



**TUESDAY, April 20, 2010
2nd MEETING OF 2010-2011 SENATE**

CALL TO ORDER

START TIME: 7:08

Roll Call

FINACE: Senator Linde Excused

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Senators Brennan & Moise Excused

COLA: Senator Cheney Excused

CODDEE: Senator Vitagliano Excused

STUDENT ACTION: All Present

PR: Senators Denton & Golfari Excused

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Senators Senator Alleger & Dowd

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Final Meeting of the 2009-2010 Senate, Approved

First Meeting of the 2010-2011 Senate, Approved

Claire: POI do we have quorum?

Speaker Michel: We do have quorum.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Diane Gaboriault, Assistant Director of the Diversity and Equity Unit

Abigail McGowan, Professor in History Department, & also The Chair of the Presidents Commission on the Status of Women

Abigail: Thanks. Why we ask for place on the agenda for today, we are working on a survey that is going out to the entire UVM community in the fall, we would like a list of issues that senators want, and how to include student participation. President Fogel came to us in the fall of 2008 asking us to design a general equity survey. UVM is one of the few universities that has never done an equity study of its faculty. These surveys try to figure why women achieve tenure at lower rates, why they take longer to achieve tenure than men, why are there so many fewer than men, and etc, the PSW started designing the proposal then started to join forces with Affirmative Action, that was creating a campus wide equity survey, so we decided to join forces, rather than multiple services, to more accurately to see how equity is affected across the whole community. We decided that we needed a survey for many reasons, so that we might address information that we need to address, and about how faculty and staff are moving through the university. We have a lot of data, but it isn't centralized, we know who has what office space, and we often hear that women and minorities have smaller office, but there is no way institutionally to correlate that data, and we don't know about things that affect promotion, for instance we might look at differential salary, like all the men in this department are earning more than women, it might be gross gender discrimination. It could be that they renegotiated their salary; men are more likely to go out and seek other jobs to renegotiate their salary. We end up with systemized discrimination but there is a legitimate reason for it. There are similar issues for students, and lots of surveys of drinking, and what Reslife is doing and other campus activities, but they are not correlated about who feel most at home, and who is more and less central. The idea was to try and answer the questions we don't have on other places, and to do it in a way we could break it down in different manners. If we are asking questions such as who has been a victim of sexually harassment, if we knew and were able to ask question of who has leadership roles and who doesn't, the design process has occupied the better part of the past year. We spent all last designing the faculty and staff portion of it. Originally we were going to separate the student part from faculty portion. In the spring we decided to combine the two, the advantage, is that. The advantage, is that if staff find this is an issue but students don't, we need to think about the university is affecting the different sections. The problem is that we solicited a lot of student input, but didn't really get any, so right now we are designing a student section based on Dianne and myself, but one question for you, what are some questions that should be addressing. They are a lot of areas that are going to common between faculty staff and students, and if the university is supportive, and etc, the things we have separately specifically for student include classroom climate, and engagement of student activities, how much to feel included and familiarity with the judicial process, how well does it work or not work. But then our question for you, what are some other things that we should include, and how can we include and increase student participation?

Diane: It is three different surveys, and the survey you take will pertain to students, how they will be similar. Faculty, Staff, and students.

Senator Sadeghi: How is it going to be conducted and what are the incentives that students, may need. Normally there is low turnout, what incentives will there be.

Abigail: Each student will have unique URL, one of the first incentives is to not being bugged anymore, that is the most basic and negative, in terms of positive incentives, we would welcome suggestions. We where thing possibly offering extra credits, prize contests, etc. Whether its gift certificate or etc, I would love to take suggestions. Its long survey, faculty and staff, it may change there working life's are more inclined.

Chair Adams: Are you breaking the data down by college, gender roles are different between the colleges.

Abigail: Absolutely, they are remarkable different. That will be helpful, do student in certain parts of the college feel more included then in others. If people don't fill it out then we lose data. So participation is vital.

Senator Katz: Recently there have been mail about sexual assault and rapes, will that include a public safety portion?

Diane: Yes. There are several levels, such as have you experienced harassment, rape or stocking, how safe do you feel campus is overall, whether they live on or off campus. That is important.

Senator Filstein: For incentives. Maybe having a technology incentive or money to city market. When will it be coming out?

Abigail: Mid to late October, to the first week of November. In terms of tech incentive what would that mean?

Senator Filstein: Possibly 25 bucks to iTunes or to the apple store. When can we expect the data to come out?

Abigail: The plan is that we will initial data by spring, with the full comprehensive report by late spring or summer. But if it looks like there are direct issues we could have focus groups and expand. Once we get responses we will start to follow up,

Senator Benes: I am curios if you guys, are concerned about bias, that a certain type of students or faculty will fill out the survey, if so how will you tackle that?

