



MINUTES

15th Meeting of the 2017-2018 Student Government Association Senate

November 28, 2017 | 7:00 PM | Livak Ballroom

Call to Order

Roll Call

Public Forum

- UVM President – Tom Sullivan
 - Meets regularly with all the Vice Presidents, meets with the Deans of colleges regularly, and has other big group discussions.
 - Spends about 50% of time on Alumni relations and fundraising. The other 50% is on the 4 principle goals: affordability, elevate the quality of the university, build and maintain infrastructure, lead and manage the university in the most effective and efficient way.
 - Since being here: lowest increase in tuition over the last 40 years, \$400 million of new infrastructure (recognized 14 buildings on campus that need to be modernized), added at least 20 new majors and minors, and investments into academic programs.
 - The Taft Building: Getting renovated for the arts. Will be the home of the Integrated Creative Arts on campus.
 - Was a lawyer in Washington D.C. and New York City, then became a professor at 2 universities, then became the dean of the Law School at the University of Arizona, then became the provost at the University of Arizona, and then became the President of UVM.
 - (In regards to the recent cuts to the Music Department) The decisions on the budget are very decentralized, the colleges within UVM deal with the entire budget pertaining to that college.
 - Talking with third party developers to build more apartments around the campus to help with the off-campus housing issue.
 - Attempting to buy a piece of property off of Spear St.

Old Business

- Bill Recognizing Family Business Club
 - *Passed*

Emergency Business

New Business

- Bill recognizing Fungi Club
- Amendment to the Constitution's Operational Documents

Executive Reports

- Speaker Tracy
 - Constitution Committee met and is planning on amending some of the Constitution's Operational Documents.
 - For every 5 students that are on the ballot there will be 1 write in slot for SGA elections.
- Vice President Woodcock
 - If you plan on not being on SGA next semester, let her know.
 - Club Signer Holiday Breakfast, Wednesday the 13th from 9-11 am in Livak.
 - Having a meeting on updating the SGA Website.
 - Sending out evaluations over the next week.
 - Need a senator to go with her to an IRA meeting this Thursday at 7.
- President Petrillo
 - Student Health committee is working on a comparative institution report.
 - Student Rights document is about halfway complete.
 - New contracts for WE.
 - Final Board of Trustees informational meeting is tonight.
 - Met with the UA before break and is trying to meet with them further. Both parties of the administration and the UA are going to put their final offers forward.
 - Had a meeting about conduct violations and 4/20.
 - Met with the dean of CNHS to talk about clinical teaching facilities on campus.
 - Move-in in January will be happening, Pat Brown has requested that some senators help.
- Treasurer LaPierre

Committee Reports

- Public Relations Committee
 - Making a brochure for Senator Mako.
- Student Action Committee
 - Still getting Voice submissions.
 - Planned the winter busses for travel home.
 - Senator Patel looking into the IRA survey she sent out.
 - Tackling trashcans.
- Academic Affairs Committee
 - Advising Awards have closed. 36 nominations.
 - Looking into printing.
 - Draft for the 18-credit proposal in progress.
- Committee on the Environment
 - Working on the Saving Ohno campaign to bring to campus.
 - ECO has their first meeting tomorrow.
 - Continuing to gather data on Carbon Neutral.
 - Hike this Sunday for all Student Government.
- Committee on Legislative and Community Affairs
 - Final Community Coalition meeting is December 8th from 3-4:30 pm at 12 Colchester Ave.
 - Working with local reps to coordinate a date for us to go down to Vermont State House.

- Club Affairs Committee
 - Pushing all new recognitions to next semester.
 - Sending out an end of the semester email to all club signers.
- Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity
 - Working with the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity to create a pamphlet.
 - Meeting with director of cultural pluralism next Tuesday.
 - Student representation on DCRC resolution was passed unanimously.
- Finance Committee
 - 5 requests this week.

Senatorial Forum

Senatorial Comments/Announcements

- Senator Nguyen
 - This Sunday there is a concert at Sunday 2 pm in the Fleming Museum.
- Chair Howley
 - Please fill out a survey for her and Chair Corcoran's class.
- Chair Sudbay
 - Movember is going well, raised \$33,000 so far. Hosting Mr. UVM 4th floor of Grand Maple Ballroom, 7-9 pm this Thursday. (11/30)
- Senator Niemczyk
 - Accounting Club is doing a trip to national life group this Friday.
- Chair Scott
 - Examining White Identity Retreat application deadline extended to December 5th.
- President Petrillo
 - If you want to play with some medical gear let me know.
- Senator Tracy
 - 1 more Senate meeting left.

Final Roll Call

Adjournment