



TUESDAY, MAY 4TH, 2010
FOURTH MEETING OF THE 2010-2011 SENATE

Call to Order

Start time: 7:05 pm

Roll Call

Finance: all present
Student Activities: Senator Fox, excused
COLA: all present
CODEEE: Senators Corkins and Benes, excused
Student Action: Senator Lederer-Plasket, excused; Senator Billman, not excused
Public Relations: all present
Academic Affairs: Senator Willich, excused

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from April 27th (3rd meeting) approved

Public Forum

Stephen Hannaford, former SGA Senator and Chair of Academic Affairs

Stephen: I thought I would come in and say a few words – I haven't been to a meeting of this senate yet, so I haven't been able to make any observations. From what I heard, you all have kicked off the year, seeing the pitfalls that we experienced last year. I thought it was my duty to come in and share my observations. I came on with the ECO Block – 23 students ran on a platform that was trying to bring environmental sustainability issues to the Senate. We've succeeded in the last two terms. Problems we faced were typical questions – is this what the student body wants, or is it a personal agenda? That's a question that is going to come up with in a lot of legislation and I don't think there's an answer for that. You may have a lot of critical information on an issue that people don't have; you might know something very important that may have consequences on what life is like at this school and in the world and it's your decision to take action on that. Always ask yourself – is this for you or is this for someone else?

When you look around the room, you're going to see people's faces and people's clothing; little signals about who they are, where they're coming from, the kinds of things they might be interested in, and all sorts of other assumptions. I remember coming in last year with 23 other people who were also concerned with environmental issues. I came on also because I was very active in the anti-budget cuts and I wanted to work inside the system. I looked around and thought, who was like-minded as me and who was different? I think we wasted a lot of time focusing on differences; a lot of time really not doing our job and getting frustrated, arguing, not really looking at other people as individuals. It took

months; almost to our second term before we actually started to having a conversation with that person who intimidated us the most or the person who we imagined was the most ideologically close to us before we realized we have a lot of common goals. Bottom line, try to look at each other not as members of a stereotyped group, not as someone, because they believe getting bottled water off campus is the most important thing you can do means that you can't work together toward some higher goals. I really challenge you to really get to know each other; I think the most important thing to do is to try to break the surface with every person in this room and you're not going to be able to do what you need to do.

Open floor to questions.

Kornbread, community member

Kornbread

Just wanted to touch on a few things as a film major. I don't want to do anything else – I just want to be able to shoot a film. All I want to do is shoot a film and get going – that would be great. I haven't gotten a lot of feedback on that and I think that's because you all don't take me seriously as a rapper. I'm going to spit for you all right now.

I'm really serious about this and I'm going to put Vermont on the map. I'm looking for a filmmaker – just something simple, trying to put a little video on YouTube.

Open floor to questions.

Stephen Hannaford: How can people get a hold of you?

Kornbread: My number is 802-579-0026. I'm really serious about the rapping thing.

Anyone else for public forum?

Old Business

Bill Recognizing the Multiracial Student Group

Chair Adams: Bill Recognizing the Multiracial Student Group. *[reads bill]*. I e-mailed you all how this works; they're going to do a PowerPoint and talk more about the group.

Luke Clemmons: We started the beginning of last semester. The purpose of this group is to help us explore our identities. I grew up in Vermont and I'm biracial. This group provided an opportunity to talk with other people and share experiences you don't normally get to share; it's a kinship. It's important because it allows for a newer demographic to be represented at UVM; one that hasn't been. The numbers we have aren't completely accurate because the university doesn't have a bi/multiracial, only other.

The stigma we might be facing – there are over 6 million multi/bi racial; about 326 students at UVM (3%). We need to get ourselves out there because there is a lot of cloudiness around who we are.

Johne Border: Planned events: weekly discussions (problems we've faced here or in general), fusion feast (involves taking foods from different cultural backgrounds we

represent and bringing them together), Unity Day (getting all student identity groups to come together; represent different cultures, promoting other groups. Ideally, would become an annual tradition.)

Sustainability lies in the shared experience we all have as being multiracial student on campus. We're a growing population (statistics shown) – we're a group that needs recognition and deserves a voice on campus. We're different from other student groups because we come from two usually totally different backgrounds. We're in a society where we don't usually have a voice.

Open floor to questions.

Chair Mallea: You mentioned that you would be proposing a budget for next year to do all of these events – do you know if you will primarily doing event on campus, or would you be collaborating with other campuses?

