



MINUTES

9th Meeting of the 2017-2018 Student Government Association Senate

October 10, 2017 | 7:00 PM | Livak Ballroom

Call to Order

Roll Call

Public Forum

- Anne Brena & Burlington Neighbors
- Debora Roseman: Quality of life issues:
 1. Noise
 2. Trash (Recycling & day after recycling, red cups and broken bottles)
 3. Vandalism: retributational vandalism – stealing and breaking things.
 - Alcohol seems to be the problem. Causes a completely different culture and environment.
 - General disregard for community members. We all live in a neighborhood together.
 - Sense of entitlement, leads to a lot of conflict.
 - Meeting students 1 on 1 at this point has not been necessarily working, might need more of a group effort.
- Anne Brena
 - Some neighborhoods have turned into “off-campus” dormitories.
 - More student housing needs to be built, on or near campus.
 - Need a healthy balance of students and permanent residents.
 - Neighborhood Project: Plan to help transform some of the downtown neighborhoods.
- Keith Pillsbury
 - Very upset with how landlords are bidding on houses.
 - Pushing young families out of homes in order for students to live in them.
 - Wants UVM to build more housing on campus.
 - There needs to be more of a community feeling.

Old Business

- None

Emergency Business

- None

New Business

- Bill Allocating Funds to Brazilian Judo and Jujitsu Club
- Bill Allocating Funds to The Outing Club

Executive Reports

- Speaker Tracy

- Too much redundancy on public forum questions and comment, and people need to stop being on their phones during public forum.
- Contest amongst committees to choose the theme for senate on Halloween: the contest is making the best birthday card for President Petrillo. Winning committee gets to choose the theme. Due Friday the 13th.
- Vice President Woodcock
 - Senator of the Week: Senator Stewart.
 - Began scheduling interviews, hopefully swear in 2 new senators next Tuesday (10/17). Friday (10/13) 11:45-2:15 pm is when interviews will be.
 - Discussing bystander intervention with administration.
 - January 21st is the Spring Retreat, held in the Interfaith Center. Tentatively 10-5 pm.
- President Petrillo (Happy Birthday)
 - 2nd board of trustees selection committee meeting. Application will be filed by next week. Looking for a replacement trustee, application available within the next few weeks. November 7th is the first informational meeting.
 - Fresh check day on Thursday. (10/12)
 - Meeting with the Chair of Board of Trustees on Friday. (10/13)
 - New UVM Rescue building opened on Saturday, top notch new ambulance.
 - 18 credit cap: had a meeting canceled in regards to this. Going to keep the discussion open.
- Treasurer LaPierre
 - Fundraising and progress reports going out tomorrow. (10/11)

Committee Reports

- Committee on Legislative and Community Affairs
 - Ward 1 and ward 8 meeting 6:30 pm McClure lobby. (10/11)
 - 2nd community collation meeting this Friday (10/13) from 3-4:30 pm. 12 Colchester Ave.
 - November 5th is the Community Cleanup beginning at 11 am.
 - Northeast Conference on Public Administration November 3rd-5th
- Finance Committee
 - 12 requests this week.
- Public Relations Committee
 - Banner has been ordered.
 - Meeting with Rory Butler to talk about the Catamount Recovery Program.
 - Advertising Fresh Check Day.
 - Athletics meeting this Thursday (10/12) at 4 pm.
- Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity
 - Looking for WILS speakers.
 - Assessing how the university is addressing the GIRT report.
 - Met with a career counselor discussing international students involvement on campus.
- Club Affairs Committee
 - Club check ins starting next week.
 - Finalizing recognition bills.

- Academic Affairs Committee
 - 18 credit issue, met with Jen Pruitt and faculty senate, they would be willing to support redefining the cap.
 - Marketing and advertising for the Advising Award.
 - Working on trying to get free printing.
 - Want to force registrar to have all syllabi and links to how much textbooks are during course registration.
- Committee on the Environment
 - Meeting with the Office of Sustainability and the Environment Plant to set up a website about sustainability on campus.
 - All potential proposals are going to be shown at the Clean Energy Forum.
 - Met with eco-reps as part of our constitutional responsibility.
 - Campus Planning Services Committee, Senator Merson got the position.
- Student Action Committee
 - Fresh check day this Thursday. (10/12)
 - Looking into bike and pedestrian safety.
 - Getting TRIO in on public forum.
 - Working with the energy manager of the library.
 - Senator Golden's meeting with Raf about Trinity Gym: making Reslife gyms free, concluded that free access won't happen, tuition we pay as an athletic fee goes directly to the Patrick Gym. Raf is okay with having a discount for students on financial aid.

Senatorial Forum

- Chair Corcoran – Divestment Resolution
 - Not voting on this tonight, just looking for constructive criticism.

Senatorial Comments/Announcements

- None

Final Roll Call

Adjournment