

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009

TENTH MEETING OF THE 2009-2010 SENATE

Call to Order: 7:11 pm

Roll Call:

FINANCE: all present

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Senator John- Fresno excused

COLA: all present

CODEEEE: Senator Sadeghi excused

STUDENT ACTION: Senator Altendorfer, Senator Church, Senator Michel all excused

PR: Senator Whitmore excused

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: all present

Approval of the Minutes

No minutes to approve from 10/6/2009

Public Forum tonight is limited to one hour so it will end at 8:15p. As long as time permits follow up will be permitted

Public Forum

Tom Murphy, Executive Director of Phi Mu Delta Fraternity

Visiting UVM to establish a new chapter of Phi Mu Delta. Mission is to create an organization that is diverse, and is seeking new leadership and membership for this year. Issue facing Greek Community at UVM is hypocritical actions, we are looking for great leaders, no year of graduation matters. In addition, looking to coordinate any types of programming, in order to reach out to other groups. About 800 alumni who are currently active, and will give \$500 scholarships to any who are interested in joining. Will be here at UVM for several more days; already we have 5 men who will be initiated 10/14/2009. For more information, contact Darrion Willis at darrion.willis@gmail.com, or visit: www.phimudelta.org hq@himudelta.org

Chair Glynne: Is it difficult to find interested men who would join since there are already established fraternities?

Murphy: We are open to all students, and yes, but by reaching out to populations and groups of men, such as members of LGBTQA and men of color

Chair Cafarelli: What was the reason it disappeared years ago?

Murphy: Just died, not for academic or disciplinary reasons.

Annie Stevens, Ass VP for Student and Campus Life & Dr. Jon Porter, Director of Center for Health and Wellbeing

We have had one student with confirmed case of H1N1, however it has been difficult for students to tell the difference between H1N1 and the common cold, as well as influenza. We are working on the contingency plans to keep the campus healthy, and preparing for just a really bad flu season. On the UVM home page, the UVM Emergency Info link has lots of good information for symptoms, etc. CHW and Dean of Students Office are finishing the flu clinics to help students combat the regular seasonal flu. We will start receiving the H1N1 vaccination which will logistically be distributed either in nasal spray or in vaccination style to students, faculty, and staff. We have been trying to put out good information about coughing, sharing utensils, washing your hands etc.

Senator Vivas: Is it true that the H1N1 vaccine has certain things in it that increases the likelihood of increasing autism?

Porter: I think you are referring to thimerosal, which is in the vaccination, however not the nasal spray. According to my sources, and the CDC, there is no correlation to autism.

Senator McDonald: Since there seems to be a trend for some doctors for not testing, is the CHW following this same protocol?

Porter: That difference in testing – diagnostic helps us decide in this situation, but what we really want to know is when H1N1 is here in serious numbers, so the surveillance testing is occurring to help us know that.

Jackie Nicoll, Audience: I went to the Medical Clinic, I came in contact with the individual who had H1N1 and had all the symptoms, why not tested?

Porter: Goes back to surveillance testing, we are only doing about 10 cultures a week, although we are seeing double the number of students who have the symptoms. The tests come back a week later, so we cannot use that information because most people are better by that time. In terms of the treatment being different, it is not.

Chair Glynne: Does UVM have a quarantine policy?

Stevens: We are not following a quarantine or isolation policy because it is not recommended since it is not as serious. We have asked faculty members to be more relaxed with their attendance policies, but there is no policy in place for that.

Senator Buswell: Are there other more serious strains that are being tracked as well?

Porter: H1N1 is where the focus is at this point. Of all the surveillance tests doing, only about 1/5 of people getting tested are actually getting it.

Chair Cafarelli: How is VT compared to other states as far as statistics?

Porter: infrequent, Pacific North-West and South-west have been highly affected just not the Northeast, although it is expected.

Senator Greenwald: What is the recovery time for H1N1 vs. the common flu?

Porter: Indication that H1N1 recovery time is 3-4 days and quicker than the flu. People tend to bounce back faster.

Senator Greenwald: Is there a difference in time between recovery time and time when they are contagious.

