



TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009  
FIRST MEETING OF 2009-2010 SENATE

CALL TO ORDER  
START TIME: 9:11

Swearing In of the Vice President

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Swearing In of the New Senators

PUBLIC FORUM

EMERGENCY BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Taylor: A resolution for enhanced course information at registration

And a resolution on classroom clickers

Glynne: appointment of new speaker

OLD BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

SPEAKER FRANK:

I am graduating so I will no longer be your speaker. You need to choose someone to fill this role. In the past we used Robert's rules of order but this year I wrote my own rules, Mandy's rules.

PRESIDENT JONES:

I want you to know that the new executive know that you are not the ECO reps it was a coalition. We are thinking about having 2 more meetings after this one up until the last week of classes.

We have a retreat in the fall. So for these weeks just bear with it. But we will explain as we go along. The current chairs will meet with you. We expect you to have committee meetings next week.

Named new chairs

I ask that you guys do if you haven't already is take a glance at our constitution so you can see what that structure looks like.

We should talk about the goals you want to accomplish with our newly elected positions. I have no doubt that you will grasp that we are here to represent all students but with that I want to talk about a couple big events that will be coming up that we need to talk about and that is the naked bike ride. Next meeting I will have a history of it and why it's a problem and our responsibility. This next week on Monday does start earth week and I do encourage you to go to some events.

Glynne: you brought up the constitution and it stipulates that the president has to appoint an elections chair at the first meeting, have you decided?

Jones: because there have been a lot of issues with the transition. I don't want to send a president of not following the constitution. Because of the complications with the elections of this elections chair we decided to give this a week. The first election we will have will happen when we come back in the fall. We wanted to meet everyone first to give everyone a fair chance in the position

Glynne: This was stipulated in our old constitution which we are following. Waiting a week would be in violation of that. You would be setting that president if you did not make one today.

Motion to suspend the election chair nomination and appointment by one week (passed)

VICE-PRESIDENT ASH:

For those of you who are new, we encourage you to come by the SGA office. We will be assuming our new office and we encourage you to visit, our door will be open. Please introduce yourselves. As well in the office you will notice that there are some desk spaces. The SGA has a selected area where we have our committee area and desks. We encourage you to use those spaces for any senatorial work you need to be doing. Also if you haven't taken a look at the web sight, it's brand new. And that will have information to contact you and photos and that will be updated in upcoming weeks and perhaps over the summer. As we have separated you into committees each committee has a private list serve. We will have an entire senate list serve as well as committee list serves, which will be updated this week. Think of some of your goals of coming on senate.

Wilkinson-Ray: is there a way to keep last year's list serve just to keep the emails but not as a list serve  
That information is available in the UVM directory or come to me.

## SENATORIAL FORUM

Just: welcome all. I read an opinion article about SGA and it doubted the level of transparency. I think a good way for us to fix that is to be more visible. Like for me to be out tabling in the DC. I encourage you to go to a random club meeting and just say hey I am a senator.

Glynn: COLA is in charge of legislation and dealing with additional politics. City counsel meets every Monday night and they talk about issues that sometimes affect us. And they are beginning to talk about zoning ordinances. I do encourage you to come to it with any questions or concerns. I know the legislature as well as the administrative body. We have 2 important offices on campus the office of federal and state community relations it really important one that you come and see me and we will get in contact with them. If you plan on bringing in a politician to talk on public forum I need to know ahead of time because it's a bad pr move when one position comes in and we vote on something the other position doesn't know that it is being talked about. I need someone to sit in on the Burlington police committee and report on the student voice.

Taylor: I will continue as the chair of academic affairs. We deal with any issue concerning curricula, registering, academic integrity, and other stuff like that. We gained insight on how we won't to make improvements in these areas. I am a resident of Vermont. I am raising my daughter in Vermont she will be 4 and so I am deeply in this and care about this university. I am entering my 7<sup>th</sup> and final year as an undergrad. I am a nutrition and food science major and I am pre med.

Wilkinson-Ray: the challenge is on, if you ever complained about anything regarding UVM or SGA now is your chance, so you have no excuses. Things are not going to be easy. Please use the list serves. And also check your email. Good luck. Eco coalition, it was a good run but now you are senators and can no longer think of yourself as an ECO candidate you are now senators. Senators that are returning you need to provide as much guidance as you can.

Buswell: this Friday Burlington and UVM will come together in the city works program. I am volunteering on Friday and there are a couple sights you can volunteer to do work within the community and you can sign up in student life.

Ana Dru Ellis: Saturday is Spring Fest. We are doing a relay for life canvas. We are getting paint and a donation table and you give a donation and your hand goes on the canvas. We need help with tabling and at Spring Fest. If you are willing to help please let me know.

## SENATORIAL COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rifkin: welcome I am Kate and the new pr chair so if anyone has any questions or concerns feel free to go to the older members of your committee.

McDonald: there are a bunch of events next week. Next Monday VSTEP will be tabling and then Tuesday for awareness of reducing bottle water consumption. And on Tuesday there will be no bottle water sold at the DC or the Marsh. We will pass out some metal water bottles. And on next Thursday the 23 I will

be organizing a concert in billings north lounge at 8. And tomorrow I will be possibly speaking with channel 17 news on the bottle water issue at UVM and mentioning the resolution we passed last week.

Ash: I will be taking place of President Jones at the naked bike ride task force meeting. If those new members of executive could stay for a moment that would be great. I will send out an email talking about the signatures we want you to put at the bottom of your emails.

Frank: if anyone is interested in the position I have, come talk to me

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ENDS: 9:45