



## MINUTES

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

January 30, 2018 | 7:00 PM | Livak Ballroom

#### Call to Order

#### Roll Call

#### Public Forum

- Matt Hayes – University Program Board
  - Intense process in choosing who they will bring for the major music fests at UVM.
  - Reasons for \$10 tickets are for inclusive prices and are aware of the budgets of students. Affordable entertainment.
  - Contract with SGA is ending this year, looking for renewal.
  - “The Safety Net” is a fund that is accumulated from fests in the past in the case that enough tickets aren’t sold or the artist they signed has a last second change/request.
  - 3 potential options: higher budget, lower budget, or let it run out and rely on the safety net. (Would last about 3 years with safety net).
  - \$50,000 that SGA allocates to UPB is exclusively for Springfest talent only.
  - Looking for alternatives for funding aside from SGA through sponsorships is difficult, especially in Burlington where there are minimal large businesses. Would rather keep the money within the University.
  - It’s also hard to get more well known artists due to the obscurity of where we are and how tour routes are.
  - A lot of competition amongst schools to book well known artists, is a major pull factor for potential incoming students and would allow for major school spirit.
  - Availability of booking artists is also a challenge because schedules can change pretty drastically and they might not be coming to the Northeast at all.
  - Try to bring Vermont bands to these fests in one way or another.
  - Concert Bureau turned into UPB. \$50,000 was original amount that was allocated that’s how SGA chose the 5-year allocation of \$50,000.
  - A huge barrier with sponsorships because a lot of artists don’t want to perform for a sponsorship.

#### Old Business

- Bill Allocating Funds to Chi Alpha
  - *Passed*

#### Emergency Business

- Swearing in Senators Malling, Driscoll, Friedman, Gringeri

### **New Business**

- Bill recognizing Back Country Ski Club
- Bill recognizing Club Fungi
- Bill recognizing UVM Mathcats

### **Executive Reports**

- Speaker Tracy
  - Figuring out a date for a tush taskforce testing.
  - On Public Forum, try to withhold from snapping and clapping, it can confuse the speakers.
  - If you want to ask further questions to UPB let him know and he will get you in contact.
- Vice President Woodcock
  - Met with Annie Valentine to do follow up for the Bystander Intervention training.
  - If at all interested in her position, let her know.
  - Appointments process was a success, thank you to all who helped.
- President Petrillo
  - Doing a lot with mental health and CAPS, potentially hiring a consultant to come in and see how UVM does things compared to other schools.
  - Met with the GED committee.
  - Talked with Annie Valentine about suicide prevention and awareness.
  - Frist draft of survey is done to send out to students about mental health and how it could improve.
  - Speaking with President Sullivan next week to talk about a potential j-term and improving classroom space.
  - Working with Chair Flaherty and looking at student organization recognition and student rights.
  - Working with Leon to look into expanding step-up trainings to club sports.
  - Board of Trustees meeting on Friday.
- Treasurer LaPierre
  - Budgets are coming in for clubs.
  - Checking clubs that are in the negative, run a progress report for fundraising requirements.
  - Met with Kevin from the foundation about the Love my Club campaign that stars on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Committee Reports**

- Public Relations Committee
  - Working on planning a dodge ball event with Kelly Lennon.
  - Developing a pretty strong marketing strategy for WILS.
- Student Action Committee
  - Met with dietician to continue the talk about off-campus food insecurity, “swipe out hunger” would roll over points that students don’t use and allow those off-campus to use them.
  - Light funding got approved for the library light project.
  - Meeting with Raf from Reslife next week to discuss complaints from the student body about the new Residential Learning Communities.

- Academic Affairs Committee
  - Isora and Felix from the Advising Center have been invited to be guest speakers at the National Group of Academic Advisors.
  - Meeting with Dean Falls to talk about CAS budget cuts.
  - Meeting with the provost to talk about advising.
  - Met with the education advisor board to talk about the launch of the advising tool that is coming this summer.
  - Investigating textbook pricing and availability.
- Committee on the Environment
  - First ECO meeting is on Thursday.
  - Working on Vermont Climate Pledge Climate Coalition and working on the tobacco ban on campus.
  - Looking into straw use on campus.
  - Continuing the SaveOhno campaign.
  - In contact with Henderson's to try and change the lids on their coffee cups.
  - Looking to bring more composting to the library.
  - Working with SRIAC and the socially responsible eco fund.
- Committee on Legislative and Community Affairs
  - OSCR Baby Sitter Mingler on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Second community Coalition is Friday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Tentative dates for city council ward 8 debate is Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-7:30 pm in Brennan's. A week from then will be the Mayoral debate on March 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-7:30 pm in Mildred Livak.
  - Hopefully after spring break there will be an SGA state house visit.
  - Student Resident Ambassador Initiative is going to try and be revitalized that was started by former Vice President Davis.
  - Go Birds.
- Club Affairs Committee
  - A lot of recognitions coming up next week.
  - Have already had 25 requests come in this semester.
  - Attended the club sports new member orientation this past weekend.
  - Creating a list of clubs that did not go to the club signers workshop in the fall or did not check in.
- Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity
  - Meeting with Free 2 Be and Hillel to talk about equity week.
  - Check ins with clubs will be finishing on Thursday.
  - WILS is coming along.
- Finance Committee
  - Had budget hearings last week.
  - Budget hearings will be the following two weekends after this.

## **Senatorial Forum**

### **Senatorial Comments/Announcements**

- Chair Sudbay
  - Keith Pillsbury is running for a school board position in Ward 8. Asking if any senators would help with polls on March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Senator Steinlauf

- Go Birds.
- Senator Natanagara
  - This Saturday at 7 pm in the Ira Allen Chapel, UVM Cats Meow is putting on their largest performance ever.
- Senator Gomez
  - Apply to be an Advocat.
- Chair Mako
  - Superbowl viewing party in Harris Millis garage starting at 6 pm.
- Speaker Tracy
  - You can only miss 1 senate meeting per semester, but if you have the flu don't come.
- Senator Gladstone
  - CAPS and 10 limit session is not true funding wise. You can go every single week if scheduling works out.
- Vice President Woodcock
  - Pat Brown is retiring in June, there will be more news to come about this and celebrations.

**Final Roll Call**  
**Adjournment**