



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009
FIFTEENTH MEETING OF 2009-2010 SENATE

Call to Order: 7:06

Roll Call

FINANCE: all present

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Senator Waldvogel (excused)

COLA: Senator Atcheson (excused)

CODEEE: Senator McDonald (excused)

STUDENT ACTION: Senator Church (excused) Senator Michel (excused)

PR: Senator Whitmore (excused) Senator Benes (excused)

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Senator Kerschner (excused)

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from November 10th passes

Public Forum

Professor Gary Flomenhoff, CDAE

Professor Gary: Thank you for inviting me. I was invited to talk about water. I have some related information that I wanted to pass on. Some background I am a fellow at the Gund institute. An update on UVM waste. There was a study about a bio digester for the Miller farm. As a result of the study we chose the best technology we could find. Then they decided we needed to look at composting and digesting. The idea is to take all of the waste from campus and put it all together into either a digester to make electricity and heat or put it into compost to make mulch to use on campus. That would be a big savings if they could do that. They also have the composting pads on Spear Street already. In terms of the study we are half way through comparing the two. All the food waste currently is leaving campus and going to the landfill. The idea is to be more responsible for our own waste. The up front cost composting would be \$100,000 and digester about \$1 million. But the return for the digester includes electricity and heating for the Miller farm buildings. It's more expensive but there is more of a return. We are going to compare the two and they will make a decision as to which way to go. Whose water is it and why are we picking on the bottlers? Is it private, the state's, no one's, or public water? Maybe it's private? The bottlers purchased the property, they own the land, pay property taxes on it, invest in equipment, create jobs, profit, free enterprise. So what's wrong with that? There are 9 bottling companies in Vermont. The ones who use more than 50K gallons have to apply for a VT bottling permit. Most are transnational companies or out of state companies. Nestle does about a million gallons a day. Why are companies using up water in Vermont? Then next worldwide problem is water scarcity. They are not just using up wells in Vermont they are doing this everywhere. Maybe the state should own the water? The state would own it like oil in Alaska, government receives 12-15% royalties so they have no income or sales tax they have created a \$30 billion SWF. If you lived in Alaska last year you got \$32

hundred. Norway: 50% royalties, 28% tax, so they have a \$600 billion sovereign wealth fund (SWF). There are about 20 or 30 SWF. They generate revenue for the people in the state that own that fund. We thought about creating a SWF for the state of Vermont. The next choice is no body owns it. Tragedy of the open access resources free for all. But that doesn't seem to work too well. If you have open access you get over consumption. The last choice is the public should own it. The public is not always the same as the state. Last year a bill was passed by the legislature that requires that anyone extracting has to have a permit for more than 50 thousand gallons a day. And water was designated as a public trust resource. So it turns out the public owns the water by law. We have to decide if bottling is public use or not. 75% of oil cost is the cost for raw material and taxes. For water bottle companies they pay nothing for taxes and raw materials mostly distribution and marketing. And water is three times the cost of oil if you do the math. And they pay nothing to extract it. We calculated what the state of Vermont could generate if water companies paid us rent for water a estimate was \$170 million. Turns out Vermont is a banana republic. All of our assets are owned by out of state companies. We are not in control of our resources. When we looked at all of the resources together if they were paying we could pay every one in Vermont about \$1,972 a year.

Chair Glynne: Are you advocating for nationalizing resources within the state? That seems terribly against our American free market principles.

Professor Flomenhoff: I am a very strong advocate of free enterprise. The government doesn't run the businesses all they do is collect rent. We already own the water it's our property its how we want to manage it. They wanted to map out our ground water and try to conserve it. There was a town where wells went dry and they just want to get a better handle on it. I think water companies should pay least as much as oil companies do for our resources.

Senator Vivas: I am hesitant because you are saying that the oil barrels are worth \$78 and the gas price is \$2.79 per gallon because I thought when we were talking about oil barrels we are talking about the raw material. That's why I heard its cheaper because when you convert it to gasoline the gas it produces you can create another source of energy.

Professor Flomenhoff: That's correct because water I think is more equivalent to oil than gasoline because gas is more refined. Whereas water and oil are similar because all you are doing is taking it out of the ground. Even after refining oil it's still cheaper than water. That is really my point, water is extremely expensive compared to something we think is expensive.

Senator Altendorfer: Question about permits the state, what are the kinds of stipulations prescribed and are there limitations on the amount of water they can take out and are they time sensitive?

Professor Flomenhoff: There is no limit to the amount they can extract. They do need a permit to extract more than 50 thousand gallons a day. And as far as time sensitive I am not sure how long they are good for but I think they need to be renewed annually.

Senator Frye: Do you have any information for presences on public organizations taking control of the broadcast airways like they should over water?

Professor Flomenhoff: It's hard because there are different laws for every spectrum. So for example minerals some states the property owner has them in others the government owns them. The principle is the same but the laws are different. The atmosphere: it used to be free to dump but now you have to pay in some way. We looked at the internet; it was developed by the government of the United

States. We looked at what aspects of it are common and private and maybe they should cover us there. The ones that are most available on the spectrum already legally belongs to us, same with ground water.

Senator Buswell: Should we understand that this way of extraction is analogues to other areas?

