



MINUTES

24th Meeting of the 2017-2018 Student Government Association Senate

March 20, 2018 | 7:00 PM | Livak Ballroom

Call to Order

Roll Call

Public Forum

- Kieth Pillsbury – Ward 8
 - Thank you to everyone who voted and to those who volunteered.
 - 896 total votes in Ward 8, the most amount ever.
 - First motion that he wants to make is allowing city council members to visit public schools before being sworn in.

Old Business

- Bill Allocating Funds to Free2Be
 - *Passed*
- Bill Allocating Funds to Hillel
 - *Passed*
- Bill Allocating Funds to Outing Club
 - *Passed*
- Bill Allocating Funds to UVM BJJ
 - *Passed*
- Bill Recognizing UVM Linguistics Club
 - *Passed*
- Bill Increasing Funds to Diversity Enhancement Fund
 - *Passed*
- Resolution Supporting the Hiring of a CAPS Counselor to be staffed in the Mosaic Center for Students of Color
 - *Passed*
- Resolution Supporting Refugee Resettlement
 - *Passed*

Emergency Business

New Business

- Bill recognizing Students for Justice in Palestine
- Bill recognizing Contra and Folk Dance Society
- Bill recognizing Social Work Club
- Bill allocating funds to Fencing
- Resolution supporting an increase in the budget for the Diversity Fund
- Bill approving the budget for Fiscal Year 2019
- Resolution supporting reopening to renegotiating funds for Springfest from UPB

Executive Reports

- Speaker Tracy
 - Trying to figure out how to get students who are abroad to run for SGA.
 - Polls are open for the presidency and vice presidency.
- Vice President Woodcock
 - Will have details for election timeline.
 - Completing portion of NEASC on transparency.
 - Attending the first meeting for the search committee for the new director of student life.
 - SGA banquet is on April 17th. From 5-7 pm.
 - Look for an invitation from President Sullivan for a dinner on April 10th.
 - Student Research Conference is April 19th.
- President Petrillo
 - Annie Stevens will be the interim advisor to SGA next semester.
 - Negotiations meeting went well.
 - Talked to WE about how they can help the student body as a whole.
 - 4/20 5K on 4/20.
 - Working with the Catamount Recovery Program to make sure when Hillel vacates their space they can move in easily.
 - Serving on the common ground review committee.
 - Meeting with the Career Center.
- Treasurer LaPierre
 - LuvMyClub campaign is over, over 1,100 donors and a little over \$32,000.
 - Did the negotiations and addressed to Kevin from NoNames for a list of people who donate to the foundation.

Committee Reports

- Public Relations Committee
 - WILS coming up. SaveOhno coming up and elections. Making posters for all these events. Stickers for WILS.
- Student Action Committee
 - Looking at the cost of textbooks and relation with food insecurity.
 - Looking at getting lockers in the Davis Center.
 - Finishing up a Reslife Resolution.
 - Continuing discussion on CAPS and dining implementation team.
- Academic Affairs Committee
 - Meeting to talk about diversity training for faculty.
 - Attended a demo on possible software for course registration.
- Committee on the Environment
 - SaveOhno starts the 26th.
 - Waste Fair is on April 25th.
 - Had conversations with ECO about planning Earth Week and mental health in the environmental field.
 - Environmental Forum on Thursday at 12:30 in the Sugar Maple Ballroom.
 - Got data on shipping which is helpful for carbon neutrality.
- Committee on Legislative and Community Affairs
 - 3rd community coalition will be taking place this Friday the 23rd.
 - Working with University Officials to go down to the state house to testify about student housing affordability.

- Community clean up is Sunday April 22nd from 11 am – 1 pm.
- Club Affairs Committee
 - Working with officer election transition guides.
- Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity
 - Met with the presidents committee on academic excellence.
 - Meeting with the interfaith center regarding religious spaces on campus.
 - WILS is less than 3 weeks away.
- Finance Committee
 - Budgeting season comes to an end next week.

Senatorial Forum

- Senator Van Arsdale – UVM Students Suffering from Concussions
 - To help support students heal during their concussion recoveries.
 - They are not licensed professionals but they are trying to provide a safe space and help direct them to professional resources.
 - They meet on Friday's at 3 pm in the Fireplace Lounge.

Senatorial Comments/Announcements

- Senator Deng
 - Catamount innovation fund looking to get more analysts involved.
- President Petrillo
 - Pancakes at the fire station on Saturday from 8-12.
- Senator Steinlauf:
 - This Sunday from 2-5 pm Pi Phi and Pike are hosting a dodge ball tournament, teams of 6. \$5 to enter.

Final Roll Call

Adjournment