Clemmons: in the beginning, focus on campus to get a constituency. Branch out to host some sort of a conference, rest of the Burlington area. Right now just trying to get UVM and expand membership

Senator Filstein: How many members currently, show to events, etc?

Clemmons: Difficult to say; always a variability. First semester, a lot of members came but without events, we lacked structure. This semester we focused more on being in the position to fix that. Consistently about 15 members; if we advertise more, it can go up.

Senator Tran: To be recognized, a lot of it isn't a necessarily that you get free money from SGA; we require a lot of fundraising – do you have any ideas for fundraising?

Border: Fundraising would be incorporated into the events we have planned

Clemmons: Food idea, especially, cute little things to start us off.

O'Brien: Do you have plans to open up weekly discussion groups to students who don't identify as bi/multi?

Clemmons: Emphasis not just on multiracial, but also on multicultural – incorporating people from multiple backgrounds. For anyone who feels like they don't quite fit into one of the letters of ALANA, this is for them.

Bill automatically called to question

All those in favor of recognizing the group – Passes

Any other old business?

Bill Recognizing FeelGood as Club of the Year

Chair Monteforte: Bill Recognizing FeelGood as the Club of the Year [*Reads legislation*] Unfortunately, FeelGood isn't here because of their own club awards banquet.

Open floor

Senator Filstein: Why are they getting this?

Chair Monteforte: speaking with Chair Adams; we don't just pick clubs we like; Student Activities Committee selects a club they feel has done a good job over the year. FG also won the club of the year award at banquet.

Chair Morgan: is there an official process for becoming COY?

Chair Motneforte: *Yield the floor to Speaker Chevrier*

Speaker Chevrier: We asked for nominations and clubs nominated themselves and submitted applications; SAC read applications, were ranked, and we had conversations from there.

Senator O'Brien: Any idea of how to get this bill in to the UVM community?

Chair Monteforte: sending bill to media, case in tunnel through September – incoming students will see. In future, we want to make it kind of a competition so clubs can strive to make it their award.

Senator Simmons: Could we include something about their vision in the legislation?

Chair Monteforte: Add “and to the Hunger Project” at end?

Senator Simmons: Yes

Call to question

All those in favor: passes

Any other old business?

Emergency Business

Adams: Bill Recognizing the Bike Users Group. [*Reads legislation.*] BUG is something that has been in the process since about January; have just been waiting for Risk Management and that happened yesterday, which is why it's Emergency Business.

Jesse Simmons: Gist of Risk Management: we had two or three central things in the works when we initially submitted our proposal: initially had a proposal to create a bike shop and a bike-sharing program. RM said they would need more time to look through the bike shop; took that out. Bike sharing program would also need more looking at insurance. Now we're getting recognized as looking at recycling bikes and repairing them; next year, looking at getting into the bike shop and bike sharing program.

Giselle Nelson: *[Reads mission statement]:* Bike advocacy group, increase bike accessibility and knowledge, network for bike culture, provide education on bike maintenance and information on emission free transportation.

Why us? There are a lot of people at UVM who do ride bikes and it's kind of heinous that we don't have a place where you can pump your tires and fix the chains, esp. those who are on campus. We want to give everyone access to a bike – you don't have to buy one and pay a bunch of money to ride on and be a bike user. We also want to educate about bikes.

We do want you – we want to make UVM a bike-friendly campus and we need a body to do so. We want people to ride more bikes, wave at our bike friends, take over the sidewalks – safely. Want everyone on campus to live a healthy lifestyle.

Scheduled events: have been having some events; benefit concert at Slade Hall, have had several bike blender days – *yield the floor to unknown*

Guest: I've been collecting donations from people around town – Hannaford, Magnolia. We've had three or four blender bike days bike with blender attachment and we make a smoothie.

Nelson: We held a "Doctor Your Bike Day" with the Office of Student and Community Relations.

Simmons: We've had critical mass rides – the idea is that you reach a big enough amorphous blob that you're like a car without the emissions. Last Friday of every month, 6 pm – everyone join us.

Guest: "Doctor Your Bike Day" was a huge success – patch kits, etc. to help people fix their bikes. Person from the local electric community wants to pedal the Christmas tree with pedal power next year. I'm in contact with him and BUG is interested in helping; we have a listerv of over 100 people, so hopefully we can make that happen.

Nelson: Matching with the mission statement of UVM: sustainability, building shared community, sharing knowledge.

Alleger: College doesn't last forever and knowing how to work on your bike long term and short term will be a part of the rest of their lives.

Open floor to questions.