Professor Flomenhoff: I was trying to make the example of the resource curs. Countries that have a lot of resource are cursed because of people fight over them. Whether they manage who has the right to the resources determines if they are rich or poor. The worst case is Congo and Nigeria. In Congo they have gold, diamonds, everything, but it's all controlled by war lards and the people get nothing.

Senator Buswell: Do you feel that this proposed resolution by our body reflects an awareness of these issues you talked about? And do you think it's a good thing for us to talk about?

Professor Flomenhoff: Yeah, water is the next crucial issue now that oil has reached its peak. Yeah I think it's an extremely valid issue to take a stand on.

Senator Vivas: I have herd in all these countries most of the resources are owned by the government and the government can be corrupt even when they are colleting rent. All the money is just being used to maintain a dictatorship hidden into a democracy shade drawing that is not real. I am curious if it applies to it or if it's more of an educational thing. Because you can't just give money to people because they don't know what to do with it.

Professor Flomenhoff: You are right about corruption. And that's my point if you have terrible government you have the resource curs because the money is not benefitting the people. In many cases of the government is corrupt they will mismanage the resources. Look at Nigeria. But I think in terms of Bolivia and Ecuador those things are changing, they are trying to do better.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: You mentioned you support private enterprise. We are looking at a bill banning bottled water on campus. What are your vies on banning something or raising the cost of something and putting the extra money towards beneficial projects?

Professor Flomenhoff: I am not going to take a position on your bill but the market doesn't solve everything. Because the market doesn't provide public goods and bottle water has a lot of impact not to mention the bottles but I won't say this alone is an answer to the whole question because there are lots of other issues associated with it. If they were paying us rent then maybe a deposit charges on the bottle or having to take the bottles back or maybe glass bottles but they are not doing any of those things.

Senator Hannaford: Can you comment on if we will see a water crises here in Vermont at all in the future and what are the implications of people taking water for free?

Professor Flomenhoff: Climate change has different implications in different places. Some places will get dry and some wetter. I don't know what its going to be for Vermont. It certainly could get dryer. If you look at the evidence form Lake Champlain it used to freeze every year and now it doesn't. There is evidence the climate is getting warmer. That will probably affect Vermont. If it gets drier and wells are drying up some people are going to look at companies and say why are they taking our water. They are talking water out of the state and selling our water somewhere else and that's not right and it could get worse with climate change. I don't think anyone knows exactly what is going to happen.

Emergency Business

Bill Recognizing the Latin American Studies Club

Chair Chevrier: read bill.

Club: We are the president and vice president of the club. And our purpose is to be inclusive and open to all students. We are more of an academically focused club. This is our first semester as a club. We started off with a 4 week long Cuban movie series. Every Wednesday we showed a film on Cuba. And we had a discussion following the film. We had different refreshments every week. The group cooked together every week. We used this as a way to get to know each other. We have a lot of events we want to do. We are working on a winter clothing drive for the migrant workers in Addison County and in the future we hope to have enough funding to sponsor one of these family and we want to do a holiday toy drive. Another event we hope to have in the spring is a Cinco de Mayo fiesta. This would be a great way to draw in people from the UVM community who don't know anything about Latin America. We want to have a spotlight country of the month and explore the culture through food, music, and current events in the culture. We also want to do a Latina karaoke night and some traditional jewelry making. Fundraising: we have held one fundraising event this semester a taco and quesadilla sale. This would be one of the things we would do on a regular basis and maybe some other food and candy grams you could send to your friends. We looked into finding sponsors in the Burlington area. From SGA we would not need a lot of funds. We would request the use of the UVM vans to connect with the migrant workers. We would also need some money to start the fundraisers to get the supplies and also for refreshments at our events. Accessibility: we try to get the word out there and continue to do it we have one into all the Spanish classes and we have been flyer-ing. We wanted to put an emphasis on the fact that there are no requirements to being in this club. We want to make it known we cater to everyone's interest.

Senator Venman: You said you would learn about cultures through music and food, will you talk about the histories as well?

Club: We were looking to go into that with the spotlight country of the month. We are looking to cater to what people want to learn about so if history is it than great.

Senator Michel: who are your favorite musical artists from Latin America?

Club: Shakira

Senator Baron: Have you done a lot of advertising for the Cuba thing?

Club: We had posters around campus and it was also in conjunction with a professor here and he announced it in a lot of his classes. We did have posters and tried to get them in locations that people would see.

Chair Glynne: Point of Procedure do we not go into executive session to discuss clubs?

Ellis: It wasn't motioned so we don't have to.

VOTE passes

Executive Reports

Treasurer LeMieux

Speaker Ellis

I apologies with the complication of the agenda this week. Legislation from last week, not all of it is signed so please do so after the meeting. Thank you Senator Barron for sending us her legislation to be put on the table tonight. During public forum no nays and here- here's. Tabled legislation please take it off or bring it forward. When you are asking questions or speaking please articulate and speak loud enough so everyone can hear you. And we have three meetings left. No meeting next week and after that we just have 2 more meetings or maybe 3. We won't have meetings during finals.

Chair Glynne: we don't have a meeting next week so when would you like us to get our legislation in to you?

Speaker Ellis: Still by Thursday.

Chair Chevrier: If the new senate agrees is this permanent?