Porter: 24 hrs before symptoms start is when students are contagious. They are most infectious to up to 24hrs after their fever decreased below 100.

Senator Frye: Is it not as bad as the media has been telling us? It really doesn't sound that bad.

Stevens: More contagious than the seasonal flu, and hits your age pop harder than all other times. It's bad in terms of how you will feel, but not as bad as what we will see with other flus, but the number is higher – creating a spike in absenteeism – it's bad because of that, not because of the medical stuff that happens.

Senator Henley: Because UVM has even more tightly packed rooms than usual, what sort of public health measures are being taken in the dorms, have the RAs been trained to deal with this?

Stevens: RAs will be spoken to as well as soon as we see the numbers start to rise. The other piece is that when you and your roommates are sick, there will be valuable information distributed.

Porter: To put some sunny context on this, age 49 and above, probably has something to do with the fact that this has been seen generationally, so it means that it may be a positive thing to have exposure to parts of this. We can't keep people from being exposed, simply that it is manageable.

Chair Burns: Other than the obvious difference, what are the differences between the nasal spray vs. vaccines?

Porter: Folks with asthma and respiration issues, should not take nasal spray.

Senator Buswell: Could you tell us about the origin of this virus and what we have done to make it so easy to spread?

Porter: Avian – part bird, swine, and human genomes included in this virus, which appears new to an immune system. We have never seen this particular virus from these species, which is why it is so new.

Stevens: The southern hemisphere has seen it while they were in their winter months, now it is just coming back to the northern hemisphere for our winter months.

Senator McDonald: You mentioned that you will prioritize who will have this, who, and how?

Porter: We fully anticipate that there will be enough for all of UVM and the US, but would like to encourage the public to get this coverage by way of mass media messages.

Senator McDonald: How many vaccinations are necessary to develop an immunity?

Porter: only 1!

Senator Henley: Any side effects from these vaccinations?

Porter: One will be the redness, perhaps achiness and feverish.

President Jones: So if my roommate gets sick, and they are told to get back home and they are unsure because they are not told, I know that if I get sick, I will alienated. Is it ok to take care of each other?

Stevens: Please take care of each other, this is just like any other public health issue. We are working with Dining Services to make sure things are place to help bring back food for roommates, etc. There is a form online for sick-tray forms. All I ask is that you send out the word to check your email – that will be the best way to keep up to date on this issue, and forward them if you feel it is necessary. Thanks for your help with this.

Emergency Business

New Business

Bill Derecognizing Men Advocating Change

Bill Recognizing Slow Foods

Old Business

Bill Derecognizing the Economics Club

Chair Chevrier: We only derecognize if the club no longer exists, this club did not receive funding, has no current advisor, etc.

VOTE passed.

Vice President Ash: I would like to call up the four candidates for Appointment to the SGA Senate at this time to answer questions. This will go similar as it did last time.

Shanna Shushereba: Good evening I'm Shanna.

Jackie Nicoll: Hey I'm Jackie.

Erik Graham: Good evening, I'm Erik.

Nick Monteforte: Hello everyone, I'm Nick.

Monteforte: You should vote for me because I'm enthusiastic and I love to be involved. I love my community and I enjoy building friends and relationships. I look forward to a good year and I don't quit.

Graham: I think I can offer some additional information and better the ties between SGA with IRA, I'm enthusiastic and hardworking.

Nicoll: I have been involved with SGA for the past year and more, and so I understand the time commitment. I am busy, but will put this time into SGA. I also think that I can offer a different perspective as a Human Development Major

Shushereba: Completely different perspective as a 30 yr old single mom, veteran of Air Force and am interested in becoming involved.

How would you describe the work of the SGA?

Shushereba: I think it is good to learn the process, unfamiliar with most students' governments and interested in what goes on.

Nicoll: See it as the umbrella organization and am amazed by how much you all reach out to the community. I can help progress these initiatives and add to what you have.

Graham: SGA is an integral part of the university and important with involvement with admin.

Monteforte: I think SGA is awesome and have been involved in the past, by being on the Senate I would like to continue to move UVM forward and brighten student horizons.

