



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 2010
TWELFTH MEETING OF THE 2010-2011 SENATE

Call to Order

Start Time: 7:02 pm

Roll Call

Finance: Senator Tran. Excused
Student Activities: Senator Golfarini, excused
COLA: Senator Fitzgerald, excused
CODEEE: All Present
Student Action: All Present
Public Relations: All Present
Academic Affairs: Senator Filstein, Senator Lober, excused

Approval of the Minutes

From 10.12.10 - Passes

Public Forum

Austin DeLonge, Blirp it

Austin: Thanks for having me, my name is Austin DeLonge, I just grad in May. I've been working since last September, Blirp it has been live since November. So, I'll get right into this. I want to give you an update on the system, where it's at, how it's going and then a few follow up items to talk with you all about. First, I just want to go over some of the stats from this year. One concern the administration had was that when winter ended it would die out. This is how many texts we get last Friday. We received 5,300 texts from 1,000 unique users. On Friday over 1,000 individuals sent texts to our system. This is the first time we've gone over 1,000. I've got some monthly data here, they weren't really sure about after the winter months. As you can see this is September here versus last February. We kind of crushed February. We had 7,600 texts from 2,200 unique users. So there are definitely people using it and they are not all the same people. I also want to show you some new things about our website. We came out with new layout over the summer. If this doesn't look like what you've been using we changed it over the summer, it's now just Blirp.it.com. There is a login so that only UVM students can use it. So you can see what the next stop on its route is and how much time it will take to get there. You can also see which way the bus is moving. That's the new map. I just wanted to show you a new feature is an alert system. If you live at Redstone apartments and don't want to send a text you can set an alert up. Let's say you have class at 10. You can start the alerts at 9 and have them go until 10 and set the day up. This will preemptively send a text when the bus is at a specified location. You click 'alert' and then get a marker. This is Gutterson right here. If you want a text as soon as passes the gym so you can run outside and catch it, you can put the marker here and whenever the bus passes towards your stop. You will get an email set it up. It just takes another step out of using it. Some other updates I wanted to go over. One is that up until this point, the school is paying for blirp it through the technology innovations fund and that's going to run out in June. We need to find a way to fund blirp it. Now we're actually a business and at 5 other organizations we need to find a way for UVM to fund it next year. I'm throwing it out there in the open to see who we should be talking to. The total cost for the year is \$16,800. We gave them a baseline price because we started it here and we feel we owe them that. We also decided not to charge for next summer. The contract is done in May and we will sign a new contract in September. We do need

to find a way to fund it. If we don't get it done blirp it will be gone and there will be an up-cry from students. We also haven't done much marketing on campus, just a couple articles and emails. So there's really not much marketing, especially for first years this year. If people have ideas and want to see it grow we're open to collaboration with SGA. So funding and marketing are the two areas we want to team up with you guys for.

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Senator Cheney: Cool, I love what you've done. As far as advertising, the first thing I have in mind is advertising on the bus. As for the source of funding blirp, since it is a service for students have you considered a registration fee per semester or for year?

Austin: I did print up some signs for transportation department to put throughout the buses. I don't think they've done it yet so I will have to get over there and make sure they do that. We did go back and forth about having a registration fee for students to sign up and paying for it. After talking to a. the administration and b. the students and c. ourselves we don't want to hinder the use of it because students don't want to sign up or use credit card online. So we have thought about it but that's not the direction we would like to take it in.

Jon Porter, M.D. Director of the Center for Health and Wellbeing

Jon: Hi I'm Jon Porter, I'm the Director of the Center for Health and Wellbeing. I'm here today because of an email exchange that David and I had. I know that you may have received the gist of it, we have been discussing the issue of access for psychiatry services and that students are charged for it. The mechanism for this is billing the student's tuition bill. Is that something that impairs access for students? In view of recent events, we thought it made sense to come start a conversation about resources and funding and to answer questions. I'm happy to talk to you again at any point or talk to a group of interested students at any point. Specifically, health and wellbeing is focused on medical, health, athletic, drug and alcohol, and educational promotion. We are focusing on psychiatric and counseling services. Counseling is covered by the health fee that students pay. Psychiatry, which we added 10 yrs ago, is funded by fees that students pay in response to services that they receive. For all services at the center that are not a part of the student health fee, those charges go on the student account in a non-identifiable form so that only the student knows what it is. The student takes that charge and then bills their insurance for it. It's not due until the end of the semester so there is time for students to pay. Psychiatric services are really expensive and mental health services are something there is a crying need for. We have increased that number of psychiatrists from 1 to 2.2, alcohol and other drugs councilors as well. We really have had to ramp up those services in terms of what we are seeing every day and what students need. We actually lose money on psychiatric services. We build that in to our plan, maybe someday we will break even. We are constantly looking into how that works. There are students who don't have insurance and we are routinely in the process of making sure they receive the services that they need so we just ear those charges. When it comes to our attention that student shave difficult time we do try to help them. I am happy to answer questions about the center or psychiatry in general.

Chair Simmons: You mentioned that students are going and billing their insurance after get the bill. I have heard that many insurance don't accept indirect billing? And you said that your center then foots the bill if the insurer doesn't cover it?

Jon: We do work with students routinely to make sure they have what they need to prove they had the services. Going back to the billing issue, with 10000 to 12000 students from 50 states and many different countries, we simply can't have the staff we need to bill all those insurance companies. That's why historically we have billed students' account because then our staff is not involved. I think we are going to see a lot of changes in the next year coming from healthcare

reform. We work with students to get them the coverage they need. When there are access issues for students getting services they need, we eat that bill.

Chair Simmons: Can you estimate what percentage of student can't get their insurance to pay?

Jon: We have one person who does the billing and works with students. It's not a common thing for students. When it comes up we deal with it on a case by case basis.

Chair Simmons: Is there any better way you can see doing this? You said it is difficult to bill insurers directly but is there another way to do it to move beyond this and keep people coming in?

Jon: If you think about psychiatry, what we would need to do to have that service covered like the medical area or the counseling area that would be a 40-55 dollar change upwards in the student health fee per year, which is significant. It's a great conversation to have if you are interested. I'm happy to look happy to look at other ways to approach at that. The goal is to provide the best access we can to students. We are definitely open to conversation.