Senator Williams: Any plans for getting a space on campus?

Guest: for the bike shop?

Simmons: Very much so – we can't do that until we get recognized.

Senator O'Brien: any plans to create a plan with the cycling team?

Simmons: first meeting we ever had – head of the cycling team was one of the 4 people there. He was more into the cycling and competing aspect of it and ever came again; we'll try to rope him back in

Guest: we don't want to overlap things people are already doing;

Chair Mallea: We got a comment for “why doesn’t the Davis Center have a place to store your bike?” Is that something you would look into?

Nelson: it’s something we’ve looked into

Alleger: place where you can lock your bike to get them out of the weather – people know that bikes just get stuck out all winter and that may be because people don’t know there are places you can store your bikes. Either people don’t know or it’s too far – it’s something we’re going to pursue to at least get the knowledge out there so people know they can stick their bikes somewhere safe during the off season

Senator Golfarini: Have you contacted any of the shops downtown for partnerships?

Alleger: Northside sports as well as Bike Recycle Vermont – they actually helped with Doctor Your Bike Day

Simmons: we’re trying to cooperate as much as we can, but we recognize that our mission may not be in their best financial interest

Guest: we were talking with Northstar about the bike share and they said they would get us a prodeal on trek helmets and locks; that’s another reason to try to pair with the cycling team since they have that network.

Senator Cheney: do you know anything about the rise of bike theft that happened early last year and do you think there’s anything that could raise awareness about that or something we can do as a campus?

Simmons: well hopefully if we get a bike share running, that will address some of those problems because in our bike share model, the bikes would be locked at all times. The model we’re hoping to have this bike share run on would be that you would check your bike out with your CatCard – you would know who has what bike. We wouldn’t have to have bike ownership rates so high in this future utopia we’re hoping to create.

Alleger: I was a victim of the bike stealing – it’s a horrible reality that people steal bikes, but hopefully we would operate in a way that would be able to combat that in some way.

Senator Katz: would there be a way to differentiate the different BUG bikes from, a regular students bike?

Simmons: We’d paint them. Maybe with bugs.

Guest: that was another fundraising idea we had – go into the community and pitch them the idea of maybe them sponsoring us a bike and they would get an advertisement.

Senator Katz: Hampshire College has a similar bikeshare program and they would paint the different bikeshare bikes a really bright, outlandish color so you could always spot them – just a suggestion.

Alleger: we’re going to make sure they’re very recognizable.

Any other questions for Adams or BUG? Automatically called to question. – passes.

Any other EB?

Senator Lederer-Plasket: Resolution of UVM standing in opposition to Arizona Immigration aw SB1070 – First I want to address that most people on campus don't know what SB 1070 is. Arizona, in the last 3-4 years, has had an illegal immigration drop in about 40%; so why they're calling attention to immigration reform while there are other things going on is questionable. The bill states that anyone residing or passing through AZ needs to have paperwork – not drivers ID – passport, birth certificate, paperwork, so that a police officer can, based on appearance or any other criteria they believe is relevant, that looks like an illegal citizen. I have collected about 400 signatures from the UVM community who believe that is blatantly racial profiling. Historically, last few genocides started with collecting paperwork from random strangers on the street. While we don't believe something that drastic will occur, we believe it is a slippery slope. If you're passing through and you're darker, you don't have paperwork, you can be held in civil detention. You're not charged with a crime for 6-12 months until your family comes with paperwork. AZ has the 2nd highest rate of incarceration – long time before they'll actually find your paperwork. There really are no grounds within the law that give description of who looks like an illegal citizen. Approximation of 50% of those who will be taken in civil detention will be legal citizens for a day and up to a year. This resolution argues that, because of UVM's inclusivity policy as well as section B of the student code, I believe it is in the best interest of the community. About 250 students and remaining 150 are staff/faculty who signed this petition. It could affect you, a family member, or your best friend. *[Reads legislation]* I've been speaking closely with Kesha Ram and, though they will break in a week and a half and it may be too late to bring this to the House, UVM will be joining a list of 18 other schools that have passed similar resolutions and that I intend to bring to a boycott of Arizona, which is true of 10 other universities.

Senator Golfaraini: How is it different of profiling than the federal policies on immigration? Aware of amendments?

Senator Lederer-Plasket: Amendments were related to the ban on ethnic studies and improper accent from teaching English – amendments were largely to that policy because in light of the media frenzy, they're trying to keep the racial profiling aspect, but they're trying to refine it – more related to skin color, the way you carry yourself; they're portraying the negative stereotypes of immigrants.

