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23rd Meeting of the 2017-2018 Student Government Association Senate

February 27, 2018 | 7:00 PM | Livak Ballroom

Call to Order

Roll Call

Public Forum

- Keith Pillsbury
 - Running for school board in Ward 8. He has done it for 21 years, took 4 years off, and now is running again.
 - Got elected 11 times.
 - Wants to focus on education and youth.
 - Vote for their budget that is a .8% increase.
- Carter Neubieser
 - Running for Ward 8 City Counsel.
 - Did not participate in the SGA sponsored debate so he could stand in solidarity with those who partook in these past week rallies.
 - Opposes the F-35 coming to Burlington.
 - Wants to focus on on-campus and off-campus housing for students.
 - Is an activist for student's rights.
 - Worked on Senator Sanders 2016 Presidential Campaign, worked for VPIRG, and other political projects.
- Adam Roof
 - Running for re-election in Ward 8 for City Counsel.
 - Has helped with issues on sexual assault, helped lower rent, and helped with financial inequality.
 - Yesterday he helped lead bystander intervention trainings at some bars downtown.
 - In regards to the recent rallies he has talked to the mayor and members of the UVM community to take the necessary steps in order to properly plan.
 - Has student's involved with his position/campaign which helps keep him in touch with the student body.
 - For combatting the opioid crises he approves comm/stat, went through the community-policing academy, and wants to open safe injection sites (part of the solution).
 - It's important to create healthy relationships with the UVM Community in order to get things done.
 - Wants to look into a fund, maybe private or public, to compete in the housing marketplace with developers to hopefully see properties changeover.
 - Through a downtown improvement project he wants to better improve businesses to help contribute to a fund that would bring a more affordable supermarket to downtown Burlington.

- Resolution Supporting Refugee Resettlement
 - Have been working on this for the past year.
 - This was passed in the Burlington City Counsel last year, first city in the country to do so.
 - Unbiased politically and don't take any money from organizations.
- NoNamesForJustice Representatives
 - Push for a resolution to support NoNamesForJustice.
 - Meeting tomorrow at 5 pm with the administration.
 - Requesting funding.
 - Retention rates for faculty of color are declining.
 - NoNamesForJustice wants SGA to support the demands set forward by them that relate to SGA.
 - Called NoNamesForJustice because there is no name to this. This a community issue that affects all of us.
 - If these demands are met, resignation is not necessary. (Bringing up the topic for asking administration to resign.) The only way to get the conversation started.

Old Business

- Bill Allocating Funds to Nordic Ski Team
 - *Passed*
- Bill Allocating Funds to Men's Lacrosse
 - *Passed*
- Bill Allocating Funds to Men's Volleyball
 - *Passed*
- Bill Allocating Funds to Dance Team
 - *Passed*
- Resolution to Support the University of Vermont Student Government Association Entering the Vermont Climate Pledge Coalition
 - *Passed*

Emergency Business

- Chair Benson - Resolution Articulating Student Interests on Diversity and Equity in the 2017 Collective Bargaining Agreement
 - *Passed*
- Resolution Supporting NoNamesForJustice as They Pertain to the Student Government Association
 - *Passed*

New Business

- Bill allocating funds to Free2Be
- Bill increasing funds to the Diversity Enhancement Fund
- Bill allocating funds to Hillel
- Bill allocating funds to Outing Club
- Bill allocating funds to BJJ
- Bill recognizing UVM Linguistics Club
- Resolution supporting CAPS counselor staffed at Mosaic Center for Students of Color

Executive Reports

- Speaker Tracy
 - If you want to be speaker talk to him.
- Vice President Woodcock
 - Thank you to everyone for the support tonight.
 - Stay committed to what you are working on.
 - Campaigning starts on Monday, March 5th.
- President Petrillo
 - Things aren't over when we all leave this room.
 - Very proud of everyone.
- Treasurer LaPierre
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