Unknown Senator: What made each of you decide to be a Senator?

Monteforte: I've been involved in the past, and you all seem awesome and I want to continue my passion to be involved.

Graham: I hear many student complaints and I think that I can better resolve those issues by also being in the SGA.

Nicoll: Freshman year I knew nothing about SGA, and sophomore year I became the minute taker, you can't imagine how frustrating it is to sit here and have no opinion, and now I am ready to be involved.

Shushereba: Always wanted to be a part of an organization since being a part of the Air Force, so I see the Senate a way to be a part of an org bigger than myself.

Chair Maciewicz: If you could pick one area in which the University is going in the wrong direction – what would it be?

Graham: many of my residents last year were baseball players, so budget cuts

Monteforte: Only gotten to see so much since I have been here for one month, but also budget cuts.

Shushereba: A lack of direction for veterans, the process is quite choppy – I would do more to change that, I went to a meeting for veteran support, I would like a more formalized process to change incoming veterans.

Nicoll: Communication, so many things that happen and the student body doesn't get informed. I think the media should come and report on the work that we do, such as having a weekly column. I remember when the 30 students who were arrested, communication was lost there.

Chair Glynne: In your eyes, has SGA done anything that you don't approve of, and if so, what project would you take on to improve what has been done wrong?

Nicoll: In a group of candidates that ran together, that was a great way to get elected, but I think that it presented an issue, because it left little ability for anyone else to get on Senate. Interest in Elections Committee to help monitor that. We should address what happened and set some standards.

Shushereba: I have not seen anything that has been done wrong, only witnessed one meeting.

Monteforte: Haven't seen anything wrong, I love getting the emails from Bryce.

Graham: Last year I felt there was a break between what students and SGA admin would be communicated.

Senator Buswell: HELLO! How would each of you define diplomacy?

Monteforte: To me I see it as a group of people collaborating their ideas together to see what should happen as a group decision on the value of the people you are serving.

If I was on Senate, I hold true to my values and integrity, and that's how I would do that.

Graham: I would abide by the views of the constituents, such as my residents in L/L and in IRA. What issues to be dealt with and how to deal with those issues, and then come to a decision to act on.

Nicoll: I am thinking of being diplomatic, in the sense of the SGA, it is about being aware of all opinions and the people you are representing. You are intended to come together and represent 10,000-11,000 people, regardless of your own agenda.

Shushereba: Something and carrying on diplomacy is something I am familiar with. I couldn't tell people what I really felt, so as a Senator, I would remember to be careful of my interaction so that my own personal viewpoints and off-color thoughts are not bled through so that my message would be conveyed without offending.

Senator Henley: I know that when we discussed this as a committee, we would like to look for Senators who do not represent groups already here. Who is your community?

Graham: IRA, I work with them and my role in Student Advocacy.

Nicoll: I am a minority here and am Jewish, and although I do not know other religions, I am a part of the religious community, and am in the College of Social Work and Education as a Human Development Major – and am pre-med.

Monteforte: I represent all students, but primarily first year students. I am a business major, and am on the Club Crew team.

Shushereba: Veterans and non-traditional students, parents, full-time transfer students.

Senator McDonald: Are there any issues in which you are particularly interested in that you would like to address as a Senator?

Shushereba: Veteran Organization which I founded.

Graham: Access around campus, particularly during winter months.

Nicoll: Communication with clubs, or with people in general. Some people do not realize that you can come to SGA to get help with problems, particularly with club leaders. I think it is important that people can place a face to the name.

Monteforte: I agree with communication, but also interested in the Health and Well Being and the issue of substance abuse. Keeping everyone aware.

Senator Benes: What committee do you feel you would be the best rep for?

Shushereba: Honored to be on any committee, but COLA because I most identify with that charge. I would give to every committee I was appointed, but I can offer most there.

Nicoll: Almost every committee, but I love dealing with people. PR

Graham: Student Action, although I would like to be placed anywhere.

Monteforte: I love interacting with people and I have experience with clubs, so SAC.

Motion to move to Executive Session: Chair Wilkinson- Ray

VOTE passed

Motion to move out of Executive Session

VOTE passed

Speaker Ellis: Would someone please go invite them all in? Applauding will happen around the oath.