Senator Sadeghi: Can you give us a ballpark number of students receiving counseling versus psychiatry services 10 yrs ago versus now?

Jon: Nationally, the needs are increasing in terms of counseling and psychiatry. 11 years ago we got our first psychiatrist and now we're at 2.2 and really busy with 2,500 visits a year. That need didn't exist in a way it does now ten years ago and we felt we needed to do it. Our core staff went from 6-12 people and visits have increased 40%. There has also been an increase in number of students.

Senator Sadeghi: Thanks for percent but what does 40% mean? Are we looking at 10 kids 100, 1000?

Jon: For counseling last year there was a total of 8,500 visits and for psychiatry there were 2,500, and for medical care there were 13,000 visits.

Chair Adams: Thanks for coming in, I know it's an especially busy day for all of us. Just so the body knows, there is an emergency resolution regarding the state of psychiatry at UVM coming up, just to put this into context. It looks specifically at direct billing. Is that common among psychiatrists outside of university and what are the biggest roadblocks to changing that at UVM? Are they time, money, location?

Jon: Can you restate that first part?

Chair Adams: is it common not to do direct billing to insurers?

Jon: It's pretty common among universities common for the health fee to cover routine medical care but not lab work or psychiatry. In most colleges counseling and health services are covered. In terms of our challenges, one is space. Our staff has doubled, looking at counseling and psychiatry, and there is no place to put people. Medical care as well is depends on working with other care providers and working with students. They need to talk to each other so every one has a pull through with the students. There are seven sites around campus. Counseling and psychiatry are in two different places. It costs us money and time talking about groups and students who need help and resources. So our problems, they are space and the need for real ongoing conversation about students of concern. We have to be intentional about getting together, which takes time.

Senator Corkins: How do you receive students? I was wondering if most are self-reported or are students being reported by their friends or parents or professors?

Jon: In terms of making it to psychiatric services? I would say that 80% or so find their way there because they see it on our website or hear about it from friends. Another 15-20% make it because someone refers them to us. If we're talking about access, that's one of the important points. What we want to work on is getting that conversation going and talk about mental health. It was the focus of President Fogel's email over the weekend. The more we can have that conversation the more people will know that it's normal to have difficult times and there are resources for you. It's important to look out for yourself others. But again, 80-85% are self-referred.

Ish MacDonald

Ish: I'm just going to pull something up real quick. So I'm Ish or Sean MacDonald and myself and 9 other people are planning a benefit concert that scheduled for Billings on December 4th. It's a fundraiser for a water filter. I don't know if any of you are familiar with Dan Baker and the work he is doing in Honduras. He is building slow sand water filters. Each system is about \$20,000 and that kind of money is difficult to come across, especially with it being so hard to get grants these days. So, we are having a benefit concert. Rock bands will be playing in North Lounge. In the Marsh room we will have a DJ and in the circular room we will have dance performances. I basically came to ask if student government has any promotion ideas. We are also looking for more funding. WRUV and UVMtv are on board, so we've spoken to the obvious ones but if people have any other ideas for clubs we should talk to that we would be welcome.

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Chair Adams: I can't think of any off the top of my head but there are 150 clubs on campus so there are 148 others that might like to help. I'd be happy to give you the list.

Senator Doran: Who is playing?

Ish: We have a bunch of bands, grass tower, wax ice, Abraham, quill rat, cloud eyes, what else, there's another one, oh, removal. It will be a really fun show. It's going to be free and open to the public, we'll ask for donations only. We hope to educate people about this water filter and other developing projects. We would also like to get some big sponsors on board to donate money. Do people have connections to bigger corporations? We have been emailing clubs asking people to get involved kind of addressing that one.

Senator Doran: Have you talked to local companies that might be interested in sponsoring this?

Ish: Yep, we have people focusing on that, contacting people and looking for sponsors.

Chair Mallea: You mentioned that you are looking for funding and I'm curious what the funding is for. Is it to pay the bands or are they contributing their time?

Ish: All the money goes straight to the filter. The bands have all agreed to play for free. The event is going to cost 0 dollars. 100% will go to the filter.

Kathy Fox and David Shiman, United Academics

David: Good evening, I'm David Shiman, I'm president of United Academics, the faculty union.

Kathy: And I'm Kathy Fox, I'm the vice president of the union.

David: We came here tonight because want to talk about the priority registration issue and how that relates to issue of posting of course syllabi online so that students can make informed decisions about courses they want to choose. An issue that has come up, not with the SGA resolution but College of Arts and Science's Dean has directed faculty to post these syllabi. We are dealing with trying to be responsive and the fact that syllabi and curriculum are intellectual

property owned by the faculty member. When the Dean says you must post this, it is a contractual issue and how do we resolve that to serve everyone. It's a challenge and some issues you raised in your resolution about course evaluations and other things are problematic. We'll talk for a couple of minutes about those and then we are open to your suggestions.

Kathy: In case people don't know, faculty here is unionized. We have a contract that has to be negotiated that state the terms and conditions of our employment. Basically, one part of that is about intellectual property. So, for example, lecture notes. Some professors post them and some don't, but they can't force us to because we own them. We understand that students want information and within unions some say fine and others don't want to. We have to represent the faculty in regards to the range of positions. In regards to course evaluations, that is used for tenure cases and is extremely confidential. There is ratemyprofessors.com and people can use that if they want to but that is a personal document and confidential. In terms of syllabi, if you could tell us why students want the information and what specifically you are looking for, we can try to figure out a way to produce what need and not violate the terms of our contract.

David: Another issue is that when you are considering selecting course for the fall, most faculty use the summer, especially if it's a new course, to finish the syllabi and to choose books. It's especially hard in the spring, to be specific. Similar things happen in the fall for spring courses but it's not quite the same problem. There is certainly a way to provide students with information about themes of the course and issues being addressed. In some cases, some of the books might get chosen in the summer for the fall. Some information about evaluations and such. Some of the challenge with that is the administration saying 'you must' yet when we look at contract we see that this is our property and you can't tell us what to do. We wonder if there are questions or concerns, we would like to work through this with you to develop something that is acceptable for us and for you.