Speaker Ellis: It was something we started last week to make sure after executive reports senators could discuss things said in executive reports. Last week's meeting I thought was a poor example of a typical meeting so I wanted to see how it went this week.

Chair Rifkin: Is there going to be a meeting on how to write legislation?

Speaker Ellis: Yes, when to be announced.

Senator Buswell: Could you maybe send an email about how to write legislation. Let's just get something done for the legislation.

Vice President Ash

There is cake so I invite everyone to stay after the meeting to have some. The reason for the cake is to celebrate the birthdays that have occurred and will be occurring by thanksgiving.

Rifkin: I would like point out you forgot Senator Monteforte's birthday

Everyone: sang happy birthday song

President Jones

Since nobody showed up to the general education forum. Oh, but Monteforte was there. Background: there has been some culture among higher education to adopt general education standards. Currently we don't have one; we just have degree requirements and the diversity requirement. It was attempted back in 1979. It failed because these previous models incorporated highly political issues so they couldn't get a lot of faculty to back it up. We meet every Thursday. What they are trying to do now is create a list of desired attributes for UVM graduates. This isn't talking about liberal education; it's about general education. To create a foundation of courses that gives these desired attributes. They have them separated in to knowledge based and skills. I will send out what they have generated so far. Their timeline is to create a proposal by the end of the semester to send to the faculty senate to review. I am not involved in any of the assessment talks. What they are trying to figure out is what kind of assessment tool could be used to monitor this. They are adopting a different model that is they are thinking there will be a general education oversight committee that will evaluate if a course satisfies one of the requirements. It's the academic units that will do the individual assessments. They need to figure out

what the administrative model will look like. How they are going to figure out what is the criteria of the course to be accepted for one of these requirements. As of right now all they have is this document that has their attributes and the assessment committee hasn't even started to go into what it will look like. This is something that could potential really impact students curriculum so its disappointing that there weren't more senators there let alone students. I encourage you all to go to the website and see what's being produced. I personally think it's, I just don't agree, I don't see where general education even attempts to accomplish the goals or there graduates to have the skills they have laid out. If our graduates aren't coming out with these skills then I don't see it as a fault that needs to be addressed by general education requirements. I think it needs to be assessed by deans and look at how faculty members perform and are there enough courses within majors to develop these skills. I am going to be organizing a student leadership forum before winter break that will be inviting a lot of club leaders and certain students in other organizations to sit down and have conversations. I asked President Fogal if he would have a round table with students outside of senate. The budget, we were told we have one more meeting before winter break with Richard Kate where maybe by then a final number; we are looking in terms of a gap. They will come to us after winter break to show us what the gap is and what are some of the options and what are priorities. They will do that with the deans and vice presidents and then faulty senate and SGA and staff counsel. It was highly suggested to have a public forum open to the campus once this information comes out and conversations start. Last semester I felt like that wasn't a priority of the leadership and it caught us off grad. I don't have any information I am holding and if you think I am hiding information from you all you need to trust me I want us to be on top of the ball. Our target is to at least get this presentation to you all before winter break. I don't know if that will work out. I want to make sure we as a body have a general understanding of how the budget works. So when they come to us with a proposal we can understand that to.

Senator Altendorfer: In dealing with the general education requirements it seems like when the provost came in that the goal was to dissolve the colleges within the university so you can have majors from different colleges. Is that still the goal and what are they trying to accomplish with this?

President Jones: I forget to mention this. The first part of your question, no. You can already do that but one of the big goals for students is it will make transferring easier.

Chair Rifkin: I wanted to say it would be awesome to get that to us before winter break.

Senator Church: Here-here to that about getting that information before winter break. I did go to the staff and faculty meeting and my analysis is that our aria for input is the models. I encourage everyone to take a close look at those models. My personal opinion is that anything with standardized testing is evil.

Committee Reports

Finance- Chair Cafarelli

We are going to have new business allocating funds to the naked bike ride and we will begin our discussion. I encourage any senator and chairs to discuss what the finance committee is and what it's about. I encourage whoever is being anonymous in the comment to come and be open and talk about it. I think that finance is one of the committees that doesn't get delved into during meetings about what we do.

Student Activities- Chair Chevrier

Thanks for recognizing the Latin American Studies Club. This is hopefully the new way we will do this. The student prudent calendar came out on Monday so please chose your favorite club in it and buy one. They each have to sell 100 copies. We may have set an interesting president by not going in to executive session for clubs. So maybe in the future we won't automatically go into executing session unless someone wants to say anything about them. So please motion for it if you want to say something. I was told people would be more interested in hearing about clubs. So I figured a cool way to do that is for me to just yield the floor to one of my comity members and they can tell you about a club they learned about last week.

John-Freso: I visited the UVM dance team club. They are a NCAA required team. If they don't show up then the basketball team is not allowed to play. They are a spirit team and they don't do competitions on their own because it's too expensive. There are 20 active girls on the team. The tryout are the second Saturday of every year. Most of the girls have done some type of dance before. Ranging form ballet to jazz and everything. I go to sit in a room for an hour with twenty girls in leotards. I suggest you go to the basketball games even if it is just to see them. A girl is required to come to the practices unless she actively has fluids coming out of her bodies. That shows there dedication.

Chair Chevrier: If you have any clubs you would like to hear more about let us know.

COLA- Chair Glynne

Senator Candon: Tomorrow night there will be another lighting audit. Its going to be cold so bud le up.

