



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, 2010
21st MEETING OF 2009-2010 SENATE

CALL TO ORDER: 7:09
START TIME: 7:10

ROLL CALL

FINANCE: all present

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Excused Senator John-Freso

COLA: all present

CODEEE: all present

STUDENT ACTION: all present

PR: one absent

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: all present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None to be approved.

PUBLIC FORUM

Max Bookman, Editor of the Water Tower

Editor Bookman: Hello student senators, my name is Max Bookman, I am a senior here at the University Of Vermont and one of two editors of the Water Tower. When I was a freshman I considered running for student government, before I got the chance, I met a small group of students at the time, to create a student newspaper to bring together and entertain students. The first meeting from February 2007, we've gone from the beginning with five writers, and it going straight to the garbage, it now flies off the shelf. There are second and third generation Water Towerers. An intrinsic part of the writing process is constructive criticism, every article we publish in the Water Tower goes through peer review, we criticize to improve. With three years of experience at the helm of the Water Tower, I would to share some constructive criticism with you, remember, we criticize to improve. You represent the interest of students and administer to several clubs. As a student and club leader, I'm here to tell you I think you can do a better job, remember we criticize to improve. First lets talk about representing the interests of

the students, if you have read The Water Tower at all this year you will see that it does not currently cover the student government. We used to cover the Student Government, but we have made a conscious decision back in August to not mention SGA, unless the student body express interest in it. What the SGA is currently doing right now is not in the interest of the students. Now why is that? I know that COLA for example has recently directed a new shuttle route. But that's not what really strikes home with the students, because it not a bread and butter issue, that is visible on a daily basis, things like overcrowding in the dorms, student-faculty ratios, the food in Simpson dining hall. These are issues that student feel and see every day. But we at Water Tower don't really know what SGA is doing about them. I talked with Bryce last year, he told me that as SGA president, he would take a more combative stance against the Fogel Administration. Has this happened or not? I cannot tell you however many emails I have received over the year, urging us to get out there. I think you need to get out there. You need to emerge, shake some hands, sign some petitions, organize some rallies. I was at the student walk out last year, where you? The Vice President and President were at the back of the biggest student rally in years. It seems that the only time the SGA ever talks to me is when they need me to sign something or when you want me to write an article about something .Take the eco-collation, you made a stink about changing the way the SGA runs. We ran an article about you when you were running, but I haven't heard a word of how this worked since. To this day if you aren't getting out there to the student about what matter to them, then the Water Tower will not cover SGA. What you are doing is not striking home with the student body, no one seems to know, to be excited about it. I think I made it clear that the SGA needs to turn up its involvement in the student body. Any student government primary mission should be to represent the student body then its clubs. What has more energy been put into, administering to the students, or student clubs? UVM has a thriving extracurricular community, over the last three years at the helm of the Water Tower I have had the privilege of getting the perspective of countless students, and I get the overall feeling from the student is that they feel a lack of representation from SGA. One thing you can do, is not to threaten to cut the budget of clubs if they don't do this or that. This fosters an antagonist relationship. If you don't believe this occurs, come see me, I have a stack of emails proving this. Why is it we only here that there is a limited amount of funds, the SGA should be advocated for clubs and fighting the administration to get more money for the clubs. Taking the concerns form the clubs to the administration. I'm going to close the discussion by what you can do to help the water tower. The writing quality at the University of Vermont is a mess, we at the Water Tower search high and low in a school of over 10,000 students for good writers. As a school we don't attract or produce good writers. The major problem is class size and the lack of desire from professors to assign lengthy written assignment they'd then have to grade. One top of that we do not have a writing program at UVM, the English department only offers 10 classes in particular to writing over the course of a semester, and most of those are basic introductory level writing classes. The university has problems with circular writing activities, and should therefore be more vigilant in supporting extracurricular writing activates. The SGA's treasures office almost shut the Water Tower down. Between the Cynic and the water tower, the act of extracurricular writing on campus is lacking. Put forth a direct student fee to fund these. It damn well better have thriving and well funded student newspapers in print. Only a three dollars per student would be enough to take away any add. The feet of finding advertisers, is more challenging then it may be worth. If anyone from the SGA has ever asked me what they can do for the Water Tower, I will tell them, be our advocate. We criticize to improve,

and I hope that you will consider some of the things I've said tonight. I encourage you to stop by our weekly meeting, and tell us what you plan to do, come to us, ask us what you want done. I believe in the student Government, and what you can achieve at SGA.

Speaker Ellis: Okey, thank you, we'll now open the floor to questions.

Senator Cafarelli: Thank you for coming in and saying, this needs to be a wakeup call. We haven't done anything as a student body all year, and people know that. We all sit in here, thinking that the whole world is going on around us, thinking everything is fine, because no one is coming in. And I know I'm an advocate to ask where are the people the care? Your someone who cares, we need more people to come in, slap us in the face and tell us this, because this is what the people we represent think. The only bad thing I have to say, in reference to threatening budgets, you cannot look at it to threaten to cut budgets, it's a way of rewarding the clubs that are going above and beyond, by giving those clubs a budget that they deserve, we reward them. I think that what you said today is entirely true, I don't want you to think that I think that I don't agree with anything you've said. We've talked, mostly about the Jets, but we did talk, but I think that you think that we do need to get our shit together, and that you have my support for putting us on the Shit List.