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Chair Mallea: Thanks for coming in, I really appreciate you taking the time. I have a few questions. First off, I was curious if you could speak to the fact that I'm a student in the business school I know that in the business school most professors post their syllabi online and that's kind of the expectation for professors to do so. Are they not required to do so or do they just do that anyway?

David: Contractually it is not required. It might be that the Dean said we want all syllabi posted and they just did it without even knowing that based on the contract they don't have to. Many people just don't care. Some professors teach things that are more controversial, such as subjects pertaining to gay and lesbian issues and other themes. Some are a little worried about having their syllabus on public domain website that would be open to everybody. I know I do work on human rights and I got attacked by a right wing group in Alabama who called Dean and wrote letters attacking me because of their concerns. My guess is that those professors just said they don't care and just put it up.

Chair Mallea: In regards to course evaluations, I completely understand when you say they are not public because they are sued for considerations with tenure and promotions. Could you speak to the fact that, at least within the business school, other professors can see what other professors were rated as? Its public within professors so what is the distinction between professors and students?

Kathy: Within each college they form their own rules. Some colleges say that you are ranked number one compared the other faculty so it's to understand the merit pay raise you got. It has to do with performance and work evaluations. Other colleges don't necessarily do that. Generally speaking, in my college we don't see the course evaluations and don't have access to them. I think that's the norm in our college. Even if they were public, it would be to understand why you got the raise you got.

Senator Ballas: thanks for coming in tonight. The issue of course evaluations and syllabi have been important to me. You said certain professors don't want syllabi online and I can understand that with the contract. My question is who said they have to be on a public area? Couldn't they be where only students could have access to them? As for what I'm looking for, information, I'm curious about knowing what the class will look like. I don't really want to take too many reading intensive classes so I am just bogged down reading all the time. I don't want to have too many books and get swamped. Or maybe I'm not a good test taker and prefer essays.

David: So what might satisfy you is a paragraph or two saying this is what the course is about and there will be a final exam and midterms rather than a week by week layout. That we could talk about.

Senator Tran: Thanks for coming in. You mentioned that a few of the faculty member were against posting syllabi for timely reasons. Are there any other reasons, except for maybe like the Dean say so, but other reasons faculty has objections.

Kathy: I don't think it has to do with students and not wanting them to have the information. It has to do with work conditions that we don't have them ready yet.

David: Some faculty are much more organic in teaching of the course. They develop the outline with the students and are a little anxious about putting something up there that makes it seem like they haven't their work because they choose to develop with their students. Some faculty try out new ideas based on the direction their research is going and the want to try to do it within a course. They don't want to write it up and put in syllabus before their ideas have been carried through. Some professors indicate concern that the ideas will get out there before they are fully developed and concerned that others take them. I would personally just as soon see the syllabus up there. However when you get 7,000 faculty members you will get different points of view.

Senator Willis: I know you guys talked about how most professors usually prepare the syllabus in the summer for the fall. I just want to know how long it takes professors to prepare a syllabus for fall and spring.

Kathy: I can say that, for me, if I'm teach a 200 level course and pick 3 books, I will read about 20 and take notes and evaluate all of them to determine which is the best for students. I personally, and I don't know if other professors do this, do an analysis of what it will cost people. If 3 are pretty good choices and one is significantly cheaper I will use the cheaper one. Not everyone takes into consideration but that's probably a driver for a lot of people. There is a lot of research involved and decisions about in 15 weeks what do you want them to learn? I would say it takes months to actually do a syllabus. I know it looks like not much to them but it does take preparation. It can be hard to get to them when you are busy teaching, grading, and doing research. After finals I will be frantically doing a syllabus for Spring. It wouldn't help people for preregistration.

Senator Willis: I wanted to know, do you consider student feedback for what they think should be included for the fall semester? With the material that you prepare for the syllabus, do you consider that in a year what they want to see for the next syllabus?

Kathy: We get course evaluations back and I always read them. If, 20% say, I really hated that book, it was worthless then I won't use it again. We have to weigh that up. And absolutely, that's the whole point of the evaluations for me. It helps me realize that things I think will work don't actually work and improve my teaching.

Senator Mason: Thank you for coming in again, this is def a hot topic. I have a few questions. You said that it takes you personally a couple months to come ups with a syllabus. When do professors find out that they are teaching a class? I know that a lot of professors teach the same

class over and over and only vary the syllabus a little bit. If it takes a little longer to do a syllabus in the spring, how far in advance do they know and start to prepare it? This also goes to about the syllabus being posted online and speaking to the issue of plagiarism and taking something that the professor has written, how that goes, I get the class notes but I'm not really sure with the syllabi. Most of mine map out what I'm going to read and it's not really their personal writings or opinions.

David: Normally each professor meets with their department chair in January and February and develop a plan for the following academic year. By the mid February or March you know what you will teach next year for both semesters. Some changes may be made but not often. If you were teaching the class before its not a problem. You change things but you don't change everything. Maybe the same description would apply year after year. In a sense, you might have enough information in the spring to make a decision for the fall. If it's a new course, for me, I probably won't work on it until the beginning of the summer. There is too much going on during the year to plan for September. Some faculty members raise questions about including writing they are working on and use some classes to get student reactions. They are anxious about that writing going out when it is still a work in progress.

Senator Cheney: Thanks again for coming in. On the topic of evaluations, would you be concerned about certain evaluations reaching a public forum like ratemyprofessor.com? As far as syllabi, I would appreciate a review of the books, exams, papers. Would dates be something that a lot of professors schedule ahead of time? As far as evaluations, would professors be concerned about it reaching a public forum?

Kathy: Some people may not have concerns at all and some may have a lot, I don't know what those would be. Its more that its considered private information and because its used by faculty and you get your raise on the basis of that and from a score on how good you are from your department chair. I don't know what concerns would be.

David: It's hard to talk about faculty because there is such diversity. Some faculty see this as a political question that administration is requiring faculty to do something that they don't have to do. There are some that's that. I don't think that's the majority but it is a reasonable number. The issue of having my evaluations public, in that sense, is because it is used also for reappointment and tenure. I would be hesitant to want that to happen. I think that rate my professors is there if students want to do them. We don't like them but it's not the contract.

