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
  o Anne Brena & Burlington Neighbors
  o Debora Roseman: Quality of life issues:
    1. Noise
    2. Trash (Recycling & day after recycling, red cups and broken bottles)
      • 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.
  o 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.
  o 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
  o None

Emergency Business
  o None

New Business
  o Bill Allocating Funds to Brazilian Judo and Jujitsu Club
  o Bill Allocating Funds to The Outing Club

Executive Reports
  o 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.

  o 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.

  o 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.

  o Treasurer LaPierre
  • Fundraising and progress reports going out tomorrow. (10/11)

**Committee Reports**

  o 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

  o Finance Committee
  • 12 requests this week.

  o 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.

  o 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.

  o Club Affairs Committee
  • Club check ins starting next week.
  • Finalizing recognition bills.
o 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.

o 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.

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

Senatorial Comments/Announcements
   o None

Final Roll Call
Adjournment