Chair Chevrier: Point of Procedure

Senator Buswell: Can we do this without being spiteful? Motion to suspend the rules.

Seconded.

Vice President Ash: I will support the suspension of the rules, if I may facilitate conversation to majority vote as to how you would like to notify candidates their confirmation status.

Speaker Ellis: Motion to suspend the rules – rules are suspended.

Vice President Ash: Facilitate conversation in regards to the speaking order. Discuss briefly on how we want to do this. The two options are as follows: notify by telephone

or email, or I will notify candidates now; this will determine if appointees are to take oath of office next week or right now.

Chair Glynne: I am of the opinion that there are certain traditions that whether good are bad are important for Senate. We voted the way we did. We voted for two to join the body. It's not a popularity contest. We shouldn't candy coat losing. All of the other races are like that. You find out immediately. Last year we did. It's a tradition that our democratic system supports and I agree with it.

Chair Maciewicz: Motion to do an informal poll on two options as described by Vice President Ash

Choice 1:18

Choice 2:14

Senator Henley: Pass

Senator Doran: I just I don't so much have a problem with us telling with them now but I feel like with them up there it would be bad.

Speaker Ellis: VP goes out and makes it known to them that they were not appointment and then the other two come up and take their oath

Senator Altendorfer: Although I don't agree with the status quo of appointments. We should just continue on with the tradition because they are all waiting now. We should discuss this at a later date

Senator John-Freso: If it's a matter of taking out there bags or something. We have had them go through three layers of acceptance. It won't be public humiliation. This is part of Senate. If you can accept things with grace you shouldn't be a part of Senate:

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: Confused. What do I do?

Speaker Ellis: You could reinstate the rules

Senator Henley: I would like to suggest that Vice President Ash goes out there notifies the candidates and offers to bring them their belongings from this room.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: Yield to Rifken

Chair Rifken: I suggest that candidates reenter to gather their belongings and then leave the room, then they will be notified by Vice President Ash.

Vice President Ash: Katie, I will take your suggestion.

Reinstatement of the rules.

Speaker Ellis: Go invite the guests in.

Oath of Office taken by Nick Monteforte and Shanna Shushereba

Vice President Ash: Shushereba is to be placed on COLA. Monteforte is to be placed on PR.

Senatorial Forum

Senator Tran: Shirts for hockey games are going to be handed out Sunday.

Chair Chevrier: I would have like to have seen secret ballots...

Speaker Ellis: Out of Order, you may not discuss conversations had during Executive Session.

Chair Glynne: Executives are taking too much control or maybe not too much. I support Exec. If you do something bad Exec will let you know. We have appointed 5 senators. We are not becoming a completely democratic body. Bad idea. If we keep appointing people, it just isn't democratic. Process is too long. This is the meat of the year. Midterms, thanksgiving, winter. We are going to need to have midterm elections.

Senator Frye: Apologize for session. I was unclear about etiquette. Perhaps being oversensitive. I believe it would be beneficial if we could be more relaxed in Senate. There seems to be times when it makes sense to not follow the rules. I just want to voice that. Can we please go in that direction?

Senator Church: Appointments process seems questionable. I reiterate Chair Glynne's points. In addition, we haven't actually filled all of the open spots. We should be doing the appointments process doing it and getting over it. Bring more folks up than the available spots.

Chair Chevrier: Votes that are about other students should be done secretly because we need to be courteous to them and to the student body and beyond. It seems like its information that people don't need to know.

Chair Rifken: We got a lot of VSOP comments this time around. Everyone had to. Comments about concerned with the direction and focus with the SGA on environmental issues. How is SGA being perceived. This is an issue to people. The poll did focus on environmental issues. Not the only thing SGA is working on. It 's something I have thought over a lot. Any suggestions? It is PRs job but this is kind of a concern and others have approached me as well.

Senator Buswell: Congratulate both on remembering oath. WE probably should expand discussion about appointments and elections to both committees. We need to figure out how midterm elections will work. Open discussion now or later date or listserv. Elections stick around.