Abigail: The other explanation, and the overwhelming response from other surveys, was faculty women and of color, which speaks to the fact that there was a real sense that they felt that these issue needed to be addressed, we wanted to hide the sensitive question toward the end, it has general questions up front, and then the discrimination, sexual harassment will come later. A senior white straight male, may not think it has anything to do with them, if they saw those up front.

Diane: All three are like that.

Abigail: In terms of the data analysis, our data analysts promise us they will accommodate for that.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: Are you using the Rape crisis center and the UVM group Feminist Majority.

Abigail: We have contacted the reps from both those groups, but certainly we would like to get more information from them. We want those groups to become more involved.

Senator Duran: If we have any further ideas on how to give feedback or questions could we connect you directly?

Abigail: Dianne would be a good person to contact. I am going on sabbatical.

Senator Filstein: Does that mean you aren't teaching any history classes senior year?

Abigail: I will not be.

Chair Monteforte: Thanks for coming in, will you have a write-in section in case there are concerns that you didn't bring up?

Abigail: Yeah. There are sections for you to make comments, such as extensions of answers. One way we try to have things keep going is to have gateway questions, the idea is that those with experiences to share will do so.

Chair Mallea: Did you say there would be control variables in the data when it's completed. To make sure that a lot of certain types of people aren't just answering the survey and that a lot of different people are taking the survey, are there variables to make sure the data is not biased?

Diane: Yes, we want to see who answers and how broad a representation is it. We thought whether we wanted to do a targeted survey vs asking everyone to answer, we decided on asking all, because people don't always self-identify with certain communities. Knowing that it may not feel representative, if we get 30% that may be reasonable.

Corkins: I was just wondering if you have any questions on...

Abigail: That shows up in two places, if you have seen or yourself been a victim on campus, and also shows up in a question of class. We could distribute to you the existing draft if you want to comment on it directly.

Speaker Michel: Seeing no further questions thank you. I would like to invite up a very special guest, a Burlington institution, by the name Corn Bread, he has a few things to say. He's a funny guy, you can catch him rapping on Loomis street or just around campus.

Cornbread: Thank you for inviting me. My status is here at UVM, in 06/07 I hooked up with some UVM kids that were here, and I had a studio and we did some things in the studio, we made it happen, it was real great, it was pretty big for a Burlington guy, we got a bunch of stuff on UVM TV, YouTube, and the Free Press. I had some problems, and ended up in the federal penitentiary, I got caught up doing some bad things, and came home in 09 and am trying to renew my status. When I'm not doing music I am going to

school to be truck driver, and I'm trying to start up again and plan to shoot a video on North Beach, about June I need film major, and about 6 very attractive ladies. I do it for Vermont, I do it for New England, I do it for UVM. We have no big time lyrical artists in the industry from New England, but we should have at least few representing New England. We are not representing the Hip-Hop world at all, and I don't think that's good at all, I am here to it big for the youth, the youngsters. Here at UVM I have to break the Ice all over again, the class of 08 is what I was part of and I want to start up again with the 010s and 011s. I happy to be part of it again, without UVM I wouldn't be where I am at today. FIJI don't do it know more, just some frat parties, and Lamba just go hit. I have been partying at UVM back for years, back when the hockey hazing thing with Gilligan, he's got a ring, he a champion ya know. But I would sing something, but I'm hardcore rapper, my hits were Yah in a Bar, they were on YouTube, but I still have an interview there, I was at a party and everything and this girl with a cameraman just came up to me, and you may not recognize me from the beard, I've had for only three years. I appreciate all your support, you youngsters, youth is where it's at, I'm 31 years old, I still keep it up.

Speaker Michel: So now we'll open for questions

Senator Chevrier: Hi, I often admire you singing near my house, on Loomis, for those of you haven't been able to listen, spend more time on Loomis street, I was looking at a UVM video of 'who is Gary Derr' and after your came up of related Videos you came up. So it shows that you are as popular if not more then some of our administration.

Cornbread: I don't know who that is but I would love to meet the guy, but I don't know who that is.

Senator Filstein: On a more serious note, Hip-Hop South Bronx or Queens? Where did it start.

Cornbread: If you all have any other ideas or suggestions, my number is 802 579 0026. I need a film major and six very beautiful ladies. It got some friends who'll have their rides out, some corvettes. We will do it big at North Beach, if any of you are familiar with Jim Jones from Miami, I switched it up with. It's going to be real special, something to remember.

Senator Duran: Have you tried resourceing beyond just the university, there are a lot of people who like to make films in the community.

Cornbread: The problem is, I would go bigger, I probably wouldn't after I go for it. I was performing when Afroman was performing, at the same time, that 'while I got high' they were leaving his show for mine, I was delirious, the after show was packed. I would be bigger, I'm trying to be big real big.

Senator Chevrier: We have film club, we could get you in touch with them.

