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

Adjourned