



## MINUTES

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

February 5, 2018 | 7:00 PM | Livak Ballroom

#### Call to Order

#### Roll Call

#### Public Forum

- Amy Boyd Austin – Catamount Recovery Program
  - Get this program on the radar. Under supported resource except from SGA.
  - Students are looking for a sense of community. Being substance free at a university can be very tough.
  - Reinforces the decision to support active students that are trying to get sober or thinking about becoming sober.
  - There was worry if UVM had a community that had a recovery program that was supported it wouldn't look the best for the University, when in reality this program is beyond important to students.
  - 35 students active in the program. It is gaining student interest.
  - LivingWell offers their space for a few hours a week to the CRP.
  - Staff, space, support, and students are the 4 big S's.
  - No longer have 12-Step meetings on campus. Have struggled finding space for them.
  - Have met with the deans of all the colleges to let them know about the CRP, along with other organizations throughout campus.
  - Looking for a potential partnership to plan events.
  - Only full-time staff member. They try to do something most days of the week. There are social events twice a month.
- Zack from the CRP
  - Currently in the CRP. Sober since March of 2016.
  - Has been a way to create community and connect with others that are going through recovery.
  - It has been helpful knowing that he is not alone.
  - The CRP has given him a network of people that have helped him get through recovery.
  - A lot of the stigma around recovery could be decreased through education.

#### Old Business

- Bill Recognizing MadCats
  - *Passed*
- Bill Recognizing UVM Backcountry Skiing Club
  - *Passed*
- Bill Recognizing Fungi Club

- *Passed*

## **Emergency Business**

### **New Business**

- Bill Recognizing Green Mountain Veggies
- Bill Recognizing Rap and Spoken Word Club
- Bill Allocating Funds to Allianza and Latinex
- Bill Allocating Funds to Shooting Sports Pistol and Shotgun Teams
- Bill Allocating Funds to Snowboard Team
- Bill Allocating Funds to Club Swimming

### **Executive Reports**

- Speaker Tracy
  - Go Sixers.
- Vice President Woodcock
  - Go Birds.
  - Talk to her about her position if interested.
- President Petrillo
  - Working with OIR in relation to CRP behind how successful it is through research. Working on a comparative report to show how the CRP is working.
  - Cannabis consultation meeting tomorrow at 2 pm.
  - Spring Fest meeting is on Thursday at 5:15 pm.
  - Working with Gail from OSCR to work on NARCAN availability.
  - Looking at space next year with Gus for access for the CRP.
  - Board of Trustees meeting went well. Selection committee selected a first year medical student.
  - Working with Leon for a training model that is better for Club Sports.
  - If interested in his position talk to him.
  - Bystander Intervention program is being implemented in bars downtown.
  - Have a meeting with the UA on Friday.
  - Hashing out details for the diversity fund for next year.
  - Submitted a retaining policy to President Sullivan, first draft.
  - Met with Raf last week.
- Treasurer LaPierre
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### **Committee Reports**

- Public Relations Committee
  - Entering a poster competition this week. Due this Thursday by 4 pm.
  - Going to start advertising for WILS.
  - Sending out helpful tips and tricks to students.
- Student Action Committee
  - Looking for more people to be on the committee for Fresh Check Day.
  - Meeting with Raf on Thursday.
- Academic Affairs Committee
  - Meeting with Dean Falls next week to talk about advisory committees and traditions on campus.
  - Provost is reviewing the 18-credit proposal.
  - Second meeting of EAB meeting happened today.

- Committee on the Environment
  - ECO meeting last week went well. Creating working groups to create a charter for ECO. Working on building the structure.
  - Got Hendersons to switch their lids to recyclable.
  - Earth week will not have a committee, all of the events communication can be streamlined through Student Life.
  - Making progress on projects mentioned in the past.
  - Go Birds.
- Committee on Legislative and Community Affairs
  - OSCR baby sitter mingler on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 am -12 pm.
  - Bernie Sanders is hosting a town meeting to discuss successful things that Germany has done. Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Unitarian church.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> community coalition February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3-4:30 pm.
  - Ward 8 debate Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-7:30 pm in Brennans, **tentatively**.
  - Burlington mayoral debate Thursday march 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30-7:30 pm in Sugar Maple Ballroom
  - Working on SGA meet and greet at Vermont State House.
- Club Affairs Committee
  - Giving a presentation to officer advisors.
- Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity
  - WILS coming up.
  - Working with Free 2 Be and Hillel for Equity Week.
  - Met with the Interfaith Center, talked about creating more meditation/prayer rooms on campus.
  - Meeting with Beverly Colston from The Mosaic Center for Students of Color.
- Finance Committee
  - Budgeting week.

## **Senatorial Forum**

### **Senatorial Comments/Announcements**

- Senator Steinlauf
  - Go Birds.
- Chair Scott
  - Pasta dinner to support Rallython on Sunday.
- Senator Van Arsdale
  - Concussion Support Group Meeting on Friday at 3 pm.
- Senator Nguyen
  - On Saturday the Asian Student Union will celebrate the Lunar New Year in Grand Maple Ballroom.

## **Final Roll Call**

## **Adjournment**