This law puts police in the same place where NYC police were with Diallo – that same policy and extension is now in federal law, where you cannot judge base on race or ethnicity, but on a whole it's a state-by state decision.

Senator Linde: Would this stay in the borders of UVM or Vermont, or do you have plans for this to be further extended in to AZ?

Senator Lederer-Plasket: ideally, extend farther. The boycott may be the most impactful – money speaks loudest. Milk is the primary output of AZ and we use mostly local. I'm looking at produce and trying to extend this the further.

Senator Sadeghi: I disagree with this, almost. I feel this isn't specific enough; there aren't enough facts and statistics in this, but after listening to you, I completely agree with you – it's unconstitutional and racial profiling and I think that a lot of things you're saying should be in the resolution. There's a lot of material that you said right now that could be put into the legislation. What are your intentions on taking this a step further? Do you think that, before we leave for our hometowns, could this be sent to the necessary people?

Senator Lederer-Plasket: I spend about 2 weeks in the summer in DC and I will bring this down to NY senators with other students from NY schools; NY is leading the charge of schools who are doing this. In putting the bill title down, it's difficult to explain the outreach and effect the 76 page bill; it's very difficult to summarize that to the confines of a bill that I would want people to extend their knowledge about this bill. I had whereas phrases that explained the bill, but I felt that no whereas phrase would explain how this may damage constitutional law.

Senator Vitagliano: Do you feel that it is necessary to get involved with these political issues outside of the realm of UVM and the state of VT? What effects do you think passing this bill will come?

Senator Lederer-Plasket: I believe it is highly necessary – at a school that prides itself in pushing diversity. As a predominantly white institution – we actually have less diversity than AZ – a white body taking a stance against racial profiling speaks loudly to that. There are students who, in the event they are travelling to AZ, will fall under the great injustice that comes up under this law – they could end up sitting in civil detainment. I do believe it affects UVM students.

Senator Willis: I understand what you're trying to do; I just feel that this resolution is pretty irrelevant to people who are living outside the state of AZ. How is this going to impact UVM students as a whole – what are we going to get out of this resolution? I don't feel this is relevant to UVM and people who live outside of the area.

Senator Lederer-Plasket: By that logic, it would be okay if the government said you can't go to AZ and you don't need to go there any time soon. As a Vermont student and Vermont student of color, I'm not telling you what to think, but this law does put you in jeopardy in the event that you decide to go to Arizona. It's important that this school has some sort of statement about this – what's said about this when other schools have passed it is that a small group has the potential to make history. It's not going to start in Arizona – where else is it going to start? In the interest in protecting UVM students. It's not about whether you're going to go to Arizona, it's about not having your constitutional or civil rights violated should you choose to go there.

Senator Filstein: I agree that we could take a stance on this and we probably should and I want to make any leg out of this body as legit as possible. Friendly amendments: to say resolution in opposition; take out UVM. Second Whereas: make that a quotation.

Chair Adams: A staff member spoke to me about going to a conference Arizona and possibly being affected. Have you considered submitting this along with a letter to SGAs in Arizona and adding in other bills from other schools?

Senator Lederer-Plasket: I'll look into what universities it could potentially have an effect on in AZ.

Senator Allegre: Do you have examples of other universities?

Senator Lederer-Plasket: SUNY purchase, NYU, Columbia is working on it, Oneida, Syracuse (passed it first); don't have the list here.

Senator Mason: Have you spoken with certain professors on this issue? (networking) A bill like this being passed affects everyone in the United States.

Senator Lederer-Plasket: The professor who helped me was Rashad Shabazz; I've spoken with other professors and department chairs. I couldn't get A&S to sign it, but she agreed (personal security). Speaking to as many professors as possible, announcing in different ways to attend here tonight and to get involved in general. If there are professors who would be interested, have them contact me.

Senator Linde: How well do you think this resolution echoes the concern of the student body here at UVM? Do you think the students are active on this issue and do you think they are well informed of this issue and how do you plan on informing them if they're not?

Senator Lederer-Plasket: there was an artistic campaign going on to stimulate student thoughts. I'm struggling to get students involved. I've gone to several courses to talk about this. Rashad Shabazz – forum on Arizona in his course. Not knowing about AZ is also the same as any other political or etc. event going on.

Senator Simmons: I'm really in favor of this and the conciseness of it. Why the university needs to take a stance and also the importance of why we need to take a stance of it. We need to take a stance and speak out for people outside of the university —I think it is absolutely appropriate that we pass his legislation. Though students may not know about this, they are probably against racial profiling.