Editor Bookman: Maybe I should clarify, I think that what you guys are doing as the financial committee, you have your work cut out for you and ah again. The only thing I'll say about budget cuts, again, again I get the idea, that may not be necessarily true. But as you guys are aware, again, a whole bunch of you know it has happened. This year and years past, SGA has mandated clubs to come to specific activities you deem is important, that we may not feel is important, and saying if you don't come or do this or that, that if you don't have your club liaison to come the meeting, your budget will be cut. This creates an unfortunate power dynamic that we have.

Senator Henley: Thank you for the input, there are a couple things, you said you read our minutes. You mentioned that students may not work on interests to the student, such as budgets cuts. Just to verify have you heard about the budget reform meeting for tomorrow?

Editor Bookman: I have.

Senator Henley: That's interesting; I'm wondering have you heard about the sustainability requirement?

Editor Bookman: I see where you're going with this. The blanket answer to this, is that I do not see you outside the SGA office, the thing that Student Senators should be doing is standing out and holding rallies.

Senator Henley: The other thing that I would like to address is the budget, the Student Government Association should ask for money to clubs, and you also said that many students cannot write, the biggest reason is increased class sizes, how would more funding for clubs when we need more funding for academics, solve the problem of faulty writing?

Editor Bookman: I don't work with the administration officials nearly as much as you guys do, so I hope that you have the answer for that, I don't. If had 2,00 collars more funding we here at the Water Tower could produce double.

Senator Chevrier: Pass

Senator Buswell: You have a done a great job as editor and with public speaking, I do remember coming to you as a student, doing a bit of fact checking to your composting story, and to the misinformation about the composting structure in Burlington. I know that piece wasn't supposed to be fictional. There is a piece about the benefit dance we are doing Thursday for Haiti. We need to foster a better working relationship with the Water Tower.

Senator Wilkinson-Ray: You are the only club leader to come and give us their feedback, it is great when the student come to us, again you're the only one who has, again criticism is great, it's important when its well founded. To say we haven't been able to get to the students is off base, we have been tabling regularly and do try our best to advocate to the students. It's our job to go through the budget, going through the budgets waste, we do our best to gather opinions and to between the administration. The three dollar fee, is interesting, if every club was to ask club fees, we wouldn't likely get the students behind that. Saturday we gave a presentation to the Board of Trustees saying that UVM is overpriced. Why has the Burlington Free Press found something lame, a whale washing up on North Beach, more interesting then the meeting itself. We try to do our best, these exchanges need to continue.

Editor Bookman: A whale washing up on North Beach, is big a deal, and you should go check it out. Read the cynic for campus news, we here to entertain and to inform, If there is a scandal we report. We again made the conscious decision not to cover the SGA, we'll do so only when you do something when students talk about it. I mentioned about the bread and butter issues, when the Board of Trustees comes out and actually heeds your words and you get results, we'll report.

Speaker Ellis: I would like remind everyone to be wise with your words and be mindful about what you say.

Senator Wilkinson-Ray: As a Senator we try, a lot of students read the water tower, but not all of us. Is that because you choose to not cover us, that we don't read, I don't know. We get result for the Board of Trustees, they decided against a 2.8 million dollar health center, the board would likely say we have an impact.

Editor Bookman: If I'm taking up to much of you time..., If this your best, I think you can do better, I'm here to challenge you. Of course every club leader thinks there club is the greatest. You think any organized activity should be considered a club. Consider us and the Cynic as a newspaper, something different than just a club.

Senator Glynne: Max thanks about talking about my committee. Two things, your job as constructive criticizemer, as an alternative newspaper to entertain rather then inform,

Editor Bookman: Correction, both

Senator Glynne: It's more entertainment over information, no doubt. To say that our President and Vice President don't do enough is greatly misinformed. To hear what the administration has to say about the President and Vice President is all good things, and they're the first two to not get in bed with administration. They stand up to fight for what the student body. We have been talking about very pertinent issues, like the shuttle issue for example. Like the shuttle issues. Lets say that Bryce and I didn't go to those meetings, they may have shut down the pearl street corridor, about 5000 students would beg to differ, about its importance over that of a whale washing up on North Beach. To talk about we can do better is true, but to say that we aren't doing our job is misinformed.

Editor Bookman: Again, I differ with you on the Whale issue, but let's leave that at bay. Laughs. I guess. Last year I talked to Jay Taylor at this sort of thing, one big quam, was the students would care a lot more about the SGA and we would cover them more if there was more involvement with them. I don't think that student know, because were just the Water Tower, we print a lot less then the Cynic, students not knowing what the SGA doing is not the fault of the schools newspapers, but from your lack of involvement.

Senator Doran: You addressed something I've been thinking about, the awareness of students, knowing that they have the ability to come and talk to us, other than tabling in the Davis Center, what is your advice as to get student more interested?

Editor Bookman: I am uncomfortable by the SGA advisor, but I will say though we have tabled before, we were almost flushed, we tabled a whole bunch, you have the tablers that sits at the table and keep to themselves, then there is the tabler who is standing in front of the table and engaging the students that are in Davis Center. People shouldn't be coming to you, you should be coming to them. You should be in the doors of the Davis Center and not letting people pass unless they' That is my suggestion.

Senator Chevrier to Vice President Ash

Vice President Ash: I don't want to criticize you, I want to create an antidote form the past Friday. What the students believe and what I understand understand, and number of us has said here that you may not have checked the facts, on whether or not the facts are true. In light of that, we need more communication , as one that is interested, what would resonate with you most?