Cornbread: I am also looking for website designers. It will come down to money and business, and I will take care of all that.

Senator Wilich: Are you holding auditions so that I could pass along to appropriate groups of people.

Cornbread: Good question.

Senator Alleger: I know your down with your lyrical side, do you own production, intro, mixing and beats?

Cornbread: Good question, I just to rhyming, its dope to do the rhyme, my producer is incarcerated, he's my brother, and will home next year. I'm trying to change and by an upstanding individual.

Treasurer LeMieux: Thanks for coming in, who do you look to for inspiration?

Cornbread: A lot.

Speaker Michel: Seeing no further questions, thank you Cornbread from coming in. Is there anyone else to speak on public forum.

Jenna, Cynic reporter for the SGA: I may ask you guys some questions, is I wanted you to know who I am. If you have any stories that you want to get out feel free to approach me, here or in the Cynic office.

Senator Filstein: Did they publish your article from this past week?

Jenna: I had two article going in, one about orientation issues, it's just a short bit and the other article they lost, they are scared.

Speaker Michel: Seeing no further questions. And because there is no **OLD BUISNESS**, we will move onto

EMERGENCY BUISNESS:

Beginning with the confirmation of the new Treasurer. The confirmation has to pass by 2/3 majority, keep that in mind so stay in the room, seeing as we are just quorum.

President Mensah: I am going to nominate who myself, David, Hannah and Blanka have brought up to the senate floor, out of those we interviewed, her name is Elizabeth.

Elizabeth: Junior biological science major, I have been involved in a number of clubs, I am the president of the pre vet club, the treasurer of the equestrian team, and dairy club, and member of cream, and if you not familiar with that we run a dairy heard, some of the duties involved in that, we managing a large budget, and worked with the farm bill, these experiences have prepared me for this job. Especially the time commitment, its about 35 hours a week and on top of classes, I could handle it.

Chair Mallea: Hi thanks for coming in, I was curious, defiantly it seems that you qualified, however I was wondering, being the treasure of the SGA it takes so much more time commitment, and is a lot more responsibility of other treasuring positions on campus, what you are doing in order for next year to make time for this, are you going to maintain your prior roles, or take a step back?

Elizabeth: I just resigned from the intense care unit, and I resigned so I will have extra time, I will be sharing the pre-vet club president so I can step back, I won't be treasure of the equestrian team or dairy club.

Senator Chevrier: Last year we voted in the new treasurer it was free cone day so I asked if you could be any Ben & Jerry flavor what would you be?

Elizabeth: Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough. Also my favorite, I am dependable like vanilla but I like to have fun and I like to mix it up.

Senator Mason: We met with Hannah, about different things with budgeting, and will you talk with her about getting help? And how budgeting should go?

Elizabeth: We have set up transition meetings, and I have been in the process from the clubs aspect, so I understand how it goes. Defiantly.

Chair Mallea: One more question, its great you taking a step back, but your still involved in these clubs, will you be able to allocate on a fair and free of bias basis when you associated with these clubs.

Elizabeth: I feel comfortable about that I can say no and that I need to be even handed, and I will keep that in consideration.

Chair Monteforte: I think your fantastic, what are your plans for after college? Can you search for that while doing this?

Elizabeth: I am applying for vet school, and will apply by early august, so that's out of the way before the school year starts.

Chair Monteforte: Are you applying for Cornell?

Elizabeth: I am, there program is very hard to get into, that would be an honor.

Senator Filstein: This is a question for Treasure LeMieux, I yield the floor to you, can you talk about the process?

Treasurer LeMieux: I think Elizabeth is a great candidate, she has balance out many things, and has been involved in a lot of clubs, and with time management, I feel like that the activities that we do and the grades we get are a lot alike, and being in this position I get what I'm looking for, and I wanted someone who could sacrifice and stick with it. I think she will do a great good doing both of those things.

Speaker Michel: All those in favor in Calling Elizabeth the new Treasure to Question

All those in favor of confirming Elizabeth to SGA Treasurer. Raise your hand

Passed

Speaker Michel: I will now administer the oath of office

Treasurer Hannah LeMieux swearing in Elizabeth as the Treasurer of the 2010 2011 SGA

Speaker Michel: Moving on to the nomination and confirmation of SGA Senate speaker.

Chair Morgan: I would like to nominate Senator Chevrier.

Speaker Michel: I will invite up Senator Chevrier so she can explain why she would be a good SGA Speaker.

Senator Chevrier: Last year, I sat as the chair of Student Activities committee, I didn't maintain that position because I thought there was going to be a need for a speaker. Believe that it's one of the only positions that you need to have sat here to fully understand and be competent with it. And we haven't seen how crazy it gets, and how to figure out calls to question or quorum. And I think it's important that speakers are accessible, and a lot of time it can be rough is that the senate doesn't always understand the rules, and you should be free to ask for these. We want to be more than happy to meet with you, I want to be that person and that the speaker is friendly and a lot of time and frustrated by disrespect and Julia has done a great job, be firm but with a smile. That's what I would love to be able to do.