Chair Nelson: Thanks for coming in. First, I want to thank you for being professors because I like professors. That, and I also want to recognize all the work you put into providing students with information. I know you have a lot on your plates. I want to talk about syllabi and the things we would like to see included in it. I'm going to say that this is malleable in a way. Things that people would be interested in are the methods of the course, what it's going to be like, what will be the expectations of students. The reason behind wanting this is to be able access more information when deciding what classes want to take. Its crazy that I can go into marché and order a smoothie and know everything about it from what is in it to where the fruit came from and the nutrition, but then I register for classes and I can see 2 sentences and the name of the professor. So having access to that information is something I feel we deserve. I would like to negotiating what things we need to make the best decisions for our courses so that we are not signing up for class and seeing, oh my god, there is a project off-campus that is going to take up 6 hours of my time and the add drop period ends. That goes back to being prepared when coming to make decisions about your education.

David: Does the add-drop period not help with that?

Kathy: Is it because classes are full by then?

Chair Simmons: Point of Information: a lot of classes are already full so having the information when you are registering is superior.

Chair Nelson: As for the challenge with timing, this I respect. I am a person who does my work 24 hours before it's due if not 3. I understand where you are coming from with that. Coming from a student's perspective, I have no opposition about information coming from past syllabi that would say 'subject to change' or saying 'this is a past syllabi from last year'. We know that things can change so disclaimers are welcome. As of right now, there is nothing but those 2 sentences. At this point, anything would help. Oh, and going back to your point about making it public information, the way I was thinking of it was that it would be on the Registrar's page so it would be only for students who can log in and see it by linking it through the CRN numbers when they are looking at course catalog. That is something you could discuss with registrar.

Senator Ballas: Hi, Chair Nelson kind of touched on this and I understand that you are putting together the syllabus when you have time and may put it together at the last second. Senator Mason said a lot don't of times the syllabus doesn't really change. Has this been brought up, and if so, how has the faculty reacted to putting up syllabi from semesters past? We know it might change but it would give students a general idea.

David: It hasn't been discussed yet because this is a new conversation. It came about because of the student resolution last spring and the prompting from the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. It hasn't been a topic with a lot of information. A lot of professors will post them. We haven't had a conversation among faculty as a whole. We have an executive council similar to this body and that's where the conversations have been. We might need to go back and do a survey to find out what the faculty thinks. Some see their rights being stepped on and others see it as silly. It's clear that it's something we have got to talk more about this semester. I hope we can move forward on this and bounce things off SGA and the administration have all 3 working as partners to come up with something that can work. It's still a new issue.

Chair Adams: Thanks for coming in. A long time back you mentioned changing the syllabus as it goes. Is there a huge difference between knowing this in advance versus giving students a syllabus on the first day? Also, how far in advance do you know about class size so you can decide on the format of the class if it's going to be discussions and essays versus powerpoints and midterms?

Kathy: We know early in the spring roughly the size of the class. They lots of times add a few more spaces a little at a time, especially in the last few years. So we do know well in advance. That's a lot of the thinking that goes into it. I have a class of 180 and we try to do group work and it's hard. I try to make it more intimate but with 180 I had to do a lot of thinking about how to do this and can't say it's working perfectly. A lot of things are based on the size for the thought that goes into it. We do find out roughly how many students will be there when we get assignments. And what was the first part of your question?

Chair Adams: I honestly forget...

Kathy: Oh, it was about if we hand out the syllabus on the first day is it a big deal to do it before. I think for most people it wouldn't be but the problem is that we can't compel faculty to do it.

David: We could, at best as a union recommend that we do it. The administration can't coerce faculty to do it unless they come back and negotiate it within the contract, which could happen next year. I'm sure they will come back with something.

Chair Adams: I had another question regarding tenure and course evaluations. Do you feel that evaluations about teaching in general is something that is valued by chairs and in the tenure process?

Kathy: Absolutely

David: Evaluations are probably the single most important thing. Part of the process is to have a peer come in to evaluate the class and other faculty members make recommendations but the common denominator is evaluations and they are considered very important.

Speaker Chevrier: Thank you for coming in. I would welcome the idea about having a blurb of what the class is about that someone mentioned earlier. However, another point I would like to make is that I had 3 major papers due last week and 2 midterms this week and I didn't do as well I could have. I believe how I did on my test isn't a reflection of my knowledge on the subject but is because I am sleep deprived and don't feel well. While I would welcome anything, I would still like to firmly say that I think dates are necessary. I had 5 cumulative finals last year, which I never would have chosen and if I didn't do well it's because I physically don't feel well. As far as the add drop period, one of my majors is political science. I know that for me there was a political science conference at the beginning of the semester and I had 3 classes cancelled during add drop because my professors were at this conference, so I didn't get a good indicator for what the class was about because most of my professors were out of town. Also, my question is, do you not think it is likely that being able to provide syllabi is going to be on the faculty contract next time and if not, why is that? Is there anything we can do, as students, to push for it?

David: I don't know. I think the administration is going to bring something forward to recommend. Yes, I think they will, it might not be specific language but they will try to bring something and there will be an negotiation. I can't say if it will be something in the next contract. My guess is that the administration will come with a proposal that will say something like we want a paragraph or two blurb about the course, a listing of books etc. That's not a course syllabus that I own, that's just a description. You take what is there now which is 25 words and you make it 75 words. I don't know if that's a problem, contractually. For me I don't see that as something that we own because it doesn't exist.

Speaker Chevrier: Do you think that if having syllabi posted was granted in the contract that would deter professors from coming here?

Kathy: The contracts are for all faculty that comes here and is negotiated and voted for, we are all bound by what happens. There are plenty of things we would like to change.

David: I don't think it's a major great increase. If we got a salary increase and protection of healthcare and control over our workload, which is the issue of class sizes increasing, if we can get some of that stuff then I think we would be happy to get the syllabi online.

Fox: I think there are still plenty of people who would be upset.