Senator Vitaliano: What would you have be the next step in regards to informing the students whether our decision would be forwarded to Arizona? You mentioned a boycott and you feel it's necessary to do a boycott and taking into concern that the possible farmers and people of color will be affected and double penalized by a potential boycott?

Senator Lederer-Plasket: In this case, I think that is an incredibly miniscule population – it's a pretty low population state in comparison to others, especially since there's the Grand Canyon and one major city. That's not to get on Arizona for lack of importance, but essentially, it is a small population. The laborers of color are predominately working on the farms and won't have a direct effect on them. Arizona is a port state and where legal and illegal immigrants go into the state and then disperse – Vermont has a pretty high Mexican population and that's the majority of the immigrant population there. The boycott is a small and relatively easy thing to do – the biggest thing is with Fender musical instruments – we wouldn't change what we have, but we would change what we would later spend our money on. It would've already affected the budget since I think Sodexo usually buys things on a weekly basis.

Senator Sadeghi: Would you deem it more appropriate to table this, do more research, saw more outcomes over the summer and then come back with stronger and more appropriate and precise bill and resolution and hopefully greater awareness for the students?

Senator Lederer-Plasket: Respectfully disagree. It's going to be contested. While it will continued o be so, there's nothing we can fit in here that won't sound like it's form a tabloid headline. I think the brevity of the resolution is ultimately an asset. Without putting in another 12 whereas just trying to explain the potential ways the law could affect it; if there's a way to put in a citation, I would do that, but to my knowledge, there isn't. Given the timing, summer will affect students sooner than later. It goes into effect in July and I want to put it into affect now.

Senator Riggs: I think this is probably the most important thing for us to do – to support the people who are being discriminated against. For equality; that's what we stand for and it's what we have to do. I'm sure people are in support of this —you have to. Most people at this school don't even know what it's like to be discriminated against. It's absolutely ridiculous for a group of people to come together and say that people have to go to jail and get their rights taken away. Do you know if the farms or Fender have supported this?

Senator Lederer-Plasket: distinctively declined to take a stance since they know they will take a hit.

Senator Simmons: Friendly amendment – add “denounces racial profiling in all forms” in the Be it Resolved.

Other? Automatically called the question. – passes.

No new business.

Executive Reports:

Speaker Chevrier: none

President Mensah: Apologize for Vice President Maciewicz's absence; there was a schedule conflict with one of his Honors College Courses. I didn't want to send out my report is because I want to talk about two main things – the report I send out to BOT, which was due last week Friday, which I sent out yesterday or today so hopefully you all have time to review that – let me know if you have any thoughts, questions, or the process.

The student vision, which was constructed heavily through the work of Student Action and undergrads at the university – President Fogel and Provost Knodell agreed for that to be included in my report. I stressed the importance of that document and I heavily applaud all the feedback I have received about my BOT report.

I went to Campus Leadership Forum meeting yesterday. In terms of admissions growth: target enrollment: 2,400 – currently over by 212 students, 2612 students admitted who have paid their deposit. Unlike other years when Admissions has waited after May 1 to accepted a few more deposits, they closed the deposits on the deadline since that many students chose to send in their deposits to UVM. Currently the premount number – the number that represents what the Class 2014 will look like. We currently have students from 48 states – the states not represented are ND and AK.

I want to heavily applaud the high level of involvement I have seen of senators – such as Trey, Tran, O'Brien, Sadeghi – spent the last Friday evening on the banner posted in the DC increasing student conversations about the student budget and tuition next year. Senator Vitaliano really engaging students and having them know more about tuition going up – that is amazing.

Questions

Student Activities

Chair Adams: e-mailed out; let me know if you have any questions

COLA:

Chair Morgan: e-mail by end of evening.

CODEEE:

Chair Herman: will e-mail out

Action:

Chair Simmons: e-mail.

PR:

Chair Monteforte: my reporty ahs already been e-mailed; in the report, nothing too crazy – attached VSOP results from the spring. Pretty self-explanatory, see what actions we want to take with those results.

AA:

Chair Nelson: talked with Registrar Keith Williams about course enhancement; don't know if we'll make it in one year; we feel differently. We're going to talk to academic units and departments to increase course enhancement. We encourage everyone to go to BOT meeting if you're going to be around. May 22.

Finance:

Chair Mallea: already e-mailed out report; just two gas requests this week. I wanted to address an issue that's come to my attention. Point o clarity. There is some talk that Finance is allocating unfairly and I would like to ask you, at this last meeting this year, to give myself and my committee to maybe prove you wrong and that we can allocate on an equitable and fair basis, whether it's club sports, educational, or multicultural club.

