



FOURTH MEETING OF THE 2016-2017 SGA SENATE AGENDA
September 6, 2016

Call to Order 7:00 pm

Public Forum:

- President Tom Sullivan, Vice Provost for Student Affairs Annie Stevens, and Vice President for University Relations and Administration Tom Gustafson
 - Welcome
 - Excited for the new Peer Advising Program
 - First-year student engagement program
 - Believes engagement is important— leads to success
 - Wants to integrate academic components
 - Wants first years to be apart of a club or organization
 - Campus Updates
 - \$400 million in construction projects and plans
 - New Residence Hall
 - Two New STEM Complexes
 - New Alumni House
 - Billings Renovation
 - ALANA Center Placement
 - New Interfaith Center
 - Supports a Winter Carnival to “Rally the Troops”
 - Q&A

Old Business: None

Emergency Business:

- SGA Financial Policies FY17
Financial Policies Approved

New Business: None

Executive Reports

Speaker Johnson

- Bulletin Board in office with SGA information
- SGA Google Share Folder for all SGA materials
- First-Year Elections → packets can be found at the SGA front desk

Vice President Davis

- Senate Retreat → September 17&18 at Eagle Camp
- The Executive Committee wants more accountability this year
- Safe Ride Home → Looking more plausible options
- It's On Us Campaign → Trying to get UVM to be in its flagship campaign

President Maulucci

- The Executive Committee wants to elevate SGA to a new level and get the "SGA" name out there
- The Executive Committee wants to start preparing the younger generation of SGA for when the older generation graduates

Treasurer Langham

- Looked at fundraising requirements from last year and deducted what clubs and organizations didn't raise, from their budget
- Looked at negative balances and freezing accounts
- Making a presentation for the retreat about the new way SGA is collecting dues online and going through the internals

Committee Reports

Student Action

- Working on Campus App
- Working on getting a toaster in the Bailey Howe Library
- Working with Wellness Environment
- Working on a resolution for gender neutral bathrooms across campus
- Working on a "hybrid" (a combination of points and unlimited) dining plan
- Working on "Treat Yourself" Mental Health Awareness Week in October

Club Affairs

- There is a Club Signers Workshop on Sunday
- Working on the New Club Workshop
- Club Recognition Worksheet → can be found on the Club Affairs Desk

Academic Affairs

- Peer Advising Center opened on the first floor of the Davis Center
- Student Affairs meeting to talk about the Academic Integrity policy changes
- Working with the Faculty Union and the UVM Administration because this is a contract year for United Academics. Will be looking through the demands they are negotiating in their the contract.

Public Relations

- PR will be branching into other committees and going to all their meetings
- SGA table at Activities Fair on Wednesday

Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity

- Working on the hazing problem in Vermont
- Working on gender neutral bathrooms at UVM
- Disability Awareness Week (this semester)
- Sexual Violence Awareness Month (next semester)
- Want to hold public forums outside of SGA
- Working on concerns about the way D1/D2 requirement courses are taught
- More to come with Women and Leadership
- Excited with work with the Interfaith Center
- The Sexual Harassment Handout will be going around to all campus employees this month

Committee on the Environment

- Working on getting trash, recycle, and compost bags at the community cleanups
- Working to improve composting in residence halls
- Want to make SGA carbon neutral

Committee on Legislative and Community Affairs

- Want to get community involved with the Community Cleanup
- Community Coalition meeting at Office of Student and Community Affairs, Friday (9/9)
- Welcome Bags for off-campus students and community members, Saturday (9/10)
- Want to hold a public form that invites local landlords for students to talk with and ask questions

Finance Committee

- Heard from this week:
 - Shooting Sports
 - Women's Rugby
 - Climbing Team
- Want to start a Venture Capital Fund
- Want to expand on the University Foundation link
- Would like SGA to plug the Health and Wellbeing Fund
- Working on a Safe Ride Home model
- Working on a model to fight a possible proposed tax for on-campus UVM students

Senatorial Forum

- Senator Andrews
 - Working on an initiative at UVM to raise donations for the damage and flooding in Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Senatorial Comments and Announcements

- Senator Pavlow
 - Has free gear from a marketing firm this summer swag if anyone wants some
- Chair Guarino
 - Broomball season starts soon, talk to President Maulucci if interested

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