Senator Henley: Process tonight – Remind you all that it's great when we disagree with each other but we do have a commitment to treat each other well and with respect and some of us are still getting familiar with this process so go easy on us. VSOP – use tabling and office hours to get some ideas out not just environmental issues. It's not a bad thing that environment is a big issue because these are big deals – students are interested in these things.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: So as far as the appointments process goes, precedent should not be a reason that we stick with things. Things aren't going well and exec is at fault. We haven't cleaned up procedural things – senatorial forum, appointments

Senator Altendorfer: Perhaps, a secret ballot can extend to the idea that we still raise our hands but it still remains secret. When we went about the vote the time that it would take up to count up the votes is something that we need to look at.

Speaker Ellis: don't speak about executive session

Senator Church: I voted against....

Speaker Ellis: Out of Order, please do not discuss conversations had in Executive Session.

Chair Chevrier: You can talk about things broadly.

Senator Altendorfer: Transparency is key to democracy.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: You had to abstain because you would see that person. I think that secret ballot is a good idea.

Chair Maciewicz: Doesn't the constitution something about internal business? Couldn't we take that out.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: Would you support informing applicants at a later date that were appointed later – informal poll – is happening

Senator Altendorfer: fix it up

Informal Poll to learn if Senate prefers to notify candidates at a later date of their confirmation.

21 Against

13 For

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: Naysayers talk to me.

Executive Reports

Speaker Ellis: There are a few things going on right now. Constitution committee will be mobilized. Little things here and there. For those that are unsure during meetings, talk to me for however long you need I will lend you my book and we can talk about this. I am busy but I will make time. It is very important. I hope people feel comfortable enough. There are senators who also know reach out to those senators. There is a difference between relaxation and following the rules maybe people don't understand that goes with procedure and efficiency and organization. It goes back to please talk to me. I might not even understand myself. I urge you to come to me. Article 8 section b subsection 3 explains it, with that I am willing to discuss what that means to me when we say make public. That means that any votes exempting those that I said. Any students in the body should know what we voted. These are on the website. And a way to look at that is that in the futures issues such as this that Chair Maciewicz that we can say that this is a situation in which we can be allowing all the record to say that a person voted and that is it. Neither in favor or against just that you voted. We can look in to this. Public forum from now on I will talk to the guests and from that determine how long we will have. What are guests have the time for. I think that's it.

President Jones: Speaker Ellis could you clarify your definition of public?

Speaker Ellis: I said it could be looked into.

Chair Glynne: Vice President Ash you are out of order. This is our Senate.

Senator Henley: I would like to yield to President Jones.

President Jones: So are you going to call a constitution committee meeting?

Speaker Ellis: Yes, I said that at the beginning meeting already.

Senator Church: What happens when guests say that they have no time constraints?

Speaker Ellis: Public Forum will be limited to one hour.

Senator Buswell: Will you let me know when you are meeting as a Constitution Committee?

Speaker Ellis: Yes.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: Referring to Senator Church was it correct for me to remember that we limit to an hour and then motion to extend the time limit?

Speaker Ellis: In essence, yes. My rule of order will be updated.

Treasurer LeMieux

It's hard to keep up due to your words, you all talk so fast! April Hillman has taken the first funds from the Professional Development Fund (PDF) (which is really cool) to go to an international conference on SustainUS Agent of Change.

Senator Frye: Could you explain the PDF?

Treasurer LeMieux: Its open any student and it may be used to oversee their projects and opportunities that they may not be able to afford, to help students go to new programs through proposals that come to me as Treasurer.

Senator Frye: How much is in this fund?

Treasurer LeMieux: I do not know, I will find out.

Senator Baron: Why as something with supplemental funding do we have a vote, but with this do we not have a vote?

Treasurer LeMieux: Supplemental funding votes only occur when \$2,000 or more is requested, but I would be willing to propose a bill if you all feel that this is necessary.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: How are you so cool and less uptight than the rest of us?

Treasurer LeMieux: If I told you, then I wouldn't be!

Chair Glynne: Is it true that you are going to be the excursion leader?