Editor Bookman: I am not comfortable being the advisor to the SGA, your minds put together would be more effecting that What I can provide, there is tabling and there is *tabling*, as a said already, there is lofty issues as meeting with administration. I live in a forced triple, I wake up every day with two others in and old fashion room. Not that the lofty issues, there is anything wrong with, those are my opinions.

Senator Chevrier: The senate as background info, as a club signer the last time we have been called out, I will think about last time, this isn't a one time show, its happened prior, I do have questions for you, You pointed out that were showing the liaison down your throat. There implemented to help. That is what the liaison is for, I have the list down stairs, that's what they're for. If you have problem then you can voice them. When we talk to these people, reach out to the liaison, like we reached to you, your complaints may be solved. It says in the bill that they should be in contact with the SGA, and mostly tells

us which clubs are still there or aren't. If you do that with the system I encourage you to encourage us to change the bill, so that these specifications aren't there. About the Update sheets, we can then open a dialogue on that.

Editor Bookman: I'm glad you got my email, and about the liaison thing. An important thing, is distinguishing between new and old clubs, big and small, and those that don't have desk in the Davis Center, if you don't participate in the liaison program, we will hurt you is no the way to act. I know Bryce and Kate, and most clubs that do, do if they have desks there. About your policy, unless you agree to the policy or not you cannot be a club. This something we readily agreed to. I don't think that, I get the reasons and stuff, I think it's good, but nothing should be mandatory.

Senator Rifken: This is awesome study that I haven't not heard about, I also agree with your statement that media is not a club and that it maybe shouldn't be. SGA has a different relationship, I agree that you shouldn't be a club.

Speaker Ellis: Thank you for coming in. Is there anyone else to speak on public forum. I was informed that the member of the Burlington City council, will be coming in next week. Okay, moving on to

EMERGENCY BUSINESS

Senator Glynne: Resolution to Recognize the Grievance of the Marchane Family.

This resolution is cosponsored by Senator Chevrier, and that we should write a resolution supporting the. The resolution recognized the Marchane Family, we recognized the finance as a burden, and we as the students have voiced the opposition to. A to be first year, was murdered over the issues in agreement with father about the finical issues. We will continue to fight for the reduction of cost at the university. Four days prior to the great speech to the board. There was a great dispute in Mass; the father took out a second mortgage on the home. The frustrated father shot his daughter, her mother, who is still surviving, and then shot himself. We discuss the burdens on families, there is a direct correlation, I should say indirect, there is a problem and about the cost. We feel for this, she was a member of the community, I've proposed that we send flowers and this resolution to the family.

Senator Chevrier: I will send a link out about the article, it horrible when real life tragedy have a punch line. At the very last line ends on UVM. I'm really impressed by Ash who spoke on behalf SGA this past Friday.

Senator Maciewicz: When real families are affected, when the University charges this much, when succeeding this country cost this much.

Speaker Ellis: Any further questions?

Senator Wilkinson-Ray: I haven't read that article, I would not feel comfortable unless there is very tangible evidence. I hope that this bill was written with firm evidence.

Vice President Kate Ash: I found this article; I found it humorous and ironic in morbid fashion. This is the reality, the most evidence is that the suspected motive that has been discussed is the hike in tuition, and from the testimony of the grandfather of the granddaughter that was killed.

Senator Frye: We are past the tipping point on this issue. People killing there family is way past where we should be ever be. I don't know how Fogel sleeps at night, this is too much.

Senator Doran: I have different thing to say. I am not sure how comfortable with this resolution, because I'm not comfortable about drawing a conclusion, about this family, with not knowing the prior family history, we're pushing for a lower tuition, that's our job, we shouldn't call on this tragedy to make that happen, its inappropriate.

Senator Glynn: In response to that we have been pushing for a reduction for a few years. I have a different take on it I think that it would be one thing for the University to send its condolences, the act of the University to send it from the SGA its good form, it would show that the students care about our community. It's good from to stand up and say that this is terrible, and that we care about you. There is some correlation between this. We care and our condolences are there with you.

Senator Vivas: This is a serious matter. Were talking about someone dying for something, passing a resolution for something with this, should not be merged with an economic matter. Divide the two, the condolences from the economical matters. You're essentially saying that this girls life only worth the amount of tuition, that is not true, its more than that. We all agree that we should put more effort to lower the tuition and for better teachers. But not as a conclusion of the murder. It's a family thing a private matter. These are two different things.

Senator Chevrier: I agree to disagree, it's not to draw attention, it's a form of honor to this girl. If this is not the reason and just on that the grandfather thought, we should tack it regardless.

Senator Maciewicz: Sernd a separate letter to the family, and one to the administration.

Senator Altendorfer: I do understand the fundamentals o f it. I do understand the condolence, and to looking out for our own. In terms of linking it to our tuition. I don't agree that the media should make this girl a martyr of the causes. After the Virginia Tech incident, a lot of pro gun advocate came out saying if only more people in the room had guns. When you're pushing your own issue for someone that has passed away is bad form. The person we are trying to speak for may not be in line with her values.

Senator Cafarelli: I have a lot to say, this is totally inappropriate. I think that if we write this and not sending it to the family, are we ashamed of this. To clarify with Vivas, I can agree with the first two whereas, and the last be it resolve, and would support it. There are two separate issues. We have already wounded the administration, this is rubbing salt in there wounds, its totally inappropriate. It should be struck down out of respect for the student body, the administration and her family.

Senator Henley: I don't feel that the question was an answer, sending condolences is a nice jester, a but going out into the community without the gaining the facts, what charges have been brought against the father,

Senator Glynne: The father killed himself.

Senator Henley: Alright, what is the courts ruling. Do we know? What is the background search? Can you share that with us. We don't want to spread unkind rumors.

Senator Glynne: Currently the police call it a murder suicide, and therefore the investigation is stopped. In terms of sending condolences, its right in line with of stance and its public knowledge that she was going to be UVM student, and that regardless she was murdered, that we are sorry of that.

Senator Henley: That is merited, and not irregular, but in terms of the resolution, instead of saying were sorry, I would want to be 100 percent that is the truth it could be unkind other family if it isn't.

Senator Chevrier: Can I motion for an informal poll to table this, so we may come back to after you have the chance to read the article.

Seconded

Speaker Ellis: To table until the article is read.

The bill is tabled until the article has been reviewed.

Senator Michel: Can we pull it up right now. Extend the rules to the article, it was seconded, we will vote,

The article will be opened, the rules will not be extended.

The article is brought up.

Senator Glynne: That family of Westford. *Transcript form the article*

Senator Benes: I don't agree with saying its UVM fault with saying that it was the Tuition, I make the motion to strike the first two whereas, and make a whereas that says UVM would greatly miss her potential, and that it should be more about condolences.

Senator Cafarelli: I have pulled up another article, there must have been something more, I don't think he blew his family away because of money. No one can tell use their reason. Where are jumping the gun, this is rubbing salt in the wound of the administration.

Senator Burns: Vice President Ash brought this to my attention

Vice President Ash: You may be aware that if we were to put out false information, is not good for our reputation, and that it may be unlawful, and against the overall good nature of our job.

Senator Burns: gives the floor to Senator Kerschner:

Senator Kerschner: I don't think its saying that the price caused the murder, but the cost should be noted that I does caused a great deal stress to a lot of families.

Senator Chevrier: Friendly amendment to change was murder by her father over disputes, to murder over according to the Boston Herald. Regardless whether this is sole act, we are not trying to link cause and effect we are trying to point out a factor, and not reason.

Senator Wilkinson-Ray: Judging by the way the conversation has going this will tabled or voted down. It's vague the connection, but high tuition is causing stress. The option is strike all condolences and to have this discussion over the list serve.

Senator Gould: Pass

Senator Rifken: Doing the resolution about his, if I were the family I wouldn't want this in the resolution.

Senator Maciewicz: Can I motion for an informal poll to pass this or not.

Speaker Ellis: For this resolution as it currently stands or not,

The result, overwhelming not.

Senator Glynne: I agree that we should table until next week, we will have the discussion over the list serve and will be brought be up next week.

Speaker Ellis: tabled until next week.

Senator Vivas: Point of procedure, to table a resolution, don't we have to have a motion?

Speaker Ellis: When the sponsor of the bill calls for it they may table it.

OLD BUSINESS

Senator Glynne: Resolution to establish a student neighborhood initiative grant.

whereas, residents of the City of Burlington have been complaining that UVM Students do not care or do enough for the community, whereas, the University of Vermont as an entity provides the City with revenue and funding for various projects, whereas, the Students at the University of Vermont have shown significant interest programs that would benefit the community, whereas, the Committee on Legislative Action in conjunction with the Office of Student and Community Relations has been involved with the Community for years and would like to continue this relationship, whereas, the Committee on Legislative Action has promised a response to the complaints echoed by community members at Neighborhood Planning Assembly and City Council Meetings, be it resolved, that the Student Government Association at the University of Vermont supports the establishment of the Student Neighborhood Initiative Grant by the Committee on Legislative Action to provide avenues in which students can give back to the Community, be it further resolved, that the Committee on Legislative

Action will continue this program for a span of ten years upon further review of the Committee after said period of time, be it further resolved, that the Committee on Legislative Action will establish this Grant by the end of the 2009-2010 Student Government Senate Term.

The act will be approved by the end of the term. I left this broad for many reasons, I have a meeting today, with Bob Kiss, and Gary D. The logistics that I know it will be. It will be capped at one thousand dollars, using student funds from the student account shows that the students are willing to put where there money is where there mouth is. There will be four projects for the first year, every year there will be and internal review. The last of of ten years. Each would have an application to get the services. It would similar to our capital. They would come in front of the committee. Gail Shidell will be ex-officio members involved in the interview process. In terms of longevity, we think it should be ten years at which point a mandatory review will be made. Stating that we will continue improvement between student and community relations, the University student are not doing this. This will be great step. The amount of community members, in the Mayors office and city council are largely behind it.

Speaker Ellis: Questions to Glynne.

Senator Michel: First the writing is done funny with numerous capitals, I motion to lower case many thing. I would say to by which, instead of in which. The other thing I would say is that whether that the aim of the great for students to give back, or to foster better in-town relations, is community service, or is it the other? The friendly amendment to change it, to provide that students lead initiative to foster.

Senator Glynne: In terms of community sees that we are an active in the process, whether the. It will help the relationship. It's good PR and we'll benefit. For example if the students ask for and want money for a safe block party, they would be denied. Physical things that the community member can see is our aim. If we give them something to see, we can show that that we are helping. I would have to think about your motion. I will wait about the rest

Senator Sadeghi: The second of last clause, the typical question about the 10 years review. Lets say that there is an unsuccessful first years, upon the ten year review, will there be a yearly review. Ti

Senator Glynne: There will be an internal review each year to base the next's years funds. Most the community members that speak is that they want to see student out there doing something. The administration thinks it will be successful. Gail and Alysa, think it will be a positive step, in the right direction.

Senator Benes: How will this be advertized, and how many will apply for it? What if it not so good projects only apply? I want to know if this the most change we can do in the community for our dollars are we going to able to use the money effectively.

Senator Glynne: We use COLAs money for lots of issues, we have several fund that seek to go to projects we want. We as COLA have been successful, such as the of campus living, the babysitting, we donated 500 dollar, into Hyde St. the perception that were out there. It would in terms of advertising, would be up to the next COLA chair. We can advertize that. The funds itself. In terms of applicants, I have gotten several asking where can we get funds for the these projects.

Senator A. Adams: I am a work study with Gail and Alysa, it should be a direct proposal between the students and their neighbor. Where is the avenue coming from.

Senator Glynne: The avenue is coming from SGA to the students.

Senator A. Adams: Friendly amendments, evidence of a direct relationship between a student and a neighbor when applying for a grant.

Senator Glynne: I will take out, and provide a direct between student and neighbor.

Senator Doran: Do you have a system in your mind to see that these are going to be followed through? Do you have any proposed projects?

Senator Glynne: We know that each would be its own individual proposal. In terms of following through, the two ideas I toy with is that there would be a mandatory review half way through the project. Midway there is a report, send a few committee members, from the selection group to check on these projects. And then follow through with an exit interview. Having a member looking at the project as well.

Senator Buswell: Have you giving though about renewing previous projects, such as the Hyde street garden.

Senator A. Adams, It was the student neighbor liaison project, such as growing sunflowers on North Union.

Senator Buswell: I know that the community director would be interested in hiring for caretakers over the summer. So that both students would take consideration for projects. This would likely be a paid position. Checking to see if the previous program established before

Public Kofi: I would like to address where the funding is. Where is this to come from. My second thing, where are you going with this, but find and sue the procedure that are already in place. These programs as already set up by students, but trying to start a new one, and pulling away when resources are already tight might cause more problem.

Senator Glynne: This will not increase costs it will be in COLAS budget. There will be no problem funding this. There is already money in the grant. We have 250 already for biscotti award. In terms of the idea already being there, we have looked into it, but it has never happened. Students who are not involved in this, the average student, who may come to SGA can apply. You may be apply to the grant as COLA. The city is interested, the mayor wants to continue and foster a better relationship with the students. In terms of providing funds, COLA could put more money to, the most democratic way would be this brought.

Speaker Ellis: Be mindful when listening so that we aren't in the cycle of repetition.

Senator Wilkinson-Ray: You have answered most question so far. Is this written in another document I am not seeing here. I would like to see the details before we implement it. This is your last year, if it's

not up for review for 10 years, there serious potential that this may be a burden and not a benefit, you would have these time commitment that may take away from other issues. There are other program threw the SGA that could be allocated for projects downtown.

Senator Glynne: It would be a lot of work, but our community is charged with a lot of work, our next COLA chair and the body would and will want to tackle this issue it's what we here for. Other groups want to the issue being taken upon by SGA, it because that our charge as the off campus liaisons, it's our duty, it terms our money it's going to be built into the COLA budget. IF town down relations wasn't important , it could be supplemented threw other avenues,

Senator Wilkinson-Ray: I would like to see a detailed doc of this.

Senator Glynne: If you want to ask our committee, about the important of town-down , a lot of the structure is going to be ambiguous, so that the next COLA chair can take and adapt. We look at this as a positive for helping the community. We care enough to put funds into this. Asking my community members we have attended city council meetings, we are involved.

Senator Brendalen: A ton of groups on campus could provide an invite for other clubs, so that they may get involved, lets build a garden, other clubs should be involved.

Senator Wilkinson-Ray: point of note, we have a garden club.

Senator Altendorfer: I think we are supporting you, can we discuss this alter, the implementation of the structure, it may change the original structure of the bill.

Senator Glynne: YES. I plan to give periodic update. I seek that it is going to be SGA approved initiative grant. I would like to have the backing of SGA, to say that this is formally recognized, that is a process threw the committee. If you want something changed, please tell me. This is to give the more formal recognition. So that when I go forth to the mayor, it's more than an idea.

Senator Michel: Motion to Table,

Speaker Ellis: All those in favor?

Majority has it. It has been tabled.

Any other old business? No, moving on to

NEW BUISNESS For next week

Senator Buswell: to recognize the figure skating club as the club of the month,

Senator Chevrier: To recognize the Alpine skiing club and the derecognize the Biomedical engineers.

Senator Glynne: The resolution to support student neighborhood initiative.

Speaker Ellis: Newly elected senators, we are cohesive, I would like to say this makes me very happy, Constitution community I need a member of your community to bring their names to the executive committee Thursday night. The next few

Senator Glynne: point, we won't have meeting next Thursday

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

SPEAKER ELLIS:

The next few weeks are to be very busy, we have a class that is going to be coming in two weeks. They are coming in to, they are the CDAE about news journalism. Next week, current councilmen, and democratic candidate for Governor, will be here. In terms of Peter Schellman, coming, a member of his staff contacted me saying that Peter Schellman said that whether or not the Vermont Yankee legislation is good, he may or may not voice his concerns, he will not make any personal statement. Tim ASH said nice thing, I still have the email. Representative Zuckerman, apologized to SGA, if you want to contact him for any and all issues please do so. Two more things, if anyone wants to come into public forum, if there is anyone who wants to come in, even if you're not sure, if they will be beneficial, come to me, we can extend the invite. Tabled legislation, will need to be brought back up, for example the two resolutions that Glynne brought up, aren't to be indefinitely tabled but brought up next as well.

VICE-PRESIDENT ASH:

Thank you for those involved in the retreat. Having you there was a great addition. I look forward to an important semester. Please give feedback, via the lynx there will be an online evaluation, keep the retreat ideas in your minds for this feedback. For the newly elected senators, I sent along list-serve, I ask the other seven to respond back. Make sure you new constituents know. I want to ask the chairs, that are trying to figure out your meeting time, regardless, inform me of where you're at with this. Let me know if you're still waiting. I will try to accommodate you. I would like to do my own special little plug, I know that tomorrow and today we care about the importance of this kind of opportunity, and that the very least we put a face to the name and make a stronger relationship. FYI do you know what's going on, in light of Max's words prior. If you think there should be a student speaking on public forum. I want to encourage you all to do that. One last thing, whoever needs another copy of rules of order, I will find you after. In addition to that, I know that during the brief feedback from the retreat, that we are planning a rowdy activity, what was it? Hype building. My initial plan is that chairs give the feedback, give to me by the end of the week or next week this time. Go ahead and continue this.

PRESIDENT JONES:

I apologize this maybe a lengthy report, the budget report tomorrow starting at 3 and going until 430,, it will be held in this room. Depending on the audience, it will be taken in the direction of those attending. In the note of student forum, we're in the process of the student. On the note of student forum, in terms of the Student led forum on Alcohol and drugs, we'll address what are your rights as a student and the legality. It may need to be pushed to march 3rd. General education, Brain Reed gave, if

you interested we may need information and involvement on that committee, President and Vice President cannot attend, and would appreciate your help with those. Chairman Katie will give an election updates, those interested in running for vice president and president, the process will start. Kate and I, VP Ash and I, met with Richard Galbrit. Who may be a member of the executive council about undergraduate research, from the Eureka research and to so what the opportunities are provided to the students. The conclusion was that he did not know that we have the opportunity to pass. You will more of its foundation. These spires, that if they are to be created will benefit our University. This is the first step in creating that will they create further silos, or will they take away from being trans-disciplinary, or not. This will progress as they develop and grow. From the student initiative grant, if you're not on COLA you may not know, the committee members have heard of and approve the grant, and we get a lot of flack, from the community. Champlain gets away with being under our shadow. Glynne come with A better proposal in regards to specific numbers. It is preemptive having a resolution before the full proposal. But the other thing the Water Tower, I have to get this off my back, Max has this argument that we almost killed the Water Tower last, year, by the rules and procedures and finical policy we have they should have been dropped. Its one of the few club leaders coming to see what we do. Its a level of advocating that we need to know why we do, the effective advocacy. The emergency bill with this students, I am at unease supporting it, the article doesn't tie tuition to the death, that using their experience to use this to lower our tuition, they may like a letter of condolence from us, we need to here back from the senator as to what the revisions made are. You've mentioned a topic about our representation model, with 50 on campus seats, and 50 of those off campus, what is a better foundation model to better representation model? Like incorporating a specific amount from Arts and Sciences and the various other Colleges, please think about these ideas. It would be a great thing that the SGA could do. On the last note I apologize if this is wrong, we will still have an executive meeting, at the dance prior to the dance. Also, last thing, hockey tickets, I have both basketball as well. I will come around and offer.

Speaker Ellis: Any questions

Senator Buswell: Would you (Jones) charge the elections committee prior? If we wanted to try and get this threw before the elections, it would need to be constitutional amendment. It would be a great conversation for the elections to have.

Speaker Ellis: This is a topic that came up over the summer, if you talk to pat there have been multiple.

President Jones: With the board of trustees meeting, it looks as though we have the support, of them. Graduated student senate is creating a proposal for their about an adhoc committee, should we create a second one, and we want to know who would be in control of the fee.

Speaker Ellis: Any other question

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE- SEN. CAFARELLI:

We are budgeting right now, we are over the hump, in a joking fashion, thanks for the c + maybe we can make the honor this semesters, please come talk to us.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES- SEN. CHEVRIER:

Next week we will see Nordic, Quidich, PE club. Also every that has been tabling of winter activities clubs. News about biomedical engineering, they were a club, they no longer exists, the leader of club transferred and since forth it fell off the map.

COLA- SEN. GLYNNE:

I give the floor to Senator Morgan

Senator Morgan: To talk about understanding, about last, and the future, he said some stuff that the University has no current plan to increase enrollment. Councilman Ward One, is concerned about the 161 new beds in McCauly hall, and that it is irresponsible on that campus.

Senator Glynne: Town-down meeting yesterday, Annie Stevens talked about the planning process behind the new Redstone complex, she will ask SGA opinion. We briefly talked about the new health and wellbeing center. Thank you Vice President Ash for the stinging report on the board of trustees. *Huge APPLAUSE. It was great, in a meeting with Gary D. I was told that they were caught off guard. Gary D. said we got international attention from the London for the speech. I'm bummed we didn't pass my resolution, I wanted to make it more democratic, I will give more in the written report. I want to have the stamp of SGA approval. Lastly, about the noise ordinance, we have a representative coming from the IRRJ.

Senator J. Adams: Is there an update for the student health center?

Senator Glynne: Sitting the board meeting, three reps, said they would not talk anymore about the health-center. The issue is whether it will be built or not.

President Jones: they will still be coming in to communication and tell us where it is coming from, at that time, Glynne is right, the trustees weren't eager to hear the proposition.

Senator Maciewicz: I know I mentioned the olive-water every week, McDonald and I, and Tom G., had a meeting, the other day, about the procurement, about the Sodehxo regional office. SGA acted to get the RedCross off campus two years ago. Action was promised and did not happened. We will look into natural landscape and permaculture. As well as climate neutrality.

STUDENT ACTION- SEN. WILKINSON-RAY:

I give the floor to Senator Church:

Senator Church: Coffee is not running out in the deadline of the next few days, I am hoping that more people will sign up. Its 150 bucks a day, I will pass around another sheet. Sign up form 11 to 12, but not this week. One or two names in each box.

Chair Senator Wilkinson-Ray: Floor to Senator Greenwald:

Senator Greenwald: Dance is on Thursday night, Henley and Wilkinson-Ray, have put in significant amount of time for this, A lot of you should take 5 flyers home, so that we can advertize this through Res Life. Put up 5 on your way home. A sheet saying were your advertizing, we will be set. We need people the night of the event to help out. We said that we have people as our own security. People with strong muscle are needed break down, and to put away the event. Please sign up.

Senator Wilkinson-Ray: It will be fun to throw a Rave in billings, it would be great if we all brought others, the room capacity is 375, if we all brought 5 friends were over halfway there. Put up the flyers, tell your friends, that will be a lot of fun. The comprehensive fee, got some attention from the board of trustees, that should clear up then. Between fundraising that's what we have been working on.

Senator Glynne: With questions, how much do you charge for a pound of Coffee?

Senator Church: 16 dollars,

Senator Glynne: What time should crew get there?

Senator Church: It will be 730. You can see it on the sign-up sheet.

Senator Rifken: A suggested donation is the way to go, is there a way we can get some info so when you do presentation.

Senator Henley: about suggested donation, instead of putting a number, instead of putting number and putting 2\$, instead of that lets just say suggested donation, people will put more in if we don't put a minimal suggested donation amount.

Senator Buswell: The 2\$ suggestion will bring in 10s and 5s, students are willing to chat with you and give all they can, I was there and hour and saw 50\$.

PR- SEN. RIFKEN:

In PR news we had a wonderful meeting today, we had a few thing going on, such as the following up on the website, we discussed having an update on there, there is not a centralized area for students to get information. Chairs send initiative to put out there. PRrelations@sga.gmail.com Tee shirts, if you want to pay me today, if you don't have money today, not a big deal, but next Tuesday at the latest. Elections, I will email out the timeline, elections commitee, please reply.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS- SEN. BURNS:

I sit with chair Glynne, a presentation on general education in doing so on a plug for the sustanbility requirement, the board with vote on this. Moving on, last night in this room, the facualy seneate met to discuss the TRI iniative, It lasted over 4 plus hours, the meeting in itself, did not seem to resolve an adaqutie vote. It went back and forth about the what was to be down, the proposal mostly went unread, there was an outcry from the faculty sentors to vote, they thought it would benefit afterwards.

I emailed, Jane Burtmeyer, on the actual resolve. Today I met with Katie Sheperd, it looks as though the student focus group, last year there was, this year this is a student focus group. A list of students to see if the focus group is needed. I am excited about rave. Having it be a rave and not just another dance, will excite more students.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES- SEN. CHEVRIER:

I know that a lot of you will consider the bill proposed earlier. It's an important bill, please talk it over on the Isit serve. My thought on the 50 50 ratio, off campus to on ratio, I spend more time here, even though I live off campus, its not representative of that. The 2012 class council, is putting another dance for Haiti, down town, I have put in a call, to the advisor, they have sent me no resolve. They would be interested, if we help them with theres. Max form the Water Tower was right on, about the 42 self proclaimed leaders, he came without the information though, but had the Umf, he reached out to liaison committee. In regards to Club meeting sheets, we would never derecognize, but he needs further understanding.

SENATORIAL COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Senator Maciewicz: It concerns me. Its one thing in there is a grammatical change, I don't see why people aren't going to them before hand. We need more introdailouge, outside of these mettings. We shouldn't go seek seats by academic major. Our ratio needs to be reexamined, but it shouldn't be based on major. We should encourage those that are uninvolved, to get involed. If there is an inbalance in those who run.

Senator Frye: If I'm not mistaken, COLA, is not doing anything different, it's about the title, and approval. Last Friday at our hosue, we developed an idea, of 'the vision.' The administration vision is based on the model of 'build and grow and invest and grow.' We should promote one of our own. We should consolidate our ideas. I don't know how that should happen, but we need that discussion.

Senator A. Adams: I'll provide an invite to the Facebook group. Now that its cold out, more will stay on campus.

Senator Buswell: It was Greenwald's recognition of advertizing our Haiti rave, Adams put an ad in the Cynic, really cool stuff happening there. If any one knows how Class Council draws there body, we should look to see how their implementation process is used. In terms of plants on campus, perennials, are planted, they are temporary, and the amount of soil lost to these. Solution to the class council problem, we will set there building on fire, Haha, Just Kidding. I think Frye making a moition for an action plan from SGA, is a great idea. Cool and very well informed with the 42 of us. It would go well with Ash's efforts.

Senator A. Adams. Katie Rifken thanks for the ad in the cynic.