Glynne: Community Coalition had another meeting on Friday. It went well however these last two weekends have been bad in the city of Burlington. A 100 year old gargoyle statue was stolen and smashed in the middle of the street. And Sharon Bushor saw beer kegs being rolled down East Ave. I know that a few senators and Vice President Ash were at the city cones meeting and she made a point to tell the council this was going on. If you signed up for the lighting audit please show up. COTS fundraiser update; we officially have the room reserved but I got told I can't get an outside waver for food because Sodexho doesn't want to pass up the business. But the good thing is we can serve alcohol so we can attract members of the community with that. Veterans Day celebration was amazing and I have to thank my committee and Vice President Ash and chair Rifkin for putting an awesome video together. Some veterans shed some tears when they saw it. I can't tell you how many thank you's we got. From what I herd there was an incident in Battery park where the Mayor of Burlington ton sent and Iraq war veteran to speak in his place. And his speech offended a lot of people. And I believe that he turned to the Colonel at one point and whispered baby killer. And if you know him he served with distinction and honor. About 20 VFW veterans showed up at city counsel asking for an apologue. A lot of people were very angry last night which culminate a physical altercation last night. It ended up passing but three consolors voted no, counselor Stanak, Caldwell and Davis. Now the ordinance wasn't voted on but I was told this will pass unanimously. But the three maybe votes we had were taken away but the information they gave said that about 95% of the time these fines can be reduced and that its optional so you can do it or pay the fins. It's terrible that it will happen but there is noting more we can do about it. They were happy to hear from the student body but they didn't care. Our other bill is going to be presented by a councilman at the next meeting. This is the student body taking sides with the counsel against the University which is awesome. Unfortunately the President didn't send out his message and I think that it is shameful and the reason I got as that he was too busy and I would like to say that I don't think that those veterans were to busy to fight so he could be President of the University.

Chair Chevrier: Could you talk a bit about what Sharon Bushor said to make people sway her way and restorative justice when you loose your appeal do you have to pay more?

Chair Glynne: The three maybes were on the line. They wanted to give the students the benefit of the dough. But Sharon had a tough time in ward one this year especially sine McAuley Hall is getting the burnt of the load. The counsel knows and Sharon brought in the paper about what happened. The restorative justice program is paid for by the city so you don't have to pay for it.

Senator Frye: It said in an email that it sounded like this new push by the counsel is to try to make the restorative process easier and to push students towards the restorative process?

Chair Glynne: It is a push towards the restorative justice program however half the counsel sent communication back to me saying the increased fine is to help with money for the restorative justice program but they agreed that it is self serving. Why would they want to reduce fines if they are depending on them.

Chari Cafarelli: What's the administrations response to this new ordinance?

Chair Glynne: The University will not take a position on this especially since one of the administrators is on the counsel.

Chair Cafarelli: Do you think the administration has even pondered on the thought that with a tougher I ordinance this could deter students from going down town if they think that the punishment for the noise violations in the riddance halls, including alcohol, is a lot less than it would be down town.

Chair Glynne: I think the University doesn't think in those terms all the time. One thing that the administration tells the city is that our way of dealing with the students is a more effective.

Senator Michel: One thing that action is kicking around is developing a flow chart for the process for if you get in trouble this is year. I was curious if a similar flow chart exists down town or if that was an idea you might think about picking up?

Chair Glynne: It's an idea the police chief talked about. I am going to invite him to come to public forum and he wants to educate us on the process and that kinds of things. He has this information. That's part of the resolution that was added on by the police department the educational part for the college students.

Senator Michel: In past years we had the ride along with the police. Are you thinking about starting that up again.

Chair Glynne: We talked to him about it but the budgets are pretty tight and they have to do background checks on everyone and they are stretched pretty thin.

Senator Vivas: Do you think there is a correlation between the use of alcohol and illegal substances and noise violations?

Chair Glynne: I am sure there is.

Senator Vivas: Than maybe they should create bigger laws reprimanding people for drinking alcohol instead of noise violations.

Chair Glynne: I don't think that's a good idea or something we would want to push for.

CODEEE- Chair Maciewicz

The Saturday after Thanksgiving we will have our last sustainability requirement meeting. If you want to have any say in it you need to come to the last meeting. We have a Google document coming around just send me an email and we can get you set up on the Google document. We have a draft and we are just editing it. On Thursday CODEE is going to ALANA for our second meeting of the year. Everyone can come 1:30-2:30 Tuesday. I want to stress the importance of diversity. We need to remember the diversity and equity not just the environment in CODEE. As we go forward we should take into consideration what diversity means and if we are representing everyone. The last thing we are working on is the anti idling policy. We have one with the physical plant and we are working on expanding it university wide. The Office of Sustainability has a \$2,000 budget trying to get someone to do an anti idling campaign.

Senator Whitmore: The Thursday meeting maybe you could tell us what's being discussed in that and the idling policy is that something that students could be sighted for?

Chair Maciewicz: The diversity and equity meetings I just make them regularly. I just let them do the talking and I ask them how they are doing and if they have problems or issues I take them to people. It's a check up because I feel like I don't always have enough connections with those communities. I think it's import that I ask them how they are. The anti idling policy that we have with the physical plant was from when Jay Taylor was Chair of Student Action. It was voluntary and there were no sanctions. Its a policy we look to take university wide. We thought it would be voluntary and mostly applying to university vehicles.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: If you have opened a dialogue with the police services because they seem to be the biggest roadblock in this policy.