Senator Moise: One question: last meeting, we talked about teams that paid out of pocket for gas and if you had at timeline for that.

Chair Mallea: We were waiting for the last gas request to come in this week. We'll have about \$1000 left in the gas account and will be reviewing previous proposals for gas and supplemental requests. I'll be working on that over the summer with Treasurer Salsgiver.

Senatorial Forum

Senator Mason: I don't want this to come off as an attack on this body and I joined to uplift it and be the change I wish to see. I just wanted to make sure we all come in the fall and make more of a presence on campus. I don't think we've done that, though we've only been

here for a couple weeks. I would like to see more of a presence from SGA in general; even when bills are being passed, we should have more students here. If students really care about things that are going to get passed, they should be here in this room. People should be here if they signed a petition – we're a body capable of getting students to believe in us as we believe in them. Just for the water bottle thing that came up – I didn't know much about it, but if I saw more student body, I may have tilted a different way. Let's make a presence on this campus; let's be more active. I see L/L program directors come in early, IRA staff come in early, and tour guides come in early. If we're going to be a successful organization, maybe discuss what's going to be mapped out and have more students come into SGA. Students need to know who their senators are and who to speak to; I'm in a club and I didn't know who was on Senate. I believe a presence is definitely needed. I was in a meeting with Nick and he was going on about people doing their own personal agendas and a lot of people disagree with it. Prove him wrong – people shove their seniority and that their pain is more valued – we should have a more present and loving feel. Believe in the students and hopefully they'll believe in us and have a better presence.

Senator Sadeghi: PR has already done a lot in the past couple weeks and everyone on SGA has, as well. The orientation tabling thing –

Chair Adams: *Point of Information* – I spoke last week about Orientation tabling; I'm meeting with them tomorrow so I don't have specifics, but if you're around and you'll be around, but down your name and I'll send you an e-mail. It's not a commitment, just to keep you in the information.

Speaker Chevrier: Please remember to give me your voting records. Remember that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice anywhere.

Senator O'Brien: Thanks to everyone who has been involved with the process of pushing this massive outreach in this last week. In terms of the process and putting together the student budget referendum; ~200 took the survey. So many students were willing to take a few minutes and fill out the survey is very indicative of we shouldn't dismiss the capability of our constituents to understand what's going on, that we're trying to engage them, not necessarily sway them. We should really spread the PR to every senator and across campus – we're here to represent and encourage our constituents. In our last meeting, we were talking about an action plan for next year and I encourage everyone to join in on that conversation – everyone is a part of PR. Tabling today had people from every committee and we're looking to have more tabling next year. We're not all self-proclaimed leaders, but let's be engaging.

Senator M. White: I had a meeting with Adams, Deton, Vitaliano, (one other senator); we met with Ben from last week about the water bottle thing and coming back next year with a little better action plan and a more concise action plan of what we want as a student body. I want to extend that opportunity to all senators.

Senator Doran: Just a reminder to keep all this in mind over the summer – keep in contact; if you've got ideas, there are still people working on this campus over the summer. I would love to talk with some, if not all of you, about things so we can come in strong.

Chair Mallea: Some of you asked how SB 1070 affects some students – even if it affects one student, it affects us all. I really appreciate you all supporting this bill. I'm from Idaho but

I'm from Arizona – I was just speaking with my mother and she was uncomfortable as a Japanese woman who emigrated from Arizona to Idaho and the impact that may have on her.

Senatorial Comments and Announcements

Senator Lederer-Plasket: I'm trying to extend the Dismantling Rape Culture Conference to a group of students who may not always have the opportunity to make it to DRCC. If any of you have any experience at the Womens Rape Crisis Center or any sort of social experience – I'm looking for anyone in the community who has any experience with DRCC or the subject matter, contact me.

Chair Adams: There's a karaoke downstairs if you want to kill a few hours before the Bike Ride. Have a great summer!

Senator O'Brien: The oil spill off the Gulf is an environmental issue and we should stay informed with that. Senator Sadeghi and I will be looking to having UVM divest from companies that supply any funding to Israeli military weapons manufacturing.

Roll Call

Finance: all present
Student Activities: Senator Fox excused
COLA: all present
CODEE: Senator Benes and Corkins excused
Action: Senator Billman unexcused
PR: all present
AA: Senator Willich excused

Adjourned: 8:50 pm