

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

- Attendance
 - Finance: All present
 - CODEE: All present
 - Student Action: Senator McDermott absent
 - COLA: Senator Zhou absent
 - Club Affairs: All present
 - Academic Affairs: All present
 - PR: Senator Chik absent
- Public Forum
 - Assistant Dean of Students, Nick Negrete, on Mental Health
 - Step Up Program
 - Bystander Intervention Program
 - Covers a variety of topics including mental health, alcohol, and other drugs
 - CARE Form
 - Intended for UVM community members to report concerning behaviors
 - Can be Anonymous
 - Available on the Dean of Students Website
 - What happens after CARE Form?
 - CARE form sent
 - Reporter is Contacted
 - Outreach & Support is Activated
 - CARE Team Monitors
 - Recommendations for Follow Up
 - In service situations
 - CARE Team
 - Identifies and assists students who are at risk of failing or having to leave the university for behavioral, psychological, or health reasons
 - Meet Weekly
 - Participants:
 - Dean of Student Office
 - CAPS
 - Center for Health & Wellbeing
 - Residence Life
 - Police Services
 - ACCESS
 - Center of Student Ethics & Standards
 - Academic College Representatives
 - Comments and Questions
 - What are ways to lower the numbers of depression? Some campuses give a week off in the middle of the semester. (Senator Crespo)
 - What I showed you was intervention, prevention is another thing
 - Demographics are different, and I have to train staff how to handle these
 - The earlier you can intervene, the better
 - In terms of suicide, that number has been consistent
 - Depression happens; it exists. So how do we make people not feel bad about their mental health?

- People struggle all the time. How do we build structures on campus that can help students with the bad times
- The Mental Health Committee wants to advertise the CARE Form. How have you advertised it and how can we? (Senator Simpson)
 - Currently it is online, but it could be more visible
 - More and more faculty have learned about it and advertised
 - The CARE Team is thinking about rebranding
 - Put the hyperlink to the form anywhere and everywhere you think it should go
- Did you account for different variables in the statistics? (Senator Patel)
 - The CARE Team has not dug too deep into the data
 - There are a lot of variables that bias the results and it's hard to take that into account
 - Our numbers for the most part look like national data
 - Trying to look at the time of year and the year of the student
- We had talked about the Report of Concern Button, is that something that's still in the works with the rebranding? (VP Davis)
 - It is part of the rebranding page
 - Want to give the link to the actual form so everyone is happy
- Is the current volume of forms overwhelming to the point where if we advertise it would hurt? (VP Davis)
 - We are getting forms all the time, but we want to hear from students
 - We are not against it, it's on us to deal with whatever demand we get.
- The CARE form is now on the quick links on the myuvm page (Senator Miller)
- When you ask questions in surveys, you don't ask demographics? (Senator Miller)
 - Yes, we just haven't looked at it yet
- Is there anyway to get data for before and after the use of the center? (Senator Stark)
 - The survey I have been talking about doesn't go through the students at CAPS, it's a random sample of 5000 student—counseling or not
 - This is a great idea though!
- What are the biggest barriers to expand? (Senator Woodward)
 - Finances
 - Case Management
 - Councilors
- UVM Program Board on Choosing Events
 - Process of choosing an artist for concerts
 - Listen
 - Brainstorm
 - Narrow the List
 - Submit an Offer
 - Negotiate the Contract
 - High Five (and cross our fingers)

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- Problems with getting artists
 - Cost
 - Availability
- Comments/Questions
 - How does ticket revenue factor into budgeting? (Senator Johnson)
 - We keep whatever we can for the next concert
 - Ticket revenue mostly goes to the concert
 - Where do you find the balance between in the number of events you put on? (Senator Johnson)
 - Balance of events to gets everyone to go, concert or not
 - You have \$50,000 from just SGA, where does the other money come from? (Senator Simpson)
 - Campus programs
 - UVMPB budget
 - What's the roll of Nectors and Higher Ground? (Senator Miller)
 - We work with Nectors for Fallfest
 - We work with Higher Ground for Springfest
 - Their agents and name get artists to come
 - Would you consider having smaller acts for cheaper? (Senator Miller)
 - We pride ourselves in finding small acts that people don't know, but will like
 - We like to get some sort of recognition for big acts
 - Have you ever considered connections of students to artists? (Senator Scott)
 - We usually have students reach out to us
 - We usually work through connections with agents, but not student connections
 - Have you concerned polls with bands instead of genres? (Chair Cares)
 - Great idea, but it changes ever week
 - Don't want to give students false hope
 - Maybe do a poll of top 20 bands you were thinking about? (Senator Howley)
 - As a group, we have a pretty goof feel of what people want
 - However, the turnover is still so fast
 - Timing is difficult to do a large scale poll
 - Besides polling and listening to music, what makes you qualified to pick an artist for the campus? (Senator Kruglik)
 - We all go to enough concerts to know what a good live performance looks like
 - Have an idea of what UVM students listen to
- Old Business
 - Bill Allocating Funds to Club Cycling Team (Chair Langham)
 - Bill Read
 - Student Representatives
 - Want to send 8 cyclers to nationals in Ashville, NC
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
 - Bill Passed

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- Amendment to the University of Vermont Student Government Association Constitution- Changing Preamble (Speaker Andrews)
 - Amendment Read
 - Wanted to make the list more inclusive
 - Comments/Questions
 - Does it make more sense to say ability than disability? (Senator Simpson)
 - Maybe say “different ability”? (Chair Ryan)
 - Friendly Amendment: “Ability” instead of “Disability”
 - Amendment Passed
- Emergency Business
 - Bill Separating UVM Woodsman Team and Society for American Foresters (Chair Brown)
 - Bill Read
 - UVM Woodsman Team goes to the competitions
 - Society of American Foresters goes to the conferences
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
 - Bill Passed
- New Business
 - Bill Recognizing UVM Women of Color Coalition (Chair Brown)
- Executive Reports
 - Speaker Andrews
 - Sock Design for giveaway at women’s hockey game (January 29th) has been finalized
 - Constitution Committee will be meeting to discuss elections, before spring semester
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
 - Vice President Davis
 - Winter Brunch December 10th, 10am-12pm on fourth floor of the Davis Center
 - Summary of City Council Meeting
 - Loved the idea of safe ride home
 - Loved the memo about funding clubs to put on activities for high risk weekends
 - Safe Ride
 - Finished compiling research and data analysis
 - Waiting on budgetary information
 - Senator of the Week
 - The form he created has been working for the most part
 - Senator Patel: Queen of Dinning
 - Comments/Questions
 - Can we drop in for the brunch? (Senator Simpson)
 - Yes
 - President Maulucci
 - Met with President Sullivan
 - Talked about online course syllabi and textbook numbers
 - Met with Provost Rowsowsky

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- Liked the idea of SGA helping clubs fund alternative activities on high-risk weekends so much, he agreed to match funds
 - Have a centralized Peer Advising location in the CatCard center, near the Career center
 - Have a pending Peer Advising Coordinator
 - Will be talking about logistics and hiring process of Peer Advising soon
 - Fraternity and Sorority Life
 - Working on legislation for the removal of tax exempt status at the state house
 - Want submissions on great things SGA has been doing, so he can send it to everyone at UVM
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
- Committee Reports
 - Finance (Chair Langham)
 - Budgeting season is next semester
 - Will have workshops for club-signers next semester
 - Heard from
 - Adaptive Sports
 - Climbing Team
 - Chess Club
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
 - CODEE (Chair Letendre)
 - We are making good progress on UVM 2020 vision
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
 - Students Action (Chair Cares)
 - Joke: I met a man who was addicted to brake fluid. He said he could stop anytime
 - Want to get another bus going around campus during the cold season and also one at Jeanne Mance, but if we have to make a decision, we'll take an extra bus on campus.
 - Times for Amtrak and Airport shuttles for break will be sent out soon
 - Campus App has been going smoothly. We are currently looking at something called Drupal which makes our websites work better
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
 - COLA (Chair Francis)
 - Had final community coalition meeting of the semester last Friday
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
 - Club Affairs (Chair Brown)
 - We only have seven frozen clubs left
 - We are brainstorming projects for next semester
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
 - Academic Affairs (Chair Brandt)

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- Met with Associate Provost Reed
 - Discussed a trip to University of Virginia and William and Mary to do site visits for Peer Advising
- Senator Harris will be attending the Student Affairs Committee Faculty Senate meeting
- Thinking about starting a Course Evolutions SGA club
- Comments/Questions
 - None
- PR (Chair Ryan)
 - Have a meeting about athletic information emails going out next semester
 - Comments/Questions
 - None
- Senatorial Forum
 - VP Davis
 - If you have a conflict coming up with senate next semester, email him ASAP
 - If you want to switch committees, please email him
 - Chair Letendre
 - The EcoReps program will be implemented in the spring and applications are out
 - CODEE will be hosting the President's Commission on Inclusive Excellence and the Office of Sustainability in public forum next semester
- Comments/Announcements
 - Senator Patel
 - Has been trained to teach yoga and will be offering 8 weeks of free yoga
 - Senator Simpson
 - Be safe tomorrow at the unsanctioned UVM event
 - SASA will be there to walk home and with trash bags
 - Senator Pavlow
 - Will buy textbooks back at a better price than the bookstore
 - Senator Fortner-Buczala
 - Reminder for finals: Get a lot of sleep. When you sleep more, you do better.
 - President Maulucci
 - Want to start a broomball or kickball team
- Adjourned