Chair Simmons: Thank you so much for sticking with us, a couple of things. You mentioned the political resistance and the problem of syllabi in the contract. I wonder if we could avoid that problem by being able to have a recommendation that students would like to see syllabi coming. I think students will reward professors who do it by registering for those whose class they have an idea about. By registering for those classes it would be an incentive for students to professors, not a mandate. This body passed a resolution on it. I would say this is political resistance we are using the administration as a vehicle as to ask you for something. On evaluations, they seem related to me, it makes sense about the intellectual property rights of syllabi. On the evaluations side, it's student opinion. I don't see why that has to be private. Like you said, rate my professors makes evaluations public to students. We are paying and it could be much more effective and give a really good idea of what these classes are without the burden of a detailed syllabi for professors. It seems more effective. I'm wondering how if it's made available to students, who are paying tuition and have access to system, how that affects tenure decisions? You mentioned earlier they were used for decisions about tenure.

David: It wouldn't. I'm a tenured professor. We have honest that what students say doesn't affect me at all. They won't take my tenure away, unless I come to class drunk or thing. It does affect

salary increases, those sorts of things. It is part of reappointment promotions and tenure decisions and there is the performance review that happens every year. Evaluations are used for both purposes at different times. I think that just, historically, they have not been public. I don't know if this would be a rational behavior or not, but I think there would be resistance.

Kathy: Even when like, in state government or city government, when people have access to public information that excludes personnel files. If you were being evaluated by your boss, it's a private review and no one can see that because it's used for you. It's true even in state and city government, it excludes personnel files and these would be included under that.

Tim Ashe, Vermont State Senator

Tim: Hey everyone, I'm your state senator, my name is Tim Ashe. I have been to many of your meetings in the last year so I won't be talking for a long time. I'm not here for campaigning purposes. One thing that happens before the legislative session is if you have to have ideas for bills and you have to start working on them now even though the session starts in January. I'm working on bill trying to make it easier for recent graduates to stay in the state. I'm looking at housing, student loans and access to loans to start small businesses. My short plug is if you have any ideas, please forward them to me in next month or so, any time before break. I have some ideas in mind but I would rather steal from a larger body of ideas that you can help create. Timashe.com is my website and any time before December is terrific.

Open the Floor for Questions

Chair Morgan: Given the status of the impending budget deficit, is it a priority for you to level fund the university this year?

Tim: Sure, yeah, absolutely. And those who say we need to cut across the board aren't being realistic. We can find ways to level fund when you look at things in more detail.

Senator Vitagliano: do you mind sharing what ideas you have?

Ashe: Generally?

Senator Vitagliano: Ideas that you have already, you said want ideas from us but I was just wondering if you could share with us what ideas you already have?

Ashe: Things when I graduated in '99 from grad school in Boston and allowed me to come back to Vermont. Homeownership assistance is something you may think is a long way off but within 5 years you may want a home, this is hard in Chittenden County. So there would be assistance with down payments. I'm also looking at duplex programs. Maybe you can't afford a house on your own but if you had a duplex you could get some revenue by renting out the other side. I only was able to come back to Vermont when I graduated in Boston because I had a loan repayment program that helped me pay my loans back. Maybe there are industries we could target like that with loan repayment programs. There is also small business assistance, so for people whose family's can't bankroll have all types of access to financing. And also, what types of businesses you don't hear about. Those are broader ideas I'm thinking about. I would love to hear what types of area where you would like to see jobs. Government can't create jobs but it can create a better environment that will breed jobs.

Old Business

Bill Allocating Funds to Figure Skating Clubs

Chair Mallea: Alright, senate you know the process all to well. I'm going to read the bill, give a brief explanation then that any questions. *[reads bill]*. I brought this up last week. Basically, they

came in and under a uniforms request through supplemental funding and requested approx \$2,635 dollars for 17 uniforms. They haven't gotten uniforms in the past 3 years so they felt its time they update, especially since they can only use their programs like 2 times, so they can use them for 2 years in a row but then have to develop a new program. It's hard to match their uniforms with their programs, I suppose. I thought you would enjoy this description, they are pink and long with a halter and include no gems or rhinestones because no allowed on the ice. This is also an effective cost cutting measure. So no gems or rhinestones and they will be willing to use these for the next 3 years.

Open the Floor for Questions

Senator Sadeghi: You said there are 17 uniforms but you are only giving money for 16 of them. My math says that's about \$140, \$150 per uniform. Is this a normal cost for figure skating uniforms?

Chair Mallea: We chose not to allocate for all 17. They need them and are growing and healthy as a club, we will be seeing them continuing for a long time. So 16 uniforms and they can fund 17th uniform from their fundraised money, which is healthy. This is actually cheaper and they are getting a really good deal because they have connections with the dealer and are getting a discount.

Chair Morgan: What funds this, is this coming from supplemental funds?

Chair Mallea: The entire process of supplemental funds and is confusing because within supplemental funds there is a supplemental fund. This is coming from a uniform request portion of the supplemental fund.

Chair Morgan: I know you do a good job tracking what we have been doing. Do we have enough money for all of these allocations?

Chair Mallea: This is the first request for uniforms this year.

Senator Benes: motion call to question

Vote to Call to Question – passes

Bill Allocating Funds to Figure Staking Clubs - passes

Emergency Business

Resolution in Response to the Current State of Psychiatric Care

Chair Adams: Ok, so this is coming up under emergency business because Vice President Maciewicz has been working on and has a very well written letter that he would like to send out to the administration and I felt it was appropriate to have a bill behind the resolution affirming that those ideas that are held by the body to strengthen the statement.

Senator Tran: Point of Inquiry: Who decides if it's emergency business?

Speaker/Vice President Maciewicz: It depends on the timeliness of the resolution.

Chair Simmons: It's emergency because your letter is going out.

Senator Tran: I'm just asking who decides.

Speaker/Vice President Maciewicz: the speaker or acting speaker can decide.

Chair Simmons: I thought the letter was phenomenal and it's great coming from exec, but it would be better if came from this room and we are contributing with a resolution.

Senator Tran: it can't wait until next week? If I have an objection can I raise that? why does it have to be this week?