Senator Filstein: Have you considered changing Speaker Michel's rules

Senator Chevrier: Speaker Michel rules follow Roberts rules of order. I have been thinking about the chance for clarification, there is PO Inquiry, having to do with the systematic business of things, but not PO what does that mean, there should be a proper way to do that. Prior to Speaker Michel, senators were told that they have to address each other by formal names, while that is important for the public forum and the minutes, you should be able to use both informal and formal addresses to people depending on what is appropriate to the scenario.

Chair Simmons: I was wondering if you, senate can get emotional and charged sometimes, and I think as speaker can you be that even heal to get us where we need to go, can you not get too emotional involved, what are some things that make you lose your cool, and how we can you can avoid it?

Senator Chevrier: I don't know if I lose my cool, but tones of people, I don't agree with a lot of TRI, there is a difference to not agreeing, that may frustrates me. There is a big difference being abrasive and being firm. I will not call you out for personal attacks.

Senator Willis: I want to know a time when you were under pressure in the Senate and how you handled that situation?

Senator Chevrier: I have sat through a lot of meetings, I was appointed my sophomore year and have missed two meetings due to surgery, but as far as a speaker goes, we need to have a lot of experience witness everything about feeling under pressure the most important thing is judging with respect, a lot of the time I felt pressured is when they don't offer up the chance for conversation. I was asked more than anyone to sit down and have person to person conversation, also, I don't know when Fogel came to speak, about the TRI, and at some point he called me out on a smirk, it was pretty scary, and the speaking order was long and I choose to instead of responding to him, he was responding like 42 on 1,

and choose to talk to him afterwards, he offered to discuss the issue over coffee, and I will take him up that.

Chair Nelson: If you were an ice cream flavor what would you be?

Senator Chevrier: Crème Brûlée, Ben & Jerry's, you bite into it and you're not expecting to be marred by shards of sugar, but its good keeps you awake and holds your attention.

Chair Morgan: Could you elaborate on your attendance policy.

Speaker Michel: There are 5 first year seats being held, and there has been 2 resignations already, that is why quorum is so low tonight.

Senator Chevrier: I believe that if you over use the word mandatory it loses all meaning so I try not to use that word constantly, however these meetings are. I feel that its important to ask people to come rather than tell them. It's always better to please come, vs you have to come. In the end, the way it will work, the former speaker, said that they had mandatory policy, I will leave it up to the chairs about how they want to and but if there are more than 5 unexcused to let me know, as far as these meetings you are expected to come, you are expected to be here.

Senator Billman: Thank you for those involved in nominating you, what's your experience with facilitation or mediation in the past?

Senator Chevrier: I have been part of a committee ever since coming here, I was the VP the committee of class council freshman year, and today operate similar to the way SGA does, and was in charge of faulty the general board meeting, we didn't a lot of great things, I started a program that they still use. About raising money to cook food and bring it down to COTS, it's a great way to break away the stigma of homelessness, it a great way for students to give back. I was also on the hall council on W Davis Wills, and then the president of it, the trees planted out there were chosen by me, after the one originally there succumbed to disease. We were able to purchase DVDs. I was also, the founding member of peer judicial board, and I have also been the on the student activities committee.

Chair Mallea: I have no doubt that your qualified, and have confidence and faith that you can do the job. Would you maintain your role on the COLA committee?

Speaker Michel: The speaker is a senator, and if Claire were to be confirmed she would maintain her role, and it would be up to the COLA chair, David and Kofi, to add another seat or not.

Chair Mallea: The constitution falls under the jurisdiction of the speaker. In the past it has been kind of crazy end of the year to put amendments to it, do you have any views on that?

Senator Chevrier: The former process took a long time if you gave it to the constitution committee, and it was difficult to give your suggestions. I would try to change that, and would have monthly meetings instead of it being called when its necessary, to continue the conversation around it, to actually have the rules and what they do and don't. The constitution committee is formed, and I encourage you to all

attend, you can speak. That is very important because we all operate under it. We must always have everyone aware of how to change it.

Senator Sadeghi: Call to Question

Speaker Michel: All those in favor of Call to Question

All those in favor of confirming Senator Chevrier as the SGA Speaker,

Confirmed

Speaker Julie Michel swearing in Claire Senator Chevrier as Speaker of the 2010 – 2011 SGA

Speaker Chevrier: Is there any other emergency business for tonight,

Chair Simmons: POI, procedural, can I nominate to give round of applause to Julia Michel and Hanna LeMieux?!

