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?
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- 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 get 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 role of Nectars 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 cyclists to nationals in Asheville, 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 actives 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