Senator Mason: I have a question, can we receive the letter that is going along with this because you are saying it's going together and I haven't seen the letter. Chairs may have seen but I don't know if senators saw the letter.

Senator DeVivo: it was emailed to us, I believe.

Senator Mason: Point of Information: that was different.

Chair Simmons: I'm sorry I was operating under the assumption that everyone got the letter today. I thought it was talked about in the office.

Chair Adams: The argument behind the letter and then the bill, or resolution, I guess, comes from a conversation Vice President Maciewicz and myself had. He basically said in letter that it was on behalf of SGA and later states we ask that you to immediately charge your senior leadership with creating a taskforce involved with students... I personally felt that if we are going to send something out we should pass a bill. David felt that this was a time sensitive issue that's why it's coming up in emergency business. I'm not sure it's compromised its integrity and that's why it's under emergency business.

Chair Simmons: I'm sorry, I forget his name, he spoke, oh Jon Porter, and he enthusiastically supported a resolution by this body to create the taskforce. He says it is needed desperately. David does really well to reference conversations with the center's staff about financial and spatial challenges and that they say status quo is unacceptable. That is the basis of the resolution that we are trying to move forward saying that what we have right now isn't adequate and we should take a close look and see we can do better.

Open the floor for Objections

Senator Tran: motion for informal poll

Vote to hold and Informal poll – passes

Informal poll as to whether to discuss this now or table this until next week - passes

Senator Vitagliano: *[reads the resolution]*

Open the Floor for Questions

Senator Sadeghi: If you keep it where it is scroll down to the second to last 'be it resolved' where it says 'direct the billing', one thing the doctor addresses was that students don't have insurance. How is this going to fix this if they don't have the insurance to be billed to?

Chair Simmons: I think it was more for students to be have their insurance billed directly to avoid this run around.

President Mensah: Point of Information: To attend UVM you have to have some type of medical coverage whether it is the university one or an outside one like blue shield blue cross or whatever.

Senator Sadeghi: In regards to that do we now, I'm not paying for my insurance. Does UVM follow up on that, do they actually check on that to see if it's the correct information?

Chair Simmons: Yes, it is verified.

Chair Nelson: Point of Information: They do but I don't know if they check on expiration dates.

Chair Morgan: I would like to urge responses to table this. Most people haven't seen this or read the bill not and are not knowledgeable. I would be uncomfortable voting. It's important and I haven't had time to go through this. I feel we can't make a statement if we're not informed and a week isn't going to take away the power of this resolution.

Chair Adams: I guess I will ask Vice President Maciewicz if he is willing to wait to send the letter out until after next week. I yield the floor.

Vice President Maciewicz: I yield the floor back, I don't really have anything to say.

Chair Adams: My opinion is that David and Kofi, while they are allowed to speak for the student body I feel that things should be going through this body before being presented to the administration. If we want to table this I request that we wait to send out this letter. It sends out an opinion that we haven't voted for.

Senator Cesario: I'm confused, is the timeliness of this in relation to the death of a first year student? Directly at the bottom of the email that was sent out it says is if you or your friends have trouble dealing with this you should contact psychiatric services. Do students know that they can't unless they pay \$100 a session. I don't want to vote on this now because we don't want this to be related to this particular student, unless it's supposed to be. I have heard from friends about the issue of the death of the student but I'm not sure it has been publically announced as a suicide. I haven't gotten an email saying that. I think this is terrible timing so please table it.

Senator Tran: motion to table the resolution

Chair Adams: hang on

Chair Simmons: I don't see why that makes it terrible timing.

Senator Vitagliano: if anything it will help sooner than if we wait.

Chair Nelson: This is an important issue. I personally get a shiver every time we get one of those emails and there have been a lot lately. I think this could have even happened beforehand. Psychiatric health is a serious issue and people need it for all sorts of reasons. Aside from that, would there be opposition, or is there a possibility that we could get you, David, to change a segment of the letter, that first sentence there to a little something different so that the letter can be delivered from the leadership position and then a resolution can come forth afterwards?

Vice President Maciewicz: That's a conversation we can have. I wasn't involved in the crafting of the resolution. I intended this letter on behalf of Kofi and Elizabeth and I because of the time sensitivity. We can wait to send this as a body but the letter is my creation. This has nothing to do with the letter and I was not involved with the resolution.

Chair Nelson: It was a wonderful letter.

Speaker Chevrier: The point of voting on things is that it gives an accurate representation of the whole body. To have the exec board write a mandate on the behalf of students that they haven't heard from because they were not given the opportunity to seek info and received no feedback is inappropriate. So I think it's a slippery slope even though I am 120% behind this letter, if he did this by himself he should sign as David Maciewicz not as Vice President Maciewicz. If we have this happen we can have him mandate that athletes have priority registration without talking to us.

This would create a level of power in the executive board that we have not previously had if a letter of this type were to go through like this. I'm frustrated that Vice President Maciewicz didn't think to put this through with legislation. Legislation gives an idea more power if we vote on it than it and if we are able to put it with letters to send out with bills that we passed. This way student government passes this that if one person sends it out themselves.

Chair Adams: I guess too, just going off of what Senator Cesario had said, most students in light of a tragedy like last night will be seeking counseling services. This is more psychiatry so often it's like students in different types of crises that would go beyond this.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: I also agree with the resolution but that said, I disagree with the sentiment because of the timing of the suicide, especially when we just held a candlelight vigil for those who are bullied. But for those who were so miserable that they took their lives, I don't know if they tried to contact the counseling services but you can't get an appointment for 3 weeks. The system is ill equipped to handle the number of students in need for our university. Whether they need psychiatric or not psychiatric services, I would feel comfortable voting tonight. I don't think you should be knocking how important this issue is. This should be passed urgently and quickly. People are living in this happy world but it happened this year. I took a girl home last night who lived next door to the guy who killed himself in Chittenden and she was a wreck herself.

Senator Willis: Well, I just want to know about the fee within the psychiatric health services. I was saying that the fee itself that they charge to students for psychiatric health. How are students going to pay for this? Is there going to be something inserted in the tuition that they will pay for? I just want to know how students are going to pay for this. I think that most people who are in need of help of some sort don't know how to pay.