Senator Baron: I was emailing various people about this earlier and I finally got a response from someone who informed me that UVM didn't have an anti idling policy and that they were holding themselves to the Burlington policy.

Senator Michel: Can you remind us of the time and location of the ALANA breakfasts.

Chair Maciewicz: Friday morning at 9 to 11.

Student Action- Chair Wilkinson-Ray

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: We have been working on the naked bike ride so feel free to ask me questions. I am meeting with the library so if you have any questions or concerns please bring them to me.

Senator Church: Students in the Green House came to us to see if it would be possible to put together a CSA on campus. A box of food straight from the farm that would come to you. Sodexho was open to it but they decided why don't we do a farmers stand and then the talked about doing both. It will be only for students in the Green House for the first year. The farmer's stand will probably be in the Marche. The ball is in Sodexho's court. Now would be a good time to bring a resolution to them saying this is something we support. I talked with students about what they want for campus and a lot say they want a rail for skiing and snowboarding. If anyone has ideas for getting this approved let me know.

Chair Maciewicz: Has Student Action been getting any ticks me offs lately?

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: We have been getting them and that's why we are meeting with the library.

Chair Cafarelli: I would actually discourage putting out legislation before we set final prices. While it's a good idea I think supporting something we don't know the details about could come back to bite us. So I say wait to get the final details.

Senator Church: It would only change cost for folks who sign up for the program right now, but good call.

Senator Baron: could you describe some of the issues you are going to talk to the library dean about?

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: One that came through tick me off is a student's concern that the keyboards and computers weren't being properly sanitized and I don't know anything about that so I will talk to her about that. Another was the hours and some interest in moving the hours later and having the first floor open till 2am. Also getting the shop in the cyber cafe to be open later and see if we can get the library open 24 hours and a lot of universities do that. A lot of students are looking for places to study for exams.

Senator Henley: Do you have any plans for who would be allowed to be in the farmers stand?

Senator Church: I don't know the answer?

Senator Whitmore: I wanted to voice my support for the library being open later. I know much smaller schools and they have a 24-hour library and I think it's ridiculous that we don't have any building open 24 hours.

Senator Henley: What farms would be allowed to be part of the farmers stand and is there a way to have a direct connection from the students to the farm?

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: Black River does our produce but the farm stand will be run by Sodexo. All food has to come through Black River because there are no farms that fit the requirement policy and that's what Black River does. This is the best solution we have right now.

Senator Duran: Last year at the meal plan task force meeting the administration was worried about students cooking?

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: Yes, that's why it is being piloted to the Green House because they have a full kitchen with sprinkler thingies. Sodexo is cool with students possibly cooking in their kitchens.

Public Relations- Chair Rifkin

Buswell: We got a response form getting t-shirts from the thrift shop but a lot of the summer stuff has been packed away so I was proposing we could bulk buy from American Apparel or another company. It would be \$7 or \$8 a shirt and we could get some sort of compensation so maybe half price shirts.

Chair Rifkin: The final VSOP, the one we have now was sent out. How it is going to work is we will get print outs by December 1st and then you will be getting 10 and you will randomly select 10 people and that way it will be completely random sample so we can say it is a statistically significant sample. And if that week is busy for you talk to me or Senator Bense. If you want to sign up for polling stations you can sign up on here. Tabling we are kind of wrapping up the semester so next week we have a table on Tuesday but I don't know if we are going to do it. I just wanted to say that I looked at the list of tabling a

18 senators are signed up but the other 21 senators who are not on the sheet I assume you are doing your own thing.

Chair Chevrier: are there any limitations on t-shirt colors?

Senator Buswell: Something that would be too dark would be Senator Whitmore's shirt. Think of a less saturated color.

Academic Affairs-Chair Burns

Old Business

Bill Allocating Funds to the Naked Bike Ride

President Jones: Right now this bill represents what we have been asked to allocate which is \$5,000. As I mentioned before IRA has already given \$5,000. And the remaining \$5,000 is supposed to be covered by the administration. Actually it's asking for \$2,500. If it goes through Treasure LeMieux can veto it but one idea as an alternative is to take out line item. What we will do is pick out line items from the budget proposed saying what items our funds will go towards like the pizza, the t-shirts for the volunteers so that they don't just go to the security and Green Mountain.

Chair Cafarelli: The only reason the fall total expenses were higher is because the t-shirts were cut in half first semester we bought 2 sets of t-shirts and we reuse one set each year. What we have done in the past is allocate \$2,500. This year with the turn of events and the potential outcry for why we are funding this we broke down our allocation by line items so instead of just giving them money we want to specifically pay for certain things so we are not tied to allocating for Green Mountain Security. So this way we are allocating for the food for volutes, the one set of t-shirts, the lighting, and the DC setup. The additional money they need will be covered by administration and IRA. If anyone asks why would you allocate for Green Mountain Security we can say we didn't allocate for that. We allocated money towards X, Y, and Z and that's towards the volunteers. Read bill.

Chair Glynne: I am still not in support of this. I still want to call the University's bluff. I don't know why we have to buy t-shirts and pizza for volunteers. I don't think we need to give anything to them.

Senator Whitmore: I disagree with you. And I like the way you are going about this. I wonder if you could give senate a bit more information as to why the university has decided this has to cost \$15,000 for a 30 minute event. I understand risk but I don't think it has to cost that much. And the set up, is it going to be like last year or are we going to be able to go through campus?

Chair Cafarelli: This was a zero expense cost event in the past couple of years. They have gotten numerous complaints having to do with assaults, sexual assaults, and people not being safe. I think the school decided to take a stance on this could be there way of trying to push the event away. Realistically long term this isn't finically savvy to shell out \$30,000 a year to have people run around campus naked.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: There were incidences of sexual assault a couple years ago when they decided they had to change the event. Unfortunately they asked UVM police to enforce the laws and protect students on campus and unfortunately we can't tell them how to do that job. The root it did come up about what it will be this year and it will look similar to last year because if you concentrate the fencing and volunteers to one location it can make it cheaper and easier to control. Having said that you can ride your bike naked everywhere. They are just going to control this one area.

Chair Chevrier: When we give this money will we have any say more specifically where it goes because I know that there was an absurd amount of uneaten pizza last year so can we say that you need less pizza? And I want to respectfully disagree with Chair Glynne because I think people who want to keep this alive are the ones that want to participate. And I think that if we can get them out there by giving them t-shirt that's good.

Chair Cafarelli: The money will be transferred into Student Action's account so when it comes time to fill out the orders it will go through Treasurer LeMieux and that's how we will verify what its being spent on. In regards to forecasting how much pizza it's my opinion that you have to go with what they have. You always run the risk of them running out and I understand our concerns about left over things but things can change. So you always run that risk.

Chair Chevrier: I am hesitant to do so because I think they are creating their budget a little lofty because they can get money from all these other places so I am hesitant to say yes because they haven't taken what happened last year into consideration.

Chair Cafarelli: I mean that's the way it is when any club comes in. If we give them amount of dollars for pizza the will spend that exact amount. But I think saying you can't support a bill because there will be left over pizza isn't right because all we can do is verify they are spending the money on the things we said they can.

Treasure LeMieux: We are not putting this tough a chart string. If the t-shirts end up being less we will only pay for what they buy and the left over money will go back to supplemental funds.

Chair Maciewicz: While I respect the changes unfortunately this is something I can't support. I don't think we should give money to it because with an economic downturn I don't' think its right to fund the naked bike ride. And it fundamentally ignores the problem of Green Mounting Security. We don't do anything to say they shouldn't be involved in this at all. I don't think students can fund another \$30,000 for an hour of nakedness.

Chair Cafarelli: We have to take into consideration there are other organizations on campus like IRA that are supporting this. If the event doesn't go through do we want to be the ones to blame?

Senator Baron: Friendly amendment to change to have ride after naked bike after the first pause.

Chair Cafarelli: Accepted

Senator Altendorfer: What is the cost with the DC? And where do we rent the lights from?

Treasurer LeMieux: It comes from this woman named Rachel that we do all the lighting like for concerts and stuff.

Senator Altendorfer: Is it Green Mountain?

Treasurer LeMieux: Its not.

Vice President Ash: Rachel does at leas 75% of the major lighting projects on campus. The set up cost is the high volume of volunteers and what they means is we have to have rooms reserved through R25 and if they have to do extra cleaning it cost money.

Senator Altendorfer: Friendly amendment that we don't support the lighting because what they had wasn't providing the purpose that it actually was.

Chair Cafarelli: I understand that last naked bike ride turned into the spectacle race track but I do believe that that was a last minute error on their part but we will have control over what lights were purchase. We can fund what we think is necessary.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: The lighting concern is valid. We asked police to do the lights and they were not handled properly, the ball was dropped. But they have assured that won't happen again.

Speaker Ellis: Side condensations pleas stop.

Chair Cafarelli: I am not going to accept that sine there was error last time.

Senator Buswell: I question whether it has become safer. I know there were lots of accidents when it was set up over grass. And we are not really taking a pro active role to why this has become a problem. We are not addressing why as a community we can't run and bike naked. If this is about assault then maybe we need to allocate money to things that will work to fix that problem. I reiterate that the lights seem to glamorize the event unnecessarily. Why can't we use funds to host a workshop for participants and volunteers?

Chair Cafarelli: We got this number from the past and we decided to stick to the same number. So this isn't necessarily what we want to be allocated. It a great idea the workshop but I don't know how soon we could act upon that and how effective that would be. This is looking at the short term. Maybe after this occurs we could say this is that last attempt to see what happens and we can work form this. I encourage future work. Just look at this as short term.

Senator Buswell: Were we paying the police indirectly?

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: The police will respond to anything they think they need to respond to. But the naked bike ride was eating into their budget and eventually they said we can't do this anymore. The first naked bike ride task force was to decided whether the event needed to be shut down or do we do what we see today and those seem like not very good options. I think you raise a good point, why can't we run around naked. But that's just a reality. Some of the things that have happened in the past like students redirecting participants and taking photos and groping them. Are those people the ones that will come to a workshop and listen to this stuff. I wish we could find other ways around this. But there is a reality to the situation that there have been a lot of concerns in the past. It's not a great situation to be in I wish I had a good answer to it. You have to look at the alternatives. I am not sure if letting this event continue when there have been horrible things happening if this is something we want to be on our campus. I hope people will consider alternatives and whether or not you think its realistic that the University can justify this event.

Vice President Ash: I agree with Senator Buswell. As far as the workshop you are absolutely right and I don't think this has been mentioned but what will take place is that 2 workshops are put together for the volunteers. So I think I want to provide that as an opportunity to implement something about mentioning of peer to peer safety.

Senator Whitmore: I understand what Senator Buswell and Chair Maciewicz are saying. I would like to say the naked bike ride is one of the last standing traditions that I am glad to say I am part of. I do think

this is important to fund. Students do enjoy participating in it. Yes it might not be money best septum but keeping a fun last tradition alive I hope you will vote in favor of this bill.

Senator Michel: I am under the impression that if we decide not to fund this then somehow the students will pay for this anyway. Maybe it's in our best interest to retain the control over the money we want to allocate to be used. If this taken from students anyway it is our ways of saying these are our conditions,

VOTE passes

I abstained because I feel obligate sine I wrote it I shouldn't support my own piece of legislation. I don't want my vote to influence anyone else's.

New Business

Institutional Accountability Act

Bill derecognizing the consortium for ecological living (CEL)

Chair Glynne: I am taking my resolution about our troops going to Afghanistan off the table and putting it back on the table with another name: the bring the green mountain boys home resolution.

Senator Baron: Resolution supporting a ban on bottled water

Senatorial Forum

Senator Frye: Clearly a lot of us are opposed to having this event going the way it is and we are being passive about dealing with it. I think we should funnel some of our effort into refocusing the event. It was a great event and its getting worse very year and we shouldn't settle for a mediocre event. We should as SGA be the ones to revive the naked bike ride.

Senator Baron: I want to bring up my resolution supporting a ban on bottled water.

Speaker Ellis: The way its working now is if you want to talk about it you can but its not necessarily something that has to be discussed.

Chair Glynne: I am taking my resolution of the table and I got the information I wanted. The Green Mountain Boys are getting there marching orders and they will be deployed in the next two or three months. I will hope people will talk to the Major General Michael Dubie. Priority registration and the frustrations I am having with it. I am a senior and I am graduating in May and there is one seminar class I have to take and there are 15 spots for it and its already taken from priority registration and I think that is ridiculous. And I emailed the dean and professor of the class and they said there is nothing I can do for you. I would ask that if Chair Burns needs help that I am willing. I talked to a few of my possessors about the letter saying them can't cancel classes on Tuesday. I don't know if any of you have read the cynic but there is an article about lowering standards to save lies. What a distasteful article, which will insult the veterans on campus. It might be factually true that he military will wipe a cranial record clean but that doesn't change the fact that you are serving your country. I disagree with this and 2 other articles that were factually inaccurate that Max Kriger has written for the cynic.

Senator Hannaford: Senator Baron I think you have something on the table and I say that you have every right to talk about no mater what the rest of the body thinks. If you want to do something I support you. I wanted to talk about the presidents committee on racial diversity. I want to talk about them to expand

on them. On the other hand a lot of this stuff is self-explanatory. So on November 5th half the committee showed up and we went through and brainstormed a bunch of tasks the committee wanted to take on. I think some of the stuff its fare to say we will work on is having each college craft their own diversity plan, recruitment, and retention plan. And we are working on problems with student retention. If you look at the book there are some statistics that show that the number of tenure faculty it has remained stable since 2001. And I am concerned since there were four layoffs and a lot of turnover. So I would really like to see what the turn over statistics are.

Chair Chevrier: looking at the lynx it looks like a lot of senators aren't signed up as a member of the senate and I encourage you to. If you have questions about how to do that talk to Leon and he can tell you anything you need to know.

Senator John-Freso: Naked bike ride, I thought about it and come to the realization that it is one of out big traditions and its defiantly very important to the college experience. And having an event like that would give people something they can remember about college. I think spending that much money is a lot but us being willing to support it and take on some financial responsibility it's a good thing. I think security is important but raising awareness by maybe a poster campaign that shows people don't be that guy or girl grabbing booty left and right. And man you can't complain about lights because if you have your stuff out like that's then you are exposed anyway.

Senator Shushereba: Thank you everyone for your support and the Veterans Day celebration was my most memorable Veterans Day since I got out. Thanks for you support and appointing me to senate , it has made my transition a good one.

Chair Cafarelli: can we never have the table like this again cu I feel like I am behind everyone.

Speaker Ellis: structure of the room is Vice President Ash's privy.

Senator Buswell: Naked bike ride if anyone wants to sit down I would love to talk about formularizing an alternative naked bake ride that could take place in an alternative location that is in a safer place or just to talk about ways to make it safer. Priority registration, I do have it and I have never once used it to get into a higher-level class. Only to compete with the other Honors College students. Maybe we need to talk about class sizes and departments how many sections of a class they are going to have. There are like 20 reusable water bottles in here tonight and I think that's great and composting I said I would do a follow up on that but we can do that another night. But the phase 2 will be done December 8th before classes end. And the CSA shares and the green house I wanted to leave you with a quote by Wendell Berry, "you can eat alone but you cannot have a meal alone."

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: Thanks for the conversation on the naked bike ride and at least this position makes us think about theses issues. I encourage people to come work with us. I wanted to mention that we had just under 200 people volunteer to work for the naked bike ride. I encourage senators to volunteer. So I think we should do a naked bike ride earlier in the day.

Chair Rifkin: You can do setup or clean up and still be able to ride.

Chair Wilkinson-Ray: I haven't been able get the administration my letter but I drafted a letter in response and I want to get it out last week, but no faculty members were willing to send it out. Everyone wrote back saying they don't support it. We are just asking professors to be mindful that students have to get home and travel and that can be a stressful situation and I think its pretty

frustrating that the faculty response has been its our job to hold classes its there responsibility to show up. After talking to a few people who would be in the position to send it out I just don't know what else to do about that. Max Kriger the guy who wrote thing in the Cynic. There is very little we can do about it. If its wrong you an ask him to correct it but if its an opinion that's the media. As far as Senator Baron's bill I think it makes sense to have a read through of all bills.

Senator Vivas: I have been reading a lot the Cynic and I have realized the Cynic has been used as a way to represent some people's ideas and not everybody's. Its not the first time they have had a comment that went against people. It has no concrete evidence of what its saying. And I disagree with it because it is supposed to be an open space for everyone to use it is being used by only a few people, its not being fully resented to the entire community and I feel like was as senate should do something about it.

Senator Michel: There is nothing that says it has to be an open forum or that they have to represent anything.

Senator Baron: In response to that its the nature of a news story is to present the news in an objective manor. In regards to the naked bike ride I would have voted in favor of it but there was this example that was bough up by Chair Wilkinson-Ray that was disturbing to me. I don't know if anyone has considered using the funds to put on some sort of alternative event. I am at the point where I feel I don't know if I can support something if these kinds of things are going on. The reports that Senator Hannaford sent out I was concerned when I read through them. There didn't seem to be enough strategy of how to make these stuns feel like they were being integrated into the community. I hope that can be addressed when my committee talks to the ALANA representative tomorrow. Lastly I have been reconsidering not having a read through because I want to have make some changes base on suggestions that were made to me by some senators. In the hope to have as strong a piece of legislation I can I would like to put my bill up. If someone has concerns I would like to address them now.

Senator Doran: Are you still having a gathering of senators at you house on Friday?

Senator Frye: Unfortunately not. Besides this Friday it will be every Friday.

Senator Doran: Maybe at the next on we can dedicate some time for people who want to talk about the naked bike ride.

Chair Burns: Chair Wilkinson-Ray when I presented the letter to the Faculty Senate I presented it as a piece of business. And it will be sent out in the minutes.

Senator Buswell: In light of the story that Chair Wilkinson-Ray shared with us I just wanted to note that we have not been resourceful enough as students to come up with a creative rout for the naked bike ride. One could argue that the University made the naked bike ride more expensive. I think we are identifying a need for more students to make this event safer.

Senator Baron: Read bill.

Chair Burns: I think in the first line you should specifically reference the title of the legislation. The University is a business. I would like to see how much bottle water is sold on campus and how much it equals out for gross revenue. Are we going to be battling whoever takes over for Coke if they leave? Is having a ban on bottle water going to influence a contractor to say no? So I understand the ethical aspect but you have to take the business and money aspect into every decision that is made. I challenge you to do the research on how this effects the University as a business.

Chair Cafarelli: I am going to have to oppose this and this is not going to change because. I know they sell about 800 bottles on this campus every day.

Senator Baron: In the past the University has taken stance against things purely symbolic for principal. I don't have all the big facts and figures figured out with. But I can't say that the revenue the University would be loosing is the most significant amount but I think there is a certain amount loss our University would have to absorb for standing up for the values its promoting. I don't think we should make a decision looking solely at the business side of things

Chair Cafarelli: I never said solely focus on the busses aspect; I said we should look into it. Like a shared look. I never meant to say that this has anything to do with the Coke contract but this could potentially have baring on potential outcomes of who will take a contract with us.

Senator Baron: We have 2 years before that contract is up and I don't think that should determine the kind of decision we make that this time.

Speaker Ellis: this process is to keep it so that we are not voting on resolutions that are flaky.

Senator Vivas: Isn't that was the list serve is for?

Speaker Ellis: If people want to discus this over the list serve they can but Senator Baron chose to bring it up so that's what we are doing right now.

Chair Maciewicz: It is senatorial forum we can discus this.

Senator Buswell: Just to note and know you all have concerns you probably don't want to ever have grounds on weighing business over ethics. Don't let that be the deciding point of this bill right here. Remember we do have moral and ethical conscience that shouldn't take a back seat

Cafarelli: Isn't that a personal attack saying that don't we all have moral conscience and then quoting me?

Speaker Ellis: It was just expressing an idea that everyone should keep in mind.

Senator Whitmore: Motion to adjourn

Senatorial Comments/Announcements

Roll Call:

FINANCE: all present

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Senator Waldvogel (excused)

COLA: Senator Candon (excused) Senator Atcheson (excused) Senator Shushereba (excused)

CODEEEE: Senator McDonald (excused)

STUDENT ACTION: all present

PR: Senator Benes (excused)

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Senator Kerschner (excused)

Adjournment: 10:40