Enormous Applause

Speaker Chevrier: Seeing no more emergency business moving onto

NEW BUSINESS:

Chair Morgan: Resolution supporting the office of student relations.

Senator Billman: A bottle of water petition. Big plans in the works, for after that. I would need a spot to speak on public forum for next week.

Speaker Chevrier: POI, so new business pertains to bills and legislation that will be brought up. If you need a port on public forum just come to me.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

SPEAKER CHEVRIER: Its necessity that at least one member of each committee is part of the constitution committee, but if anyone wants to join, its a great opportunity, and you will have a lasting impact, because what you do with it, the future of the SGA will benefit.

Chair Adams: Congratulations, will the bike pedals move back to the SGA office?

Speaker Chevrier: I have to bike 1 mile each day but only on flat grounds. So now I can bike outside.

Senator Filstein: Can we expect to see new rules before the new meeting, and I would suggest a brief explanation of voting.

Speaker Chevrier: I plan to give broad overview, and we'll also be doing a new version of the rules. If you have any suggestions please feel free to tell me.

VP MACIEWIZ: Hi everyone I hope your first meetings have gone well, congratulations to Claire and Elizabeth. Starting today there is survey on the Lynx group, please join that, there is going to a contact information, your name, preferred email address, summer address, major minor birthdays, to keep a roster, just try to do that as soon as possible that will be open by noon, and for the website, I will be asking that you submit a picture of yourself, you will each have your own page on the site with this information. I will put this all in the email, and also I think all committees have finalized meeting times and you should now establish office hours, and the chair needs to do five of those, divide the other ten hours, that is part of the Davis Center lease, we need to do that. Divvy it up only a few hours per person. It's not that hard, and its great place to study or get SGA work done. Appointments, I have two vacancies and fiancé needs more people, we need the appointments process to get up and running , I need one chair for every committee, decide amount yourselves, and, Senator Filstein, Senator O'Brien, Senator Willis, and Senator Sadeghi, stay after for a few seconds. Interviews and confirmation May forth, also we have been invited to have a BBQ at Pat Browns house, he lives on farm in Williston, he grills for us and has proposed May 1, and there aren't too many days we can meet. If you have comment about the date, or want to suggest something else, I want the most possible of who can make it. Shoot me an email, we will be carpooling out there, that's May 5, stay in good contact, I expect that everyone check there email twice a day, at least once, and respond to them, stay in touch. Kofi and I are loving the new office, but please stop by, and introduce yourself. I'm trying to set up one on ones with you all, and hope to meet you all. Say hi for five minutes, and do so voluntary.

Speaker Chevrier: I would like to open to questions,

Senator Filstein: What committees have lost people?

VP Maciewicz: Patrick Dowd, from AA, has stepped down.

Chair Simmons: Is senator Linde still with us,

Chair Mallea: Yes, just excused.

Chair Adams: Have we been suing the resigning process or not?

VP Maciewicz: The resignation goes through the VP, in an attempt to do an interview to collectively improve the senate. How we can accommodate them, or could have, I haven't done that will Matt Francis, and I won't hound him but want a record. We can do some meetings and to some debriefing, it's on our website, check it out.

Senator O'Brien: For old senators do you want to send in new information and pictures?

VP Maciewicz: If you want to update any of it then yes.

PRESIDENT MENSAH: Hey folks to inform the student body I encourage you to get your info in asap, we want that information. In terms of Part Dowd, he wanted to say a word to two, he didn't resigned because he didn't want to do senate, he didn't realize that the duties would begin immediately, that may be a mistake on our end, he wasn't aware that our meetings are on Tuesday, he choose his

academics first, and if anyone has questions ask me. I sent out a email to the chairs and would appreciate by 12 am you can send me a blurb about the committee agenda and what you have talked about, and for next year, I want to include this in the campus wide email, so they now we work of the bat. Also in regards to campus wide email if you have any suggestion about how I should formulate those or what information should be in it, and what the student body would like to see this week, I don't want the email to just come from me, but the senate as a whole. We are in the office, come in and introduce yourself, I would like to have a one on ones, with all of you, or if you are new and happen to in the a Davis Center, stop by and introduce yourself to me, and let me know that you would like to see the senate go for next year.

Senator Willis: I know that a lot of people don't like a lot of text, or put some images that might appeal to students.

Senator Benes: Where the senators that resigned write in candidates?

President Mensah: They both were.

Senator O'Brien: I want to clarify, would the photo go out over the mailing system?

President Mensah: I think so, I will work with communication to see what we can do, the last email or the first email next week I would be able to have full pdf spread, and you can see what it is you are working on and maybe to print out flyers is too much.

Senator Billman: In terms of that I don't think it's any issue of overloading, simply by extending it, only if a certain, so I think that I would work by allocating time.

Chair Nelson: What is the date you wanted blurbs by?

President Mensah: Midnight, by now you have committee meetings and where you would like to see the student body go.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE CHAIR MALLEA: We had one nationals request came in from the equestrian team, it was declined based on the fact they had so much in their account already that they could use. Senator Tram will be on the appointments committee.

Senator Sadeghi: Are we using the funds for 09 010?

Chair Mallea: We are still in the fiscal year so the funds that were allocated at the beginning will go to the end.

Senator Sadeghi: Nationals wasn't granted?

Chair Mallea: They had a revenue of a lot more than enough in their account that they weren't using.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES CHAIR ADAMS: We have met, we have talked a lot about how we can meet the needs that clubs are facing and are looking at policy starting with Davis Center policies, the lesion program will be huge focus, and we want clubs to meet with us and over the summer, you might be getting a emergency bill, recognition BUG, depending on the answer by risk management, Chair Simmons is very excited, there was a photo contest last semester, currently in the Executive office, you might be getting derecognizing bills next week.

Senator Willis: If we were going to look at all Davis center policy or something in specific?

Chair Adams: The use of space and the policy of student focus and keeping better track of that and where it is done we will work with the Davis Center advisory.

COLA CHAIR MORGAN: Next week we have the resolution supporting the office of student relations, Gail and Alisha, they will talk at public forum, they are being relocated, they won't talk about that, but talk about who they are and what they do, and you can ask myself or Chair Adams. I can elaborate more on the process, and about the resolution about why they are moving and where they can go, and why we feel they can stay. I have also looked into have police ride alongside, if I get the Green Light that senate can ride with Police in Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. It's cool. That's all I have I yield to Mensah

President Mensah: Diane and Abi, if anyone is interested in helping them craft and I think that it would important it a few of us help her and Dianne, come up with questions, if anyone is interested give me your email.

Chair Simmons: Can you elaborate more about the ride along?

Chair Morgan: You just ride along with the officer and witness what the police and students go through. You don't act in the apprehension, if they get called to emergency and you can be left somewhere and be picked up later. You're there to observe the process.

Chair Mallea: I want to speak about police ride along they are informative they are a great way to get to know the Burlington police, my question since the neighborhood cleanup was canceled, will you work with the office of committee relations for anything, such as green up day?

Chair Morgan: They are requesting that they work on green up day May first, and that have a heart are the 22 and 29th,

Chair Adams: We participated with the have a hearts was a couple weeks ago, are IRA and Greek life.

CODDEE CHAIR HERMAN: We had a great first team meeting we are in the stage of bringing up old issues, and figure out how we can follow them through, and our main goal is bridging the gap between social justice and the environment, and we are informing everyone, that is not just about the individual issue but there all together. Education, we have some great ideas, and we of course are generating plans convince loan terms goals.

STUDENT ACTION CHAIR SIMMONS: WE had our first meeting as well, its exciting, we have some priorities for the next year. I want to take from the website, what we are, we deal with student issues form athletics, arts culture, student life and ResLife, it what deals with the things that everyone doesn't we are trying to get out there and table this Friday, and get student input to help us. We would love to hear what you think, if there is anywhere you want to push us we want to hear it. We do the naked bike ride and plans what do with that, about the student vision, updating it and making it a living document. I would love to hear feedback, and would love suggestions and such.

Chair Morgan: What is our involvement with the naked bike ride?

Chair Simmons: We allocate the funding for what it needs, students have big problem with how the students feel it's changed, we want to be their voice and articulate on that, yield to president

President Mensah: In the past we haven't dealt with finance security or t-shirts it has been volunteer, I don't know if we plan to give money, the next meeting is April 30, I'm not sure if the committee is up for new member, as it stand right now. A lot of students don't like how its changed. A lot of students don't like it and the security response, a lot of student have come back to, the committee try to handle and where as about 15 to 20 minutes can cost the money about 30,000 for those few minutes. We are looking for ways to cuts costs on this, and we still need volunteers.

Chair Simmons: Just as you brought up, there four issues, how make it economically, how to make it safe, there were serious concerns about harassment and safety, and we had idea of theorizing how to down play the even make it more as a participatory thing and less of spectacle, if we could get sponsors potentially, we would love suggestions.

Chair Monteforte: Are you developing anything about the food plan?

Chair Simmons: I believe I sit on some different boards with meal plans people and well be talking about that, we want to carry over previous student action committee input, such as local food, takeout food, , the pilot CSA, the greenhouse, farm stands in the Marches, and pizza for points. If you have any I would love to know

Chair Mallea: POI, the finance committee does allocate funds around 15 thousand.

Chair Simmons: Tix me off is on the SGA website and a tool for feedback. Pease use it. We want to use everything we can to hear from as many as possible.

Senator Mason: Why the naked bike ride gets money?

Chair Simmons: For security presence, at the naked bike ride, it was away to contract out the liability if something horrible happens the security are a partially liable, instead of suing the university.

Chair Mallea: Because it was chaotic, they had to hire an outside security company to regulate the event, it's a lot of money to be put for the enjoyment. It's all about the tradition for some, for about 30 minutes.

Speaker Chevrier: it also goes towards t-shirts and pizza for those volunteering their time to it.

PR CHAIR MONTEFORTE: We meet today for the first time it was fun, and we talked about the goals and what we want to accomplish and about the ideas of how to do that. We have one issue supposable we have a table at Springfest but I have a sign-up sheet, if you want to sign up for that if you have any ideas. Time for that starts at 12, yield to Chair Adams.

Chair Adams: It starts at 12 and goes to 5. Volunteers get a free ticket.

ACDEMIC AFFAIRS CHAIR NELSON: So this week we have worked a lot on Transition and getting last year's stuff and what they've been up to, and we are pushing for the enhanced course resolution that was passed, at the end of last senate meeting and will send it to the registrar. We are working on follow through and keeping in contact with prior members. Also, online course evaluations, we are having discussions about advising student success center, similar to the Learning Co-Op and also, our goal is to get a summery out to the whole senate on TRI, and there is a lot of background information, but you can expect that, and I would like to yield to Senator Filstein, to get more information on the TRI,

Senator Filstein: AA is sponsoring a event on Monday: last spring we walked out of class and occupied waterman, this room on Monday will have some speakers, about tuition hikes and budget cuts, former Vp Ash, professors, and other will be speaking, about these issues and where the school is going, and this pertains to us all.

Speaker Chevrier: I have done work starting the neighborhood noise task force, we want to work on doing a bus audit, and it include Transpiration and talked yesterday a possible bus audit, they were going to shut off the late night bus at 10, it wasn't until chair Glynne made quite a scene. I have been having meetings with them and on things that might help them, is a bus audit, and they sit on the bus and take notes about when they see, it. It's fun if you watched and take notes on the people and their state of being on the bus, you may be one of the few sober on the bus, so have a friend with you, it will be next weekend. Yield back to Chair Nelson

Senator O'Brien: Can you talk more about the campus success center.

Chair Nelson: It would focus on advising and having people on staff to help you directly with that.

Senator Billman: Have you thought about the idea making the cat audit email able, its viewable, but there are certain people who don't have the ability to see it, such as sharing it with you professor.

Chair Nelson: No we haven't.

Senator Mason: I assume that this question is good for you guys, about registration, I've learned that certain people get priority registration and the fact that certain teachers that haven't got back to me about taking classes at certain times that I need to take and its filled, and you go through the years, each with excuses that you don't get that class because you're a freshman or sophomore, well I'm a senior, why am I not getting it now, and why can't our professors getting back to email at a certain times, and sending me an email in a week.

Chair Nelson: We've had dialogue about the registration thing, and why it is, and I yield to

Senator Filstein: That has been a huge issue. It's an unequal system, and honors, or athletic gets to go first, there is about to about 1000 taken off priority registration, that's something that's concrete and the results will be there.

Chair Mallea: Do you know here UVM ranks with the amount that are able to register early?

Chair Nelson: I will look into that.

Speaker Chevrier: POI we have one of the highest.

SENATORAL FORUM:

Chair Adams: Motion to suspend the rules to swear in senator Brennan

Speaker Chevrier swearing in Kaylin Brennan as a Senator of the 2010-2011 SGA Senate.

Chair Adams: Motion to reinstate the rules.

Reinstated

Chair Monteforte: What is your input on tabling and raising money for spring fest, about that, and if you want to talk about that?

Senator Filstein: What other clubs are tabling?

Chair Monteforte: There are other clubs that table, I can find out which.

Chair Adams: POI a bunch of clubs are tabling. Program board will have bunch of stuff.

Senator Mason: Quick suggestion referring to emails, but like David said I get emails on my blackberry all the time, I would prefer that major things were isolated, like bold or bullets, because like this weekend I got about 5 emails about the trash pickup, I feel as though most important things should be first. I'm more of a get to the point kind of person. Don't ask how my day was, I won't respond, just get to the point.

Chair Simmons: Real quick, about committees, and about the resignation process I encourage you to keep communication as open as possible, Speaker Chevrier was my chair last semester, and it was helpful to get to know SGA and my responsibilities and was a of dealing, with my concerns that I asked my committee, and I encourage the lines of communication to be kept wide open. We have obligation to be here, and its nice when we are here out of respect for each other and our times, not because its mandatory or that we have to.

Senator Benes: I have been thinking a lot about the semester and about passing resolution, and ideas, but implementation has been difficult, and getting what we want done, its due because turnover is high and a lot of senator know about it. And so I was thinking about it and how the federal government and

states government does it, that is to have someone up there be outside the student government being liaison, to go to see whether or not that resolutions enacted are followed and to see them through. Other SGAs have it, and would like to hear what you think.

Senator Tran: Maybe out of respect for each other, maybe come to senate on time. We started at 7:08, it starts at 7 so maybe get here a few minutes early so we can start on time.

Chair Mallea: In regards to PR tabling at Spring Fest, this may be a good opportunity to fundraise, in the past we haven't done any, it kind of contradictory that we require our clubs to, but we don't. Maybe a bake sale, maybe, pie-ing your senator, open to ideas.

Chair Nelson: POI are we a club?

Speaker Chevrier: We are a governing body, and are responsible, to allocations of money, and kind of but not at all. We have full time positions, we similar to club but not exactly.

Senator Filstein: I don't think we need a new position, the executive represent that and it's the presidents responsibility and how I understand the VP deals with more internal matter, and the president deals externally, we don't get a lot done, because we don't always have the decision making power, we can pressure until they do something.

SENATORAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Senator O'Brien: It is important to disseminate and engaged in conversation and get the feedback you need if next you focus on getting the attention on smiling, and if next year we should get out there.

Senator Benes: Tomorrow the Jost room from 2 to 4 we will have a sustainability forum, and they are having a bunch to speakers about the subject on campus.

Senator Sadeghi: Two things, both events on Friday, as student leaders, the BoT meeting social responsible meeting and the big one that is concerning is continuing discussion about disinvestment to the Israeli military update on cluster bombs, and if they have the capability of talking lives, why is that our tuition and dollars possibly fund it. In Billings North, 6 to 730 VT for Israel is sponsoring a event, two things, both are inappropriate, under the disruption, it has a variety of speaker talking about the Iranian threat, for the VT or Israeli to have that as a description is inaccurate, and this is my personal opinion today I saw the US flag, the VT state flag, and the Israeli flag, flying together, I am student here I don't see why the Israel flag represents us.

Chair Adams: UVM goes bowling tonight, its free, buses from here there and back, and it's Chair Nelson birthday on Thursday.

Chair Simmons: Bike user group 7 on Thursday celebrating Chair Nelson birthday, the bountiful bikes, that the sweet lord has given us and love to hear input and another note I would like to disagree with Senator Sadeghi, as it is what the occasion is, it's an Israeli appreciation week, and holocaust remembrance, that it is appropriate reason to fly the Israel flag, and would like advocate flying the

Palestinian flag, on a personal note, I have been talking with students between advocates we have towards the two populations on campus, and it's a very sensitive subjects, and I support both populations right to existence, and to have their own self governance, if you want to continue this discussion with Senator Sadeghi or myself. I hear a lot for Israel, and it's great, and I'd like to balance that a little bit.

Senator Duran: First Derek Jensen is coming, he is an interesting guy, has written a bunch of books, I encourage you to come. Second when I started SGA last year I freaked out a bit over the summer, because it seems so formal, and I feel this works better if you feel your part of a community and hope to see you all in more free flowing contexts like brunch I live in Slade, we have a big living room, yard and basement, and this Sunday at noon, maybe brunch?

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: Tomorrow night is take back the night, it means a lot to me and means a lot to a lot of us on campus and it begins at 530 on the steps of Bailey-Howe then we'll march to City hall, and a lot of survivors and women trying to overcome and some men, trying to make close allies, my time is unfortunate to inviting to the Israeli conversation, I am member of Hillel, today is Hitler's birthday which way they put the flag up. Stop by relay for life, it supports people who they have lost or now those of who have cancer, participate and support it.

Senator Sadeghi: We that will be senators for a year, a lot of you, a lot of you don't I am Muslim, my views come out as student and not because of my back ground, I consider Jews cousins to me, I'm not anti Jewish, I don't want the religion card coming into play in this. My passion on the Palestine Israeli Conflict, I might sound this or that, and I'm down to talk about the differing views, and what the Nazis did to the Jews was appalling, but there is a difference between religion and the state of Israel.

Senator O'Brien: I led a group at Fletcher free to practice Spanish, on that note if you like to speak Spanish, come by. Before Derek Jensen there will be a free local board dinner.

VP Maciewicz: Comments and Announcement for coming events and not for those other comments are for Forum, and for appointment committee stick around. If you don't have a rep, chairs.

Senator Billman: Open mic on Thursday, 730 to 11 in an effort to negate the Bike users group, I may move it later.

Speaker Chevrier: Chairs don't forget to send me your voting record.

Roll Call

FINACE: Senator Linde Excused

STUDENT ACTIVITES: All Present

COLA: Senator Cheney Excused

CODDEE: Senator Vitagliano Excused

STUDENT ACTION: All Present

PR: Senators Denton, Williams and Golfari Excused

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: All Present

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ENDS: 9:35