Chair Adams: That's something the bill is trying to address. Right now if you are on a UVM health insurance plan you get 100% of your first visit covered and 80% after that. The issue is from outside insurance providers. Then it's whatever they would cover. They don't directly bill insurance companies so you have to haggle with them. For students who are in mental health crises already this is adding a new burden that you have to fight with insurance companies. You go to your doctor's office and they send a bill and you pay a co-pay. So going onto cost for the student fee, it would most likely translate to something allocating out or it would require a secretarial position that would deal with insurance companies.

Senator Moise: My question is basically what we are getting ready to vote on? Is this resolution being attached to the letter?

Speaker Chevrier: Point of Information: It can be. When I send the legislation out, if it's passed, to the group of administrators it can be sent with the letter.

Senator Moise: All we are voting for technically is the resolution?

Chair Simmons: Would you like me to read the letter so we can all make an informed decision? I think sending on the listserv is problematic because it is assuming everyone will read it. If I read it right now we will all hear it and know the contents.

Senator White: Point of Information: If nobody calls to table the question, does that mean we will have to vote yay or nay?

Speaker Chevrier: yes

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: Point of Information: It's more a long point of information, for the record, in what was covered tonight, if you are a student coming in, let's pretend you are a first year, you are coming in and you come in and feel awful and miserable but your insurance for the

for the most part won't cover it. We didn't discuss a lot of this. Even if they do cover it, the extent that they can hand hold you through the process is small. If you decided you wanted to kill yourself tonight you couldn't call them. You would have to call 9-1-1 and request a suicide prevention service. It's something the university just doesn't have right now. I don't think reading through it right now will give everyone the best information in terms of knowing your whole background.

Chair Adams: Vice President Maciewicz sent out information a couple of days ago and we heard Jon Porter speak and now we have read the resolution and letter. If you are all going to go home and do research beyond what you have heard here than I understand tabling it, but if it is just literally going to sit on everyone's minds for a week then we should just vote.

President Mensah: Point of Clarification: We are getting from a lot of folks asking where David's letter stemmed from. David wrote the letter before the resolution was written and before the passing away of the student we just heard about. This was on David's radar as with suicides and deaths and a realization that the services offered are inadequate. The letter was sent to myself and Liz for review and then exec listserv last night for the review of the exec committee. Some felt this would be best if it were in the form of a resolution, which is perfectly ok. If the senate wants to give the letter more of a backing I'm in full support. I don't think there is a need for David's letter to be tabled because it will be putting it on the radar of the administration that much sooner. If it's not from senate as a whole then it is at least on the radar of students on campus, especially since he is a leader voted into the this position.

Chair Simmons: Informal poll on whether to read the letter or not.

Vote for an Informal Poll – passes

Informal Poll: Would you like me to read Vice President Maciewicz' letter right now? – passes

Chair Simmons: *[reads the letter]*.

Senator Benes: Vote to call to question

Vote to call to question – passes

Vote on the Resolution Regarding the Current State of Psychiatric Care – passes

New Business

n/a

Executive Reports

Speaker Chevrier: I just wanted to say that this resolution was a good example of why you should read your emails. A lot of people were frustrated because it was under emergency business and they were not given the adequate time to read the resolution ahead of time. I'm skeptical of how many other pieces of legislation weren't read as well. We had our first Constitution Committee Meeting, which was fun. I'm glad that we are going to start to work on fixing that.

Vice President Maciewicz: Well, I guess I want to start out by thanking you for passing that resolution. I want to clear up some questions you may have. I have been working on this issue privately and had drafted a letter that I was intending to debut during my committee report, right now. I was not going to send it out without anyone's ok. I had envisioned drafting a letter and presenting it to you, then hearing feedback and sending with everyone's signatures. I applauded the fact that there was a resolution, but I had no say in that process and I didn't first think of a resolution because I am unable to introduce one. I was supposed to be reading the letter right now. I do have to say I don't appreciate the process took place. I feel that the way the sponsorship took place and the way I was treated were done inappropriately. I am glad that Dr. Porter came in. I hope you read it

because everything in it is so salient. Unfortunately, a lost life last night and the administration is directing students to go to counseling and psychiatry. They don't know they might be slapped with a bill. It's something that I have faced and I have Blue Cross/Blue Shield and they won't do reimbursement. That's a common thing. We can have discussion about if the letter can go out with resolution and we can have that discussion. Office logistics are coming along we finally set office hours are sending out assignment map. We are getting the space in tiptop order. If you have questions or suggestions send them my way. Appointments are coming along. Please tell your friends. Applications are available until 5 pm. The lynx is working but let me know if you see any glitches. Appointment Committee, please meet in my office at 6:45 on Thursday. We just need to decide who we are interviewing, it will be quick. I am looking for replacement for the Board of Trustees Socially Responsible Investment Working Group member. You have to be a first year or sophomore or a junior who may be here longer. I will consider you if you will be here at least a year. I will be rolling out more information soon. It's a very important working group that advises the Board of Trustees in terms of investing. The Provost search is going along, I sent that to the listserv. I reserved space for interviews of the three candidates. That is coming up, it might include the current provost, or not. Either way, it's a chance to interview them so have it on your radar, be thinking of potential interview questions you can ask. The Provost is the chief academic officer of the university and deals with everything academic at the university. I will need a head count to make sure we have a big enough room and everything like that. I sent out an email yesterday about the president student advisory council and they pitched idea to Kofi and Chair Nelson at our administration meeting. The idea is to create a panel of students to meet with the Provost on larger matters. This is something that usually just President Mensah and I do but this would include IRA members, Greek representatives, club presidents, and they would meet with the senior leadership team to advise the president. They could meet once a month with larger student leaders for better feedback will be meeting once before thanksgiving. I will send out details when it gets underway. My last announcement is that I will not be at the Nov 2 SGA meeting. It is also Election Day so, just as a heads up, I will be in Pennsylvania doing some Get out the Vote work.

Open the Floor for Questions

Senator White: I wanted to talk about the bill. Lost of people struggle with metal health and your letter was wonderful. You also said that you weren't intending to write a resolution. I would implore you, Kofi and all of exec to not use the phrase 'in SGA's opinion' until you brought it to us. It protects the sanctity of our body and what we were voted in for. It protects the balance of power.

Vice President Maciewicz: I wasn't intending the resolution and I was intending to bring the letter to you before hand. I guess you could have all told me you would like to wait a week. People were circulating rumors that I was considering sending it in. This was a draft and I was circulating it to get edits and was not going to send until having a discussion. If you didn't in talking here give it your approval I would have never sent it out if you said to wait a week. That was the original draft and there is no protocol to seek approval and it was sent out before I gave my approval.

Senator White: I was under the impression that the resolution was the way to get our formal opinion on an issue.

Senator Adams: I got a text this morning from David saying "I think that Kofi and I will be sending out letter today..." he said that Kofi and I will be sending out a letter.

Chair Mallea: Going on a different vein, I'm curious if David, you had found an off campus senator for Board of Trustees selection committee.

Vice President Maciewicz: I have not yet found a replacement for Chair Simmons who can no longer serve as the off-camps senator. If there is anyone who can serve as the off-campus

representative, you can be a chair or not, we do need one person. Just to speak to Chair Adam's interjection, that was a text message and I was not going to send it without consulting the body. I feel like you are throwing borderline personal attacks at me and would ask you to suspend the personal attacks. Just for the body to know, I don't want an argument about personal investment and I don't appreciate the assumption that I am trying to circumvent your authority. When I say that I would have brought it to you, I would hope you believe me. If you don't trust me then I will resign right now. The personal attacks are inappropriate and it's inappropriate that I am being questioned in this manner.

Senator Sadeghi: I agree and I applaud you, the letter was well drafted. My only question is in regards to the resolution. In the majority of the time the resolution was not up. Can we have the resolution up so we can read it? I feel like senate or myself were forced into voting and the letter was great, the substance was great, but I didn't want to vote on it. Do you think that this was an acceptable manner? Should we be going towards this when the majority of us haven't seen it?

Vice President Maciewicz: I supported the bill although I was not provided the opportunity to contribute to it. I like the idea and I probably would have suggested same thing that's on the screen. I had nothing to do with the crafting of it. It's hard to vote on things that are new, but with our public forum guest and the reading of the email this week, I think it is easy enough to thread this together asking for an investigation. I would have felt comfortable voting for it but some might not have been. With those things together I would have, as a senator, voted but I respect your decision to disagree and I do see where you are coming from.

President Mensah: Hello, happy Tuesday. This is going to be short, there hasn't been that much going on in my end in the past week. Vice President Maciewicz, Chair Nelson and I had a meeting with the senior administration this week and Chair Nelson will speak a little bit about what we discussed on the academic side. With course evaluations some of came up already today. Briefly. To speak to S-Cubed, the Student Success and Satisfaction survey, Chris Lucier, the Vice President of Enrollment Management, was to gauge what students are feeling and how they like the university and why they are leaving after their first year. That survey went out, actually, and I was one of the recipients of that survey and I will take a look at it and let folks know what it is. Next week, on Monday, hopefully with Chair Simmons, I will be attending the dining advisory council meeting. A few weeks ago Senator Mason voiced concerns about students eating on the floor and how there is not enough adequate dining space with only 2 dining halls open right now. I will be late to the meeting as I have another engagement. That was going to conclude my report but I want to touch on what happened here today. In terms of folks I feel like the resolution and the discussion that happened with the resolution took too long, not in terms of getting out of here, but the clarification of why it came up and what it was trying to get across. I am in full support of resolution and I think the manner of what was coming up right now if folks were comfortable voting for something like this. I personally don't think that David was trying to circumvent or supersede the power that Senate has. There are a lot of things that I send to the administration that I send don't need to get senate feedback on. For my Board of Trustees report I could have just sent out that report without feedback. I could have sent out the report without opening that for feedback and even though I did open it up, only 2 senators gave me feedback. I could have sent it to the folks in Waterman and the listserv. It could have been my personal feelings on what I thought or I could have been drunk writing the report, but that was feedback that was asked and not received. In the future, for the folks sitting here, I would love that if in the future if you want to give feedback, then do. I support that as a senator I would have loved if folks in the executive branch, and most of them did do that, asked for feedback. But I guess it's not necessarily a responsibility but a charge for you all when you do want to give us feedback that you do utilize your voice. When something is brought up to you, I think that is what we are thinking in the matter and I do think that was going to happen later on today with the letter. Also, senator of the week this week even though she's not here is Senator Fitzgerald from COLA. Thanks Senator Katz. I have seen her consistently in front of the Davis Center Marketplace getting people to register and I believe it was through her we got those rocking t-shirts and I forgot to give senator Tran her gift last week.

Open the Floor for Questions

Senator Mason: I have to respectfully disagree with some of that last sheal. I honestly I think that what the resolution and the letter encompasses but how it was gone about was completely wrong. That's my personal opinion and to say that you don't have to send out information to the body is ridiculous. That just puts too much power in one person's hands. To say we don't have to know that is say you don't have to send it is undermining our position as senators. The way that it was brought about was inappropriate and everyone had their hands on it although it was for a great cause.

Speaker Chevrier: I just was a little frustrated with the timeliness with the Board of Trustees letter. I wanted to give feedback but you only gave us, I believe, less than a day or around a day to actually give you feedback. At least when you sent it out during senate you said it was due the next day. I had things I wanted to tell you and couldn't because I had schoolwork and other things going on. That's why bills are sent in advance and I would have liked if that was sent out to Senate a week before. I don't think it was a lack of participation or effort, I think it was a lack of time. All of us in here are supposed to be representatives, which means we are seeking feedback. You are not only supposed to be seeking feedback of us but also of student here and of the greater community. Suggesting that you have the power to override this is frustrating.

President Mensah: I asked for feedback 2 weeks in advance and there was one week when I said it was coming up I hadn't been given the date yet for when it was due. The following week I found out it was October 6. I even sent out another email. I know for sure it was 2 weeks notification that I gave first for the feedback. I agree with Speaