



MINUTES

13th Meeting of the 2017-2018 Student Government Association Senate

November 7, 2017 | 7:00 PM | Livak Ballroom

Call to Order

Roll Call

Public Forum

- Jim Hudziak, MD. – Director, UVM Wellness Environment
 - Started as a program of 100 people, now up to 1,167.
 - Diminish drug and alcohol violations and increase retention.
 - Currently in the “most” desirable Residence Hall.
 - New relationship with athletics, 109 varsity athletes total in WE.
 - It was the University’s decision to give Converse Hall to WE.
 - There is a clear connection between exercise and an increase in academic performance.
 - WE Coin for engaging in a wide variety of activities, micro economy within the WE program. With WE Coin you can buy WE branded items on the WE Website.
 - Potential plan to further the incentive program with the use of Chest-Straps meant for monitoring heart rates during exercise.
 - WE has removed 12 of 1,200 kids due to violating the programs rules, student feedback from those who are still in the program is generally positive.
 - Trying to figure out a plan in order to house more members of WE, need to be a part of the program for at least 2 years in order to be valid for the study.
 - Students are not removed from WE if you get a conduct violation outside of WE. Also if you are Mapped, you will not get removed. Students have a WE moment with Dr. Hudziak.
 - WE program helps with students struggling with eating disorders and offers outlets and resources in order to overcome it. In this instance exercise can be helpful while at the same time it can be a difficulty.
 - Most significant pillar that draws in incoming first-years is mindfulness.
 - WE is here because Dr. Hudziak’s daughter came to UVM.
 - Dr. Hudziak personally meets with students who he thinks aren’t taking the program as seriously as some other students. There is no perception that students need to do any or all of the pillars.
 - When incoming first-years choose which residence hall they would prefer to room in they choose “Wellness Environment” rather than “CCRH.”

Old Business

- Bill Changing the Name of Exercise Science Club
 - *Passed*

Emergency Business

- Bill Allocating Funds to Women's Club Soccer
 - *Passed*

New Business

- Bill Allocating Funds to Kayak Club and Club Tennis.
- Bill Recognizing UVM Disc Golf

Executive Reports

- Speaker Tracy
 - Reach out to President Petrillo and Vice President Woodcock to get in contact if you have more questions for Dr. Hudziak.
 - Treasurer is only required to attend one senate meeting per month.
 - SGA President is in charge of all SGA staff including adults.
 - Plans for tying things up with student rights coming soon.
 - Going to make changes to the operational documents.
- Vice President Woodcock
 - Community Cleanup was very successful.
 - Looking into the operational documents.
 - Board of Trustees selection committee, first meeting was tonight, 3 mandatory forums. For those who are interested must attend. There are video recordings if students couldn't attend the forums. First meeting is this Friday. (11/10)
 - Looking for a senator to start attending student research committee meetings.
 - Continuing to plan the Spring Retreat in January and the Club Signers Breakfast which will take place during Finals Week.
 - Going to try and improve the SGA website.
- President Petrillo
 - Met with director of labor relations to discuss contracts with UVM, in the tentative contract it says that 2 weeks prior to registration there needs to be extended course descriptions.
 - Current location of Hillel will be vacated and making that building potentially the Catamount Recovery Program Building.
 - Going to be redefining the position of Director of Health & Wellbeing after Dr. Porter steps down.
 - Get your Flu Shot.
 - Met with Raf and President of IRA talking about housing and cannabis use on campus.
 - Dodgeball tournament to raise awareness for Mental Health is on.

Treasurer LaPierre

Committee Reports

- Committee on Legislative and Community Affairs
 - Thank you so much for all of your participation for Community Cleanup.
 - Veterans day Friday, November 10th at 5:45 am to place veteran flags outside of the Davis Center.
 - On November 8th there is an off-campus living workshop hosted in WDW by OSCR from 6-7:30 pm.
 - World café on free speech is on November 14th.
 - 3rd community coalition this Friday (11/10) 3-4:30 pm at 12 Colchester Ave.
 - Neighborhood planning assembly ward 1 and 8 meeting tomorrow night. (11/08)
 - Burlington Telecom tied on the vote, negotiations to come.
- Finance Committee
 - Working on Financial Literacy Workshop.
 - Giving a financial report next week.
- Public Relations Committee
 - Planning an athletics night that would be SGA sponsored.
 - Tabling starts tomorrow! (11/08)
 - Working on UVM Voice, and an email went out today.
- Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity
 - Last Friday, sent resolution that was voted on last week to the DCRC.
 - Last Thursday met with Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity.
 - Title IX Office is looking for student representation on 2 committees.
 - Reached out to multiple multi-cultural organizations.
 - Attending the career and cultures conference.
- Club Affairs Committee
 - Currently working on club check ins.
 - Recognition coming up this next week about UVM Disc Golf, new leadership and new structure.
- Academic Affairs Committee
 - Very excited about the new contract President Petrillo discussed.
 - 18 credit project: OIR, sending reports about stats on all things regarding students taking over 18 credits.
 - Course evaluation platform has been approved by faculty senate.
 - Advising Award is fully launched, there are 12 nominations so far.
 - Grossman School of Business will propose a first semester first year course that introduces students to college.
- Committee on the Environment
 - Water forum on November 15th, getting reusable straws as giveaways.
 - Mindful walk is next week Sunday the 12th at Redrocks, leaving Davis center circle at 2:30 pm.
 - Gained data on gas for certain vehicles, helps with carbon neutral implementation.
 - Climate Action Plan was discussed at their committee meeting, trying to go Carbon Neutral by 2025.
 - Convinced SCC to become an SGA recognized club.
- Student Action Committee
 - Got over 100 responses through UVM Voice.

- Vermonster giveaway will be announced next week.

Senatorial Forum

- Senator Merson: Water Workshop
 - Details on the poster.
 - Speaker is Megan Moir.
 - Giving out reusable straws.

Senatorial Comments/Announcements

- Chair Sudbay
 - Movember is well under way. 180 members on the network for UVM.
 - \$7,000 raised in 7 days.
 - Verbal commitment from UVM Men's Basketball to play a game in November with moustaches.
 - November 30th is Mr. UVM.
- Chair Benson
 - Missing hat
- Chair Mako
 - Theta Thanksgiving is this Saturday. (11/10)
- Senator Gladstone
 - Composting workshop tomorrow (11/08) in UHeights North at 7:30 pm.
- Senator Scannell
 - Wednesday (11/29), eco-reps hosting a free tour of Green Mountain Composting.

Final Roll Call

Adjournment