Senator Rifken: I overheard conversation about the Haiti dance, the hype is exciting.

Senator Wilkinson-Ray: About giving feedback before resolution is brought up. Not that we should look to Washington for anything, but bills there are often written and then rewritten. Max talked about doing something for the students, and we've developed something to create our own vision. Create a student vision, this needs to come from us. We have to except the knowledge and we need to get these thoughts out now. Develop a meeting in the next week.

Senator McDonald: I encourage, to streamline the debate on the listserve.

Senator Cafarelli: This a Question, then ill yield my floor. You've put it your budget requests for next year. If it gets voted down here, why not just go through the budget process? I'm not sure I can let a resolution give the money to Glynne. Food for thought.

Senator Chevrier: The best way to get things done is enthusiasm, and peer pressure, word of mouth works better than any posters. Get your friends there, and get them to bring theirs. If you live in the Res halls, go around and just knock on doors.

Senator Henley: If your in large lecture class, go down to the front ask to speak.

Senator Rifken: I'm glad max came to speak and provided real feedback, I have met with him prior.

Senator Glynne: To address the Student Initiative bill, I wasn't trying to dictate how this was being said, I had heard that they wanted to see formal recognition, it would be from the whole SGA. In terms of Cafarelli question, was so that we could get the formal recognition, to appease the minds of the Mayor, and city council. I will get the formal bill to you, so you may look it over. On a lighter note, I want to make this as polite as possible, Ellis I don't like how you articulated your answers to me on our retreat. In the future please focus on what I was trying to say, and not just sticking it to me.

Senator Church: Student vision for UVM is within our grasp, Vision are often very vague. We need to have consesious and solid ideas, it's a vision, not a budget. Along those lines, what I heard at the board of trustuess, in terms of 6% growth, the model is broken of growth after growth after growth. Just because others are doing it, doesn't mean it's a good idea. We may need to radically restructure this University. We need our ideas on the table.

Senator A. Adams: Off campus group such as the Community Coalition, this bill makes it more a student choice from the students.

Senator Altendorfer: This idea of engaging tabling, it is similar in terms of what I did working for VPERG, attracting those you want to. Anyone who wants to see what they say, I'll be happy, asking them pointed questions. Ask them questions and see where the conversation goes. I'm not sure anyone wants to talk of this, but I look forward to the decommissioning of VT Yankee. The resolve of one billion to decommission and the disrespectful actions it has taken toward Vermonter.

Senator Buswell: We need to find a place to store it, I am a where that there are alternative ways of getting energy, I am for decommission.

Senator Maciewicz: I spent a long time editing our resolution today. Within the next 48 hours, we are more open to changes.

Senator Altendorfer: Are we still doing the Town hall meeting?

Senator Glynne: Yes we are,

Speaker Ellis: We can put out our proposal and then discuss it in the most democratic way, a town hall meeting.

Senator Buswell: Hopefully the water tower will cover it.

President Bryce: We are incorporating our press release, Chevrier and Glynne should take consideration about the clubs action within the committee. Clair, you have my full support with the student liaison committee.

Senator Doran: Concert this Friday at Slade. Money from that will be put into the Rave for Haiti money, support local bands, tell your friends, starts at 9pm. Last weekend of February and the first of March the Vagina monologues will be running, find me for tickets.

Senator Simmons: We are having a meeting for our new group BUG, you are encouraged to come by Billings student center at 7 o'clock.

Senator Glynne: Congratulations Speaker Ellis on coming with us to Denver for debate.

Senator J. Adams: , **** from 9 to 11, free food and the Alana student center,

Senator Frye: We're hosting a contra dance, 730 prior to the Haiti dance.

Senator Church: If you can do it, I will give you good things. Sign up for the 10 to 11 timeslot.

Senator Monteforte: Some of us are available on Sunday.

Senator Buswell: I will write a press release on VT Yankee, and give that out later.

Senator Hannaford: This weekend at monkey arthouse, come to 76 Hyde on Saturday at 9 pm.

Senator Kerschner: The North East Organic farmer, if you want to buy a book at 7 am, we have the secretary of Agriculture, as the key note.

Vice President Ash: in regards to the press release about Vermont Yankee, I ask that the press release not go out until after its been voted on. In addition to that, yesterday, I took part in a press conference downtown, about several UVM partners, two committees members, approached me, about the association of Africans in Vermont, if anyone is interested about the association please contact me. Finally I want to give head up to the new SGA note taker, I have known him since I was wee.

Senator Rifken: T-shirts,

Senator Buswell: The press release would come after our debate next Tuesday. Tuesday night the SGA will consider a bill favoring the decommissioning of Vermont Yankee.

Senator Wilkinson-Ray: The sign-up sheet, we need more for the clean up. If you didn't see that its on the back, well leave it here for you to sign up for.

Speaker Ellis: Going off the budget forum, and other list-serves, I will send it out to my chapter and to others on the various networks about the Haiti rave. If anyone wants I know that COLA organizes a trip, I go down to the state house once or twice a week, nearly every weekend, there is an open invite if you care to join me.

Speaker Cafarelli: Next Fridays is the SGA scarf giveaway. First semester we had a t shirt giveaway, our second thing is that we will give away Harry Potter-esque scarf's, I could use help I will not be there for the full hour.

ROLL CALL:

FINANCE: Senator Vivas excused

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Senator John-Freso excused

COLA: all present

CODEEE: Senator McDonald excused

STUDENT ACTION: all present

PR: all present

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: all present

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ENDS: 10:31