Treasurer LeMieux: I guess Chair Glynne wants you to know that I threw a stellar pub golf ... I will do it again if you like!

Vice President Ash Report

I understand I was out of order and un-constitutional by allowing President Jones to ask a question to Speaker Ellis during her report, I am more than open to talk about why I did that. Regarding the Appointments Process, I appreciate your comments everyone – Glynne and Wilkinson-Ray. I acknowledge that I have stepped out of that tradition, as in the past, the VP has dominated the Appointments Process and I am trying to increase the voice of the Senate. This has been approved by the Appointments Committee, and as you can see there is no mention of how the candidates will be confirmed in this Process. I just wanted to let you know that it is under my discretion, but I opened it up, and that I would be more than will to talk. Congrats to new appointees, expect a lot of emails from me! Informal poll: Who likes this space? Results: small majority if people like Waterman. Looking at appointments from here on out, we have two open spaces. We will hopefully be able to fill body one week sooner as a result of holding interviews on the weekends. Also, the University

Benefits Advisory Council is meeting this Thursday. Repeats charge. Unless, I hear from someone else, I will attend. Also, Davis Center Advisory Committee will be meeting soon. Treasurer LeMieux, Chair Rifken, and I sit on this Committee, so please come to us to address your DC issues.

President Jones

I have something that is just so perfect: it serves as just a nice reminder that if we aren't having fun with this work, then we shouldn't do it. We should not be dreading Senate meetings, or feeling that this is a negative experience every time. Plays YouTube video. I attended an Honorary Degree meeting, where I caused some ruckus, a student emailed me the list, and the list of student nominees were not included in this list. I thought she was going to fill out the forms...but she hasn't. I only got five but we are meeting again this Thursday but I will keep you all updated. Also, BOT meeting next weekend those of you that sit on committees are should be there please let me know if you aren't.

Committee Reports

Finance – Senator Venman

Finance Committee has allocated some money, although it's a very long list so I will not read it off to all of you. Tonight we held an extended meeting because so many clubs are requesting supplemental funding. We are also trying to allocate for a new boat for the crew team.

Student Activities – Chair Chevrier

We have a number of clubs coming up for recognition, so keep an eye out for that. We have begun the Liaison Program and are going to be collecting some very valuable information from clubs. Also, Dirk Rodricks, who oversees SOAP has not contacted me back after several attempts, so I am interested to see where this will go. Regarding the Cynic editorial about SGA overreacting "Overreacting to Lax Party", I have called a meeting Slow foods- abstain if you are a member

COLA - Chair Glynne

Senator Shanna Shushereba is great. Yield the floor to Senator Halloran.

Senator Halloran: Meeting today with comm. Of VFW really excited about recognizing- VFW does something on V.

Senator Atcheson: We are conducting a coat drive for refugees in the county. You can find bins in the Davis Center, so please donate your clean coats and boots, pillows, and help to think of more ways to advertise!

Senator Candon: Lighting audit Wed. 7pm 1st floor DC waling for hour

Chair Glynne: As co-chair of Community Coalition, we are dealing with an issue because the relationship between UVM students and city is getting worse- city council- toughen sanctions on students. Neighborhood ward 6 and ward 1 declare war on UVM – curfew to college students, -restrict access to downtown. Ward 6 NPA meetings are crazy, although happily, the Director of the Steering Committee told me that he would let President Jones and I sit on the panel. I will recommend some sort of student protest, students can sit on their NPA committees. Also, Have-a-Heart will be taking place, as well as a neighborhood clean up after Halloween. Lake Champlain Chocolates denied requests.

Chair Rifken: When and where is Veteran's Day?

Chair Glynne: Nov. 11, 9-11a.m in Waterman Memorial Lounge, and after we will walk to the city celebration at Battery Park.

Chair Burns: How is the boot and coat drive progress?

Senator Atcheson: It started Monday, so we are still making progress.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: What ward is Ward 6?

Chair Glynne: Old North End

Chair Burns: Chair Glynne, are you going to be publicizing more information about this?

Chair Glynne: yes, I still need to talk to people though

Senator Venman: What would be the times of this curfew?

