SGA Senatorial Meeting: Tuesday October 6, 2015 at 7pm

- Attendance
  - Club Affairs: Chair Brown absent
  - COLA: All present
  - Academic Affairs: All present
  - Finance: Senator Stark absent
  - PR: All present
  - CODEE: Senator Foster absent
  - Student Affairs: All present

- Minutes
  - Approved

- Public forum
  - No one scheduled
  - No comments

- Old Business
  - Peer Advising for Learning Success Act: PALS (President Maulucci and Chair Brandt)
    - Act read
    - Questions
      - Senator Simpson
        - Will peer advisors be trained outside of academic areas (i.e. diversity training, social justice training, mental health training, etc.)?
          - They will have training as far as how, where, or who to refer students to, with issues outside of academics
      - Senator Johnson
        - Is there anything in the bill about how we will evaluate this program from year-to-year?
          - All final decisions through SGA (because that’s where the money is) but want to keep all the colleges and provosts involved
          - Evaluations determined by the Commission of Peer Advising
          - All people on Commission have to report to constituents
          - Will tell about changes, but don’t have to ask for a vote: Allows us to make the changes that need to be made
          - If a lot of people disagree, that’s when you can make an amendment to the bill
      - Senator Guarino
        - Do you foresee an increase in the first-year class, and from that some deficits?
          - The current enrollment number won’t change too much; UVM, on a strategic level, isn’t trying to increase enrollment
      - Senator Crespo
        - Could programs like Social Justice be worked into this?
          - Yes, that’s something we want to incorporate in the training process
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- Like all other SGA clubs and organizations, it would make sense that we would do Social Justice training too
  - Senator Wu
    - Could we have small advising classes? 15-25 people, no more than 50 people per class.
      - 1 to 10 peer advisor to peer advisee ratio
      - Funding in budget (~$10,000 each year) for social and bonding activities
  - Act Passed
    - Fee Adjustment Authorization Act (President Maulucci and Chair Langham)
      - Act Read
      - Accommodating for inflation and increases in club/organization numbers and funds
        - Happens every three or four years
        - Want to include clubs/organizations with the Peer Advising Act
      - Questions
        - None
      - Act Passed
  - Emergency Business
    - Bill Allocating funds to Women’s Club Soccer (Chair Langham)
      - $9500 for travel/hotels to go to nationals
      - Student Representative presentation
      - Questions
        - None
      - Bill Passed
    - Bill Allocating Funds to UVM Cycling
      - $3600 for travel/hotels to go to nationals
      - Student Representative Presentation
      - Questions
        - Senator Corcoran
          - Where are nationals held?
            - Snowshoe, West Virginia
      - Bill Passed
    - Rules Suspended for Senator Swear in
    - Movement to suspend rules to swear in new senator
      - Approved
    - New senator sworn in: Rory Butler
    - Movement to reinstate rules
      - Approved
  - New Business
    - Recognition of Math Club and Motor Enthusiasts (Senator Gliserman)
  - Executive Reports
    - Senator Andrews
      - Starting a constitution committee
        - Want someone from every committee
      - Senate bonding
        - Haunted corn maize
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- Attendance policy
  - Just let her know if you are not going to be there, a week in advance
  - Allowed two absences. Only okay if it’s something you would email your professor about (i.e. sick)

- Questions
  - Chair Brandt
    - There is a Queen City Ghost Tour, if you’re interested
  - VP Davis
    - First-Year Binders
      - Inside: Constitution, list of clubs, job description, it’s very personalized to committee
      - Encouraged to bring to meetings, but not requirement
    - Towel Give-Aways
      - 250 have been ordered
      - There will be a SGA table in the spring to tie-dye
    - T-shirt give-Away
      - Went well, gave out almost all of them
  - Students Against Sexual Violence
    - Want to make a new sexual assault poster
    - Working with chair Letendre
  - Senator of the Week
    - 9/29: Senator Chik for his international student newsletter
    - 10/6: Senator Ford for attending the UVM Active Transportation Plan meeting
  - Club Affairs
    - Heard great things about Social Justice Training
  - Public Forum
    - Becky from LGBTQ is coming next week
    - Want continue bringing in different bodies from campus and the community for public forum
  - Questions
    - Senator Simpson
      - Really like bringing people in for public forum
    - Treasurer DeGama
      - Is the cost of the towels equal to t-shirts cost or t-shirt number?
        - Total number is the same
  - President Maulucci
    - Peer Advising
      - Thanks for passing the Act
    - ALANA
      - Bev Colston is coming in for public forum
      - She was happy to hear the President’s commitment to move the ALANA center closer to campus
    - UVM’s 2020 vision
      - Asked all chairs to come up with a write up on what they want to do by 2020
Want to do a campaign with the whole university and get student input
  - Semester is Moving fast
    - It’s October 6, and we only have 6 weeks until Thanksgiving break
    - Need to take advantage of the newly full senate, and get out of ‘idea phase’
    - Need to capitalize on time
  - Questions
    - None
  - Treasurer DeGama
    - Holds report
- Committee Reports
  - Club Affairs (Senator Gliserman)
    - Social Justice training is done and went well
    - Working on creating alternative training for club signers that could not attend
    - This week and next week will start club check-ins
    - Questions
      - None
  - COLA (Chair Francis)
    - Attended Ward 6 MPA meeting
      - Gave presentation about UVM and how SGA and campus resources are working to address concerns
    - Signature Events
      - Halloween cleanup
        - Sign up sheets and emails coming soon
        - COLA puts together an event with Greek life, varsity sports, and club sports to help clean up the community after Halloween weekend
      - Veterans day
        - Working out details now
    - Public Forum
      - The UVM campus prosecutor will be coming on public forum (date is being worked out now)
        - Talking about sexual assault and resources he has
        - Happy to talk about anything and answer any questions
    - Questions
      - None
  - Academic Affairs (Chair Brandt)
    - Holds report
  - Finance (Chair Langham)
    - Heard from a lot of clubs
      - Examples: Akito, Roller Hockey, Engineering without Borders, UVM TV, and a few more
    - Board of Trustees Budget Finance Committee (Senator Guarino)
      - UVM wants to expand summer capacity
      - We are confident that we can extend endowment
• Differed renovation project
  o Maintained is going to renovate Converse Hall

  ▪ Questions
  ▪ None

o PR (Chair Ryan)
  ▪ Assigning a senator from PR to each committee
    • Club Affairs: Senator Cleary
    • COLA: Senator Butler
    • Academic Affairs: Senator Tracey
    • Finance: Chair Ryan
    • CODEE: Senator Chik
    • Student Affairs: Senator Vukosavljevic

  ▪ Service Project (Senator Cleary)
    • Collaborate with City of Burlington to paint a mural
    • Maybe have an art contest for ideas of what the mural will look like
    • If you have any other ideas or additions, please reach out

  ▪ Women and Leadership Summit
    • Space has been booked
    • Will have a Student Speaker, Annie Stevens, and an Outside Speaker (not affiliated with UVM)
      o Meeting with Tower Society this week

  ▪ Questions
  ▪ None

o CODEE (Chair Letendre)
  ▪ VSOP on waste and recycling went out yesterday
  ▪ Office of Sustainability
    • Senator Ford and Chair Letendre had productive meeting
    • Senator Ford meeting with them monthly
    • Senator Foster will be involved with revamping eco program there
    • Senator Ford attending Clean Energy Fund Meeting

  ▪ Public Forum
    • Someone from the Office of Sustainability coming to speak in November

  ▪ ALANA
    • Senator Crespo meeting about moving ALANA closer to campus

  ▪ College of Arts and Sciences Deans Advisory Committee (CASDAC)
    • Need 2-4 more people on committee
    • Would like younger people, preferably not on SGA.
    • Have to be in CAS

  ▪ Social Responsibility and Investing Council
    • Forum on October 22; great people coming to meeting

  ▪ Questions
  ▪ None

o Student Action (Chair Cares)
  ▪ Quote of the Week
    • “Accept that some days you are the pigeon and some days you are the statue”
  ▪ Quarry Hill
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- Seeing if issues are being solved and the possibility of a hall council
- Senator McDermott and Speaker Andrews
  - Library
    - Senator Patel trying to get free 100 pages printing
    - Seeing if it can come out of tuition
  - UVM Voice feedback
    - Raffle for 3 weeks
    - Themes for raffle each week
      - Transportation, Safety, and Dining
- Women’s Hockey
  - Working to them better ice times and more support
  - Senator Howley and Speaker Andrews
- Campus app
  - Start up Request for Proposal (RFP) again
  - Two companies can help with this
  - Going to do a VSOP
  - If there are any ideas for features, Let him know
- Questions
  - None
- Senatorial Forum
  - Speaker Andrews
    - Attendance Policy
      - Giving out phone number in next email
      - If you know you’re going to be late, please text. If you are going to be more than 10 minutes late, then you will be given half an absence.
  - Chair Ryan
    - Working with COLA on service project too
    - Want to know if there’s anyone else who could help the paint mural
      - Senator Ford
        - Senator Foster works with food salvage
      - Chair Francis
        - COTS is the homeless shelter here in Burlington
      - Senator Simpson
        - Would be great if we reached out to UVM student volunteers and the organizations they are involved with
        - VEELA
  - Chair Cares
    - We should do something about mental health
    - If you are interested and/or have ideas of what to do, see him
      - Chair Ryan
        - Saw a board in one of the residence halls that had bad words associated with mental health
- Comments/Announcements
  - Senator Vukosavljevic
    - Refugee Crisis in Europe discussion
    - Introduction and open floor
    - October 16th at noon in Waterman Memorial Lounge
  - Senator Kruglik
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- Is the Refugee Crisis in Europe discussion just to inform people?
  - Yes, introduction and open floor
  - Not trying to do anything about it, just trying to start conversation

  - Chair Letendre
    - The Refugee Crisis in Europe discussion will be like a panel with professors

  - Senator Simpson
    - Mental Health
      - Depression Screening in Living Well, Thursday (10/8) 11am-1pm
      - Translating Identity Conference (TIC)
        - Free, Saturday at 10am-6pm

  - Senator Miller
    - October 17&18 there is a Real Food Summit
    - Yummy food and good discussion

- Adjourned