



## **MINUTES**

### **18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the 2017-2018 Student Government Association Senate**

January 23, 2018 | 7:00 PM | Livak Ballroom

#### **Call to Order**

#### **Roll Call**

#### **Public Forum**

- Michelle Smith & Bob Vaughan – NEASC Accreditation – Standard 7
  - Part of Standard Seven: IT, HR, and Facilities.
  - Want to know about student’s opinions about the facilities the University has to offer.
  - Construction has caused a lot of changes to pathways that lead to a lot of academic buildings. Central campus should be clear of all construction by 2019.
  - Updating the “Case Rooms” in Kalkin Hall this summer and adding another.
  - Recently created a Task Force to look at certain desks and seating for tablet armchairs, tables, and other furniture in classrooms.
  - Going to be in communication to test some of the potential furniture that will come to campus.
- NEASC Accreditation – Standard 5
  - Part of the Standard 5: Student Services, Co-curricular Experiences, Quality Services, and Admissions.
  - Positives/strengths about UVM and where the University needs to improve in relation to the Standard 5.
  - Don’t be afraid to be a part of the solution. Please reach out.
  - Collecting feedback to mesh data with the information that is already there.

#### **Old Business**

#### **Emergency Business**

#### **New Business**

- Bill Allocating Funds to Chi-Alpha.

#### **Executive Reports**

- Speaker Tracy
  - Public Forum is getting full, reach out soon and check the SharePoint. Next available date is the meeting after Town Meeting Day.
  - Vote the way that you want to vote.
  - In communication with the NCTF to get some tush tests going.
  - The Retreat is this weekend in the Mount Mansfield Room.

- Vice President Woodcock
  - The Retreat got changed because people were cancelling last minute.
  - Retreat is this Sunday in Mount Mansfield Room. Starting promptly at 10 am.
  - Appointments are underway, new committee members on Sunday.
  - Board of Trustees interviews will be conducted this weekend.
  - Need a Chair or Senator to start sitting in on Student Research Conference Meetings.
- President Petrillo
  - NEASC data will be available.
  - This Friday he will be sole representative on Committee to review historic buildings on campus. 1 pm on the third floor of Waterman.
  - CAS is considering deep faculty cuts and student demands are changing keep yourself updated on CAS information.
  - Marijuana is soon to be legal. Will be sitting in on a lot of meetings in regards to Marijuana Legalization and Campus rules.
  - Getting metrics on Catamount Recovery Program and other student health organizations to see what we are doing right and wrong working with OIR.
  - Working with Chair Benson and Student Health Committee to send out a survey on health services and Advising.
  - Need 2 students to sit on Healthy Masculinity and GED committees.
  - Board of Trustees meeting is coming up and transitions will be coming up soon. Attending Board of Trustees meetings is very important if you want to be on Exec.
  - Part of a Risk Assessment Committee to refine some details.
  - Working with the Cynic to investigate what happens if the UA gets their heightened salary increase.
- Treasurer LaPierre
  - Tomorrow and Thursday are the budget workshops and next week is budget hearings.
  - Meeting with Kevin from the Foundation to talk about Love my Club.
  - Looking into IBB 2.0 Model in relation to budget cuts for CAS.

### **Committee Reports**

- Public Relations Committee
  - Tomorrow is the Winter Activities Fest from 11 am – 2 pm. Set up at 10:30 am. Need help tabling.
  - First-year reception is tomorrow for students that did well in their first semester.
  - Meeting with Kelly Lennon this Thursday to talk about dodge ball tournament.
- Student Action Committee
  - Speaking to the campus dietician about off campus students and food insecurity.
  - Looking for people to take on fresh check day and joining the dining implementation team.
  - Trying to get student feedback about programmed housing.
- Academic Affairs Committee
  - 18-credit proposal is going to hopefully be sent out next Monday.

- This afternoon sent Dean Falls the feedback received from general education requirement survey.
- Need 2 new students on General Education Review Committee.
- Committee on the Environment
  - First ECO meeting is February 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Looking into straw use on campus.
  - Working on reducing cigarette butts and improving the tobacco ban in general.
  - A student wants SGA to join the Vermont Climate Coalition.
  - Working on a SaveOhno project.
- Committee on Legislative and Community Affairs
  - Met with Gail from OSCR to go over the goals of the committee.
  - City Counsel Community Development and Neighborhood Revitalization committee meeting this Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Fletcher Free Library on College Street.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> community coalition meeting is this Friday from 3 – 4:30 pm at 12 Colchester Ave.
  - Working with University officials and local legislators to get an SGA meet and greet.
  - OSCR is hosting babysitter mingler on Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Student Resident Ambassador Initiative is going to try and be revitalized that was started by former Vice President Davis.
- Club Affairs Committee
  - Lot of recognition requests coming in.
  - Please vote how you want to vote. And don't feel like you have to apologize for how you vote.
  - Some requests could be potentially controversial.
  - Sunday after the retreat, Leon is giving a club sports new member orientation.
- Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity
  - CODIE is reaching out to groups to collaborate for Equity Week.
  - Check-ins with identity groups will be starting on Thursday.
  - Reslife will still be enforcing Drug and Alcohol violations even though Marijuana will be legal.
  - Attended the Celebration for MLK, we are leaders on this campus and make sure to take care of yourselves.
  - WILS is April 9<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 9 pm.
- Finance Committee
  - Met with 5 clubs this week and a lot of allocations will be coming in.

## **Senatorial Forum**

### **Senatorial Comments/Announcements**

- Senator Van Arsdale
  - New concussion support group, encourage y'all to join.
- Chair Pavlow
  - Broomball is going to be a lot of fun.
  - If in business school and want to be part of case competitions let him know.
- Chair Mako
  - Be safe!

**Final Roll Call  
Adjournment**