



FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE 2016-2017 SGA SENATE
November 15th, 2016

Call to Order 7:00 pm

Minutes: Approved

**These minutes are in unabridged/long format. Please take the time to skim them, but there are no hidden committee points this week. I encourage you to check out the videos if you have time.
~Alyssa

Public Forum

- Burlington Police Department: Sergeant Volp
 - Quality of life patrols: occur in conjunction with UVM PD on Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights dealing with public intoxication, open containers, noise, etc. Over the last few years a significant reduction in noise & neighbor complaints, as well as overconsumption of alcohol and property crimes.
 - We do have issues with house break-ins, a majority are committed by non-students in student areas.
 - Number steps to take: locking doors, having valuables out of sight. Number of women's purses being stolen from cars. Being aware of surroundings. Important to know burglaries largely stem from a drug problem; heroine, pills.
 - If break-in does happen let BPD know, try not to touch door handles, etc.
 - Suggestion: not leave anything valuable during thanksgiving break, huge spike in burglaries during breaks when students are leaving.
 - Not easy to catch a burglar in the act. Most of the time caught through descriptions or vigilant neighbors calling. If you notice somebody odd hanging around can't hurt to call, chances are your intuition is correct. I think a lot of people get worried about calling the police, but we're very welcome to it.
 - Frequently get reports broken into houses because people know there is weed/large sums of money. Depending on the circumstances whether charge for possession or not.
 - We use the same record keeping software as university, don't look up off-campus unless there is reason like repeat offenders. we may reach out to the university as an option. Typically, supposed to ask what college affiliated with so we know how much is Champlain/UVM/out of state travelers.
 - Typically, don't call UVM unless some outlying reason.
- RALLYTHON
 - Yearlong fundraising effort for Children's Miracle Network.

- Unique in that all of the proceeds stay in the state of Vermont & go directly to the hospital.
- Do organized events (such as our recent 5k), all of the funds are pooled together and in March there is a celebration.
- Rallython is 12 hours long because a nurse's average shift is 12 hours, so dance for that time. Also performances from dance groups on campus, food, IRA will do programming, and get to interact with the children.
- Rallython's goal is \$70,000. Want SGA to be a part of that number. There is a \$100 minimum asked to fundraise to cover food for the event, can still attend if don't meet this requirement.
- December 8th event in McClure Conference room of Hospital, great way to interact with the kids.
- Not exclusively a FSL event, campus event for all students.
- Justice for QTS
 - There was no gender neutral or all gender bathrooms in Bailey Howe library, last semester a group of students started a petition to get some bathrooms created.
 - In April a group was created, Justice for Queer and Trans Students (QTS). Worked all of last semester, met with administration, did sit ins in the Dean's office, etc. Started around bathrooms in Bailey Howe, and ended up getting 5 all gender bathrooms in Bailey Howe.
 - In May, President Sullivan and Wanda asked a task force be formed so that this issue be carried throughout campus, wide array of participants. Worked for 3 months doing research on gender inclusivity, disability access, etc. Came up with the Gender Inclusive Restroom Taskforce report, list of recommendations around what the university should be doing to reach gender inclusivity standards.
 - Issue of implantation of the GIRT report, concerns around design of new residential hall restrooms. Main focus getting these implemented at the university.
 - Concern with doors of new res hall restrooms, most of the plumbing and walls are already in place. Review of the doors done by Annie Stevens, Gus, Police Services. Working on safety assessments.
 - Panic buttons in the restrooms are great for sexual assault and other violence, but not helpful if mental health or some other incident.
 - QTS need fundraising for certain things, a large benefit of SGA would be funding for educational materials as well as conferences.
 - In favor of SGA passing a resolution supporting the GURT report & QTS efforts. Need for education is main focus of GURT report.
 - Working on acquiring data regarding sexual assault cases in handicap restrooms and others comparable to new res fall structure, plan on reaching out to Res Life to see what kind of data they have.
 - New residential hall is step forward for gender inclusivity, but directing focus to set precedent that standards be set in place for future builds.

Old Business:

- Bill Changing the Name of Animal Rescue Squad
 - *Bill Passed*

Emergency Business

- Bill Allocating Funds to Women's Rugby
 - *Bill Passed*
- Bill Allocating Funds to Nordic Ski Team
 - *Bill Passed*

New Business:

- Bill Amending the SGA Constitution
- Resolution Supporting the Implementation of a Saferide Program
- Bill Recognizing Spoon University Vermont

Executive Reports

Speaker Johnson

- Really appreciate as a body having BPD and justice for QTs coming in.
- New templates on the drive to use for legislation.

Vice President Davis

- Annie Stevens Meeting
 - Supports safe ride program.
 - Moving forward with resolution (if that shows student support), then move to meet with President Sullivan to get his support. Means of override Green Cab because of the lack of million-dollar insurance policy.
 - Potential launch as soon as Spring 2017.
- 75th anniversary and Earth Appreciation Day stickers are in.

President Maulucci

- Ballot items 3 & 4 passed, green light to start development, thank you from mayor.
- Ballot items 1 & 2 also passed. Items 1 & 2 involve infrastructure redevelopment plan causing tension between university and mayor, finding balance being good neighbors & student costs. They will be seeking our input in the near future.
- Progress on the investment capital fund.
- Advising center is seeing near record high traffics, given registration time. Also hosting deans, elevate the role of the advising center so we can see the work that it does. Maybe contribute some resources.
- BOT, last selection meeting is Thursday, Chair Brandt making a cameo.
- Meeting with Vice Provost Stevens confirming CAPS is understaffed, average wait time is 2.5 weeks. Option to add two addition full time counselors, seems everyone agrees to. Looking to increase center of health and wellbeing fee. If something students feel passion about, we can help make this happen, if anyone would like to take this up.
- Invite President Sullivan to come speak at either retreat or public forum on higher education problems including issues on free speech because he has legal background.
- Meetings with President and Provost if you have anything you'd like to bring up to them.

Treasurer Langham

- December 9th is fall spending deadline.
- Getting ready to start thinking about budgeting season.
- Going to club sports council to give them a heads up.
- Senator Stark, reg online guru, sent out survey to club signers to get feedback how we might improve it for next year.

Committee Reports

Public Relations

- Thursday collective bargaining email going out
- Please alert ahead of time if need upcoming emails sent out.
- Next senator of the week: Senator Ford

Student Action

- Buses for break happening on Rider App
- Dining team meeting: creating learning lab in new res hall for 20+ students focusing on sustainability, mindfully choosing food, health, etc.

Finance

- Met with Women's Rugby, Nordic, and Fencing club.
- Due to Ballot 1 & 2, may send out economic impact survey again to get more data.
- Innovation Fund: met with VP of Research working on amending intellectual property bylaws. Working with Office of Technology & Commercialization. Meeting again December 1st with Provost to get finalized.

Committee on Legislative and Community Affairs

- Thank you for those who came and helped out with Veteran's Day Flag Planting.
- COLCA will be doing a lot of community service initiatives this upcoming semester.
- Working on getting student involvement in NPAs.

Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity

- Read excerpts from MLK, relevant post-election.

Committee on the Environment

- Earth Appreciation D successful – thank you those who helped.
- Upcoming: carbon neutral SGA & Earth Day.

Club Affairs

- Recognition meetings and meetings with frozen clubs.
- Hopefully updates about Lynx next week.
- If you know people in these clubs and if they're active, please reach out.

Academic Affairs

- Canceled Faculty Senate meetings last week.
- Peer Advising in conversation with FYE partnership and others.
- Next semester: looking at Student Research and Office of Student Research, Senator Woodcock sitting on Student Research Conference Committee.
- Final BOT info session Thursday.

Senatorial Forum

- Speaker Johnson: thank you notes are good suggestions for after events.

- Chair Ryan: Kim Howard Office of International Education, study abroad initiative they want our feedback on. Potential Resolution saying we support this initiative. By end of 2020: increase number students with international experience and accessibility to students. Having relationship with OIE would be beneficial. Creating grants for students from OIE and then allowing students to decide if they want to study abroad or not.
- Senator Butler: Be sure that as representatives we put our personal views away from our roles.
- Senator Gladstone: Friend made the Earth Appreciation Video for free, if you need help with any similar things he would be a great contact.
- Senator Stark: Working with Career Center for first Graduation Fair, partnering with SGA on promotion.
- Senator Miller: Thank you for hearing from Lindsey. To support Standing Rock tabling and other things will be happening before end Fall Semester. Donations for materials and gift cards for this cause.

Senatorial Comments and Announcements

- Senator Butler: Fundraiser Friday for Heroine Rehabilitation, paint a van and cookies from 12-3pm Friday in Davis Center.
- Chair Guarino: Happy Thanksgiving, charge the batteries.