Chair Glynne: There is no formal proposal, just things being said so far, but between 10p.m, 11p.m. There is strong support from the police as well, we will bring it up with Chief Sterling.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: curfew for everyone

Senator Greenwald: Is there anyway to inform students about this issue?

Chair Glynne: I wanted to inform all of you keep it within the body until we know the plan, we shouldn't burn down everything

Senator Buswell: Should we write an article in The Cynic encouraging student to stay quiet and respect their neighborhoods more?

Chair Glynne: Unfortunately, students are doing it anyway. The increased number of students, especially among the first year class has made this the last six weeks, increasing the mob mentality when downtown. Shoutout: 11a.m. - 4p.m. the Tibet Festival is asking for donation of food and other stuff. Also, only 8 more meetings for this semester, and I think it is important to be thinking of those who will be studying abroad. I just want to say I expect the best out of all of us. I think everyone is doing a great job. I look forward to rest of semester.

CODEEE - Chair Maciewicz

Meeting with academic affairs sustainability Sat/Sun afternoon. Recycling audit; dept is not following university policy. Women's Center have serious concerns about several issues, I am compile reports and will report to the Gender Neutral Housing Task Force, as the BOT will be voting on gender-blind housing this year. IRA also has submitted a resolution supporting this initiative. Clean Energy Fund- proposals are open - tell people to submit proposals.

Student Action - Chair Wilkinson-Ray

We are working with Career Services on the Student Workers Bill of Rights. Also realizing that a lot has happened behind closed doors. Also working with the Meal Plan Task Force about possibility of having UVM farmers market usable by points.

Senator Henley : Would it be open to all farming community?

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: Common Ground can't really collection of different farms (5 million dollar insurance). Trying to work with eco reps/ slow foods who do packaging from Black River to more eco-friendly bagging. The Dean of Students Office doesn't like the idea of cooking in the dorms, which is why they have meal plans for all students. We will look at that.

Public Relations - Chair Rifken

I will be distributing result of the VSOP. Ideally, I would like to answer questions but they are anonymous. Display cases-new case is up. I spoke with Holly Pedrini of Davis Center Operations and she informed me that tabling is free unless someone spills or other small issues are brought to their attention, only then is a cost applied. I want senators to help, yay for Nick. If you have cool committee projects, email me to let me know.

Academic Affairs – Chair Burns

Faculty Senate met and voted on calendar. Thanks to people who went, Vice President Ash, and Chair Rifken. The results are as follows: Fall 2010, we will have a full 5-day thanksgiving- no fall recess; Spring 2011- no town meeting day. Excited to work with CODEEE about sustainability.

Chair Glynne: Would Academic Affairs want to protest town meeting day?

President Jones: The academic has to be approved by Fogel as the next stage.

Senator Church: Do we ever allow the possibility of a wet campus?

Chair Glynne: You would have to crack some tough nuts for that.

Senatorial Announcements

Treasurer LeMieux: Come to rugby, Sunday at 11am, it is the last game!

Senator Henley: Please see me if you are interested in helping local refugees, and work with the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program to teach ESL in homes.

Senator Buswell: I recently spoke with Diane Bothfeld about fairtrade foods and local food. Tibet Fest- you should go. I am interested in emailing Faculty Senate President Jim Bergmier, to learn about the options regarding Town Meeting Day.

Senator Benes: SGA commercials, would those of you who are interested be willing to get comments to me?

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: Protest is the only option if we want to keep Town Meeting Day.

Chair Burns: I agree Chair Wilkinson-Ray, I am on board.

President Jones: After speaking with Diane Bothfeld from the KLF Program, she agreed that we will have the ability to see monthly reports on money spent for this program.

Senator Monteforte: I am excited, thank you all for appointing me.

Vice President Ash: I spoke with Cindy Forehand, Chair of the Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee, and she implied that we may be excused on Town Meeting Day. I encourage someone to follow up on this.

Roll Call

FINANCE: Chair Cafarelli excused

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: All present

COLA: all present

CODEEEE: all present

STUDENT ACTION: Senator Michel excused

PR: Senator Whitmore excused

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: all present

Adjournment 10:34p.m.