



AGENDA

1st Meeting of the 2017-2018 Student Government Association Senate

April 18, 2017 | 8:00 PM | Livak Ballroom

Call to Order

Oath of Office for Senators

-New Senators and continuing Senators! Congratulations!

Oath of Office for Committee Chairs

-New and continuing Chairs! Congratulations!

Roll Call

- Club Affairs Committee - All Present
- Student Action Committee - All Present
- Academic Affairs Committee - All Present
- Committee on Legislative and Community Affairs - All Present
- Committee on the Environment - All present
- Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity - All present
- Finance Committee - All present
- Public Relations Committee - All present

Public Forum

- Gabriel Martin, president of The Black Student Union, really excited to be here. Advocacy group for students of color.
- Wants to work with organizations to better the lives of people of color and the lives of student of color at UVM.
- Recently some members of BSU and other people of color were very upset with the SGA's voice in accordance with the recent Cynic article about the Black Lives Matter flag.
- Gabriel wants to extend an olive branch. Culture at UVM that we all understand is here thinks a lot of things are okay.
- We think that hazing is okay and other unfortunate actions, but these actions have a real bad impact on people's lives.
- No one addresses these underlying cultures that allow these things to occur. As a community we would like the support of our peers.
- At the end of the day we need actions not words.
- Feel welcome to interact with BSU whenever, we are involved in the community, involved with low income kids, involved with BSU at Middlebury. Change the air that is Vermont, because for people of color, it can choke you.

Questions:

-Senator Foley: Any actions you would like SGA to take? Around the article itself or any actions in general?

-Gabriel Martin: A statement of reaffirming, we are a community, doesn't need to be a separate community, an apology, something tangible. Want to move forward with the help of SGA. Need to be heard and seen more.

-Chair Van Arsdale: Thank you for your enthusiasm, public forum is a place for student's voices to be heard. This convo should be discussed at greater length; wants to speak with BSU to discuss what can be done in the future to tighten these ties between BSU and SGA.

-Senator Golden: Member of Pike, that behavior is not tolerated, wants to further the discussion that Chair Van Arsdale mentioned.

-President Petrillo: Thanks for coming, tremendous to see this display to the University right off the bat, we want to work with you, continuing process, lets keep in contact, we want everyone to feel welcome.

-Gabriel Martin: Invited you all to events that they put on, Tuesdays pizza. Fundraiser Friday (04/21) for Haiti high school that was hit by a hurricane. Lets stay in touch. We would love to see you.

-Senator Mako: Wants to write a resolution about what happened with the Black Lives Matter flag incident.

-Gabriel Martin: Thank you for everything, lets keep in touch.

Emergency Business

-None

New Business

-Senator Niemczyk: Bill recognizing Women in Business Club

-Chair Flaherty: Bill changing name of Intag Solidarity Group to Unidos Por Ecuador & Bill Recognizing Human Trafficking Awareness Club.

Executive Reports

Speaker Johnson

-These first three meetings are for getting up to speed. Electing the speaker, one of the senators sworn in, process undertaken by entire group. Meet with Alyssa to understand the logistics. Next meeting will remain in speaker role to help facilitate. Then ask for nominations. Give statements why they are running, senators can ask questions, after being considered, executive session, blind ballot and go through as many voting rounds as needed. Passing a resolution to the recent public forum. Anyone interested in writing a resolution?? This is called emergency business.

-Question Chair Scott: 2/3rds majority vote? Yes. Include in the constitution the role of the speaker and email it out? Absolutely.

Vice President Woodcock

-1st executive report! Super excited, feels surreal. So excited for the next upcoming year, congrats to everyone. Public forum displays the environment that we want to foster. We want people to come here and talk about their thoughts. Busy past few weeks. Tomorrow any question for President Petrillo, or me my door is open we want to keep what Tyler Davis and Jason Malucci had going.

President Petrillo

-1st executive report! Thank you to previous senate for all of their hard work. Awesome power of the senate has come from the generations before it. I can't wait to work with all of you. We want to share ideas, please come and talk with us! Treasurer candidate nomination: Jamie LaPierre.

Treasurer Langham

-Congrats to the President and Vice President! You will do great things. Very pleased with the nomination for treasurer. She has been working with SGA for the past 2 years. Vote to confirm the nomination next week.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs Committee

-Chair Benson, new chair! Excited to be chair of AA. Excited to get to know all the committees and everyone else. Always down to talk!

Club Affairs Committee

-Chair Flaherty new chair! Excited to take on new role. Hard to see some best friends leave! Excited to work with all of you. Willing to talk whenever!

Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity

-Welcome Chair Van Arsdale! Congrats on the chair position. So looking forward to working with everyone. Wants to do a lot of collaboration and please reach out!

Committee on the Environment

-Welcome back Chair Corcoran. Happy Tuesday. Happy to see new faces, new projects, and initiatives we could use new energy. Going to do great things. If you are new to the body and you want to be involved, WASTE mitigation workshop at 7:30 in Livak ballroom, Mason Jars!! Don't be afraid to reach out.

Finance Committee

-Congrats on the Chair position, Chair Pavlow! Very excited for all the new senators. Surprised he didn't have any emergency business. Looking forward to this year and next year.

Committee on Legislative and Community Affairs

-Chair Sudbay, new chair! Very humble to take on this position. Amazing to look across and see Vice President Woodcock, knew her since orientation.

1. Oscar Community coalition this Friday at 3, on Hickok Street, Chair Sudbay will be attending along with other members of committee.

2. Wants to keep Bystander intervention going, met with Adam Roof, petition number is quite low, senators please reach out! Want 500-1000 signatures.

3. First committee meeting at Bueno Y Sano downtown next week,

4. Have a heart tomorrow 3:30-4:30, new senators get involved.

Public Relations Committee

-Congrats on the new Chair, Chair Scott! Great experience. Excited to work with new team of folks. Does a lot of Public Relations in the Business school. Really excited on rebranding on their committee and organization. BSU was inspiring. Please talk to Chair Scott, she is very experienced.

Student Action Committee

-What does an astronaut eat for breakfast? And unidentified frying object! Chair Howley new Chair! Excited to work for everyone!

Senatorial Forum

-Items that pertain to SGA that are appropriate to share with the entire group.

-Chair Van Arsdale: WILS on Monday, she will get you the link, you have to RSVP. Contact Chair Van Arsdale if you want the link. WILS – Women in Leadership. Three female identifying speakers. Very productive. Please Reach out.

-Senator Tracy: Heard everyone in previous meeting, senate becomes a family, only happens when you put yourself into what you are doing. Come to meeting early and just come chat. Get to know people.

-Senator Patel: Any new members, we have a fish! Huck Finn! Super fat, DO NOT FEED! Mason jars for mate. 5 pound giveaway.

-Speaker Johnson: Name wrong or different name, let her know, will get you new name card.

Senatorial Comments/Announcements

-None

Final Roll Call

Adjournment