

SGA Senatorial Meeting: Tuesday November 17, 2015 at 7pm

- Attendance
 - PR: All present
 - Student Action: Senator Patel absent
 - CODEE: All present
 - Club Affairs: All present
 - Finance: Senator Doerr absent
 - Academic Affairs: All present
 - COLA: Senator Woodward, Senator Scott, and Chair Francis absent
- Minutes
 - Approved
- Public Forum
 - Office of International Education
 - Kim Howard and Emma Swift; Director and Assistant Director
 - International Students and Abroad Programs
 - Think of 3 instances this semester or last where you (domestic student) had a meaningful relationship with an international student at UVM, or you (international student) had a meaningful relationship with a domestic student at UVM, or when you observed meaningful interaction between an international student and domestic student while at UVM. What made it meaningful?
 - Senator Kruglik
 - A friend from India taught him about Indian religion and culture
 - Senator Simpson
 - Student in Political Science from France talked about the recent Paris incidence. Talked about government structure in France and explained it during class instead of professor.
 - Senator Wu
 - Visited American friend's house during Thanksgiving last year
 - Senator Foster
 - Had a one on one interaction with an Indian student about life and culture
 - Senator Zhou
 - Love the SGA meetings
 - Consider one place where you have observed a positive change in the way UVM supports the success of international students. This could be work done by SGA, a student organization, a faculty member, or a university office.
 - Chair Brandt
 - Writing center has implemented has integrated international students into the program
 - President
 - Student Life organized an event for international orientation
 - Senator Crespo
 - An increase of international students in SGA
 - Senator Wu
 - Professors and TAs are helping out international students more
 - Chair Letendre
 - Great number of international students on SGA
 - Chair Brown

- Social Justice meetings help clubs reach out to international students
- Fall 2015 International Student Profile
 - 777 students enrolled at UVM
 - 180 students in global gateway
 - 477 are degree seeking students
 - 130 graduates
 - 50 exchange
 - 72 students on “Optional Practical Training”
 - Post-Graduate work
 - 69 countries represented on campus
- Students entering UVM
 - Direct entry
 - Global gateway Program
 - US Pathway Program
 - Exchange
- What the Students are saying...
 - 39% of international students report not having meaningful relationships with American students (out of 186 respondents)
 - Friendships are formed mostly in group projects and residential living
 - Things students like about Burlington/UVM: Environment, nice people, safe and peacefulness
 - Things students dislike about Burlington/UVM: The winter, lack of diversity on campus, drug use, food is not like home, friendship vs. friendliness
- What we are doing...
 - Meeting with Students during Walk-in hours and Appointments
 - International Student Orientation
 - Offering Educational and Social Programming
 - Advising International Student Organizations
- Comments/Questions
 - How do you connect with faculty, staff, and professors? Is there training? (Senator Simpson)
 - Center for Teaching and Learning provided workshops for faculty
 - Center for Cultural Pluralism hired a coordinator for faculty and diversity issues
 - How do you reach out to possible international students? (Senator Kruglik)
 - We don't actually work on this, there is a whole team in Admissions that does that.
 - I understand why GGP students have to live in the same place, but have you ever thought about offering international students the option of rooming and taking more introductory classes with American students to help integrate them? (Senator Yang)
 - When program started, we were adamant that domestic students live with international students

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- I understand concern, we are hoping to expand break housing so that more international students live with domestic students
 - I appreciate OIE staff for helping out international students (Senator Chik)
 - Course Evaluations
 - James Morton and Clair Quigley; students at UVM
 - Would like course evaluation data open to students
 - This would allow students to see opinions on the class, professor, and information when deciding classes
 - Questions/Comments
 - Academic Affairs would be happy to help (President Maulucci)
 - Gives incentive to professors, so love the idea (Chair Ryan)
 - This has been something on this committee's mind (Academic Affairs) for a while. There was a faculty meeting about this last year and the vote was split 50/50. We'll be in touch soon. (Chair Brandt)
- Old Business
 - Resolution Moving the ALANA Student Center (Senator Crespo)
 - Resolution Read
 - Comments/Questions
 - Proud of Senator Crespo and CODEE with all of the hard work that has been done (Senator Simpson)
 - What is the plan to make the Career Center Feel as homey as the ALANA Center now? (VP Davis)
 - There will be a kitchen, access to food, living room, books, some computers, furniture, decorations, and just open space that's a "home away from home".
 - Resolution Passed
- Emergency Business
 - Resolution Supporting Black Students at the University of Missouri
 - Resolution Read
 - Comments/Questions
 - This is great, important work (Chair Ryan)
 - Resolution Passed
- New Business
 - Bill Separating Society of American Foresters and UVM Woodsmen Team
 - Bill Derecognizing YAL (Young Americans for Liberty) and SFBGJ (Students for Peace and Global Justice)
 - Resolution Opposing the Removal of Tax Exempt Status for Fraternity and Sorority Housing
 - Bill Allocating Funds to Women's Club Hockey
- Executive Reports
 - Speaker Andrews
 - Constitution committee hasn't met since last week, but will send out amendments
 - Have been looking at sock designs for giveaways with Senator Howley and VP Davis
 - When people come to public forum, remember to clap, not snap
 - Questions/Comments

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- With the clapping, it can sound a little overwhelming; do you think we could just give them a forewarning about the snapping? (Chair Ryan)
 - Yeah, we can try that
- VP Davis
 - Senator of the Week: Senator Simpson for your contribution to the Women in Leadership Summit
 - Senator Crespo, great work on both pieces of legislation tonight
 - Executive evaluation survey will be sent out tonight
 - Speaker and Senate evaluations will be sent out as well, but separately
 - Holiday Banquet
 - December 10th, 10-12am on the fourth floor of Davis Center
 - Spring Retreat
 - February 7th
 - Dean of the Library
 - Chair Brandt, VP Davis, and Senator Guarino were asked how they would rearrange the first floor of library
 - If you have any suggestions, shoot them their way
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
- President Maulucci
 - Deans from each colleges are set up to speak at public forums next semester
 - Chair Brandt, Treasurer DeGama, and President Maulucci are going to William and Mary and University of Virginia at the end of winter break to look at Peer Advising at these institutions; gathering data and information
 - UVM 2020
 - Make sure the leader of you assignments reaches out to you before Thanksgiving Break
 - First Year Experience Committee
 - The three recommendations will be sent out via email
 - Meeting with President Sullivan before next senate meeting
 - Will be talking about Textbook Federal Mandate and online course syllabi
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
- Treasurer DeGama
 - Business as usual
 - Attended IBB Steering Committee
 - Communicating how IBB has been moving along in its first full year implementation
 - Formulating changes and revisions that will be implemented in FY2017
 - Getting out communication about how IBB works
 - Promised a balanced FY2017 budget
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
- Committee Reports
 - PR (Chair Ryan)
 - Women in Leadership is doing well with RSVPs

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- Rumor: You (SGA members) will be taking a spot away by RSVPing-False.
- Senator Vukosavljevic is working on changing the cases around in the Davis Center
- Senator Butler, Senator Tracey, and Chair Ryan are meeting about Sports Newsletter
- Comments/Questions
 - Can we see if we can get the Davis Cases moved to the Atrium? (Treasurer DeGama)
- Student Action (Chair Cares)
 - Joke: Working in a Mirror factory is something I can totally see myself doing.
 - Senator McDermott met with IRA about security in residence halls
 - Senator McDermott attending the Dinning Advisory Committee and want to tackle the problem of the 1300 point plan not being enough
 - Senator Xia addressed issues with tutoring and asking the Learning Co-op to establish a tutor evolution
 - Senator Howley met with someone from Campus Construction to fix issues of blue lights and the skinny path in the middle of construction
 - Chair Cares will be meeting with Police Services meeting about concerns of bike theft
 - Senator McDermott has organized Thanksgiving break Amtrak/shuttle services
 - Mental Health
 - CARE Form person and CAPS person will be coming to Public Forum
 - Have a Happy Fest in February to discuss issues of mental health
 - Movie shoeing
 - Music
 - Comedian
 - Speaker
 - Final event of fun things
 - Comments/Questions
 - Awesome that the bus app had notifications about break transportation (Chair Brown)
- CODEE (Chair Letendre)
 - ALANA Breakfast
 - Will send information for those who signed up to help
 - Clean Energy Fund
 - Senator Ford is working with Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy Fund Committee to help with the review process that's happening this year
 - Eco Reps
 - Senator Foster working on a new plan implement new ecoreps program
 - Sexual Harassment Training for Faculty
 - Senator Miler is meeting with the Director of Human resources to talk about issues and how to improve training
 - President's Commission on Inclusive Excellence
 - Someone will give a presentation on what's been happening over the past year, during Public Forum.
 - Comments/Questions

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- Senator Wu has information on Clean Energy Fund
- Club Affairs (Chair Brown)
 - Will have some derecognitions now that club check-ins are done
 - Club Squash
 - Still on probation
 - Will do Social Justice training
 - Comments/Questions
 - What does probation entail? (Chair Ryan)
 - You can do normal activities, you just have to do social justice training requirement to be back in good standing with SGA
- Finance (Chair Langham)
 - Heard from this week:
 - Women's Club Hockey
 - Society for American Foresters
 - Club Field Hockey
 - CODEE
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
- Academic Affairs (Senator Harris)
 - Chair Brandt will send email about meeting with library and their renovations
 - AA will through a Spring Social for undeclared students
 - Want to have senior majors come talk about their experiences
 - Comments/Questions
 - Do you have any idea when the social will be?
 - About a week before course registration in the Spring; aimed at freshman and sophomores
- COLA (Senator Corcoran)
 - Chair Francis will email his report
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
- Senatorial Forum
 - No Comments
- Comments and Announcements
 - Senator Crespo
 - Thank you to everyone who came out to the March
 - Treasurer DeGama
 - Women's Club Soccer is traveling to nationals in Arizona over Thanksgiving break
 - Chair Brown
 - Can we work on turning down the AC?
- Adjourned