
 - Faculty Senate (Meeting from May)
 - D1, D2 requirement and the GenEd and Diversity Assessment Committee
 - Changes were approved, moved D1, D2 requirement under umbrella of GenEd
 - International Student Advisory Board
 - Revive for fall
 - Senate Hosting a ALANA breakfast on 11/20
 - Questions
 - None
- Student Action (Chair Cares)
 - Staff Appreciation Week
 - Video of students talking about staff they appreciate
 - Make on Friday (9/11) at 3pm
 - Breakage card
 - Worked on by Senator Xia

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- Change how you get money back; not in the form of Cat\$cratch
- Reporting Committees at Sheraton and Quarry Hill
 - Worked on by Senator Andrews
 - There were issues last year, seeing if there are some this year to solve.
- Dining Complaints
 - Worked on by Senator Patel
 - New dinning and change, want to know how it's working out
- Littering in Amphitheater
 - Figuring out ways to stop that
- UVM Voice
 - A way for students to contact directly for issues on-campus
 - Trying to get stronger advertising
- Questions
 - Can other students be in Staff Appreciation video? (Speaker Simpson)
 - Yes
- Senatorial Forum
 - No comments
- Senatorial Comments/Announcements
 - Chair Francis
 - Wants his pens back
 - Chair Brandt
 - Shout-out to Davis Center custodians for getting rid of dead bugs in the lights
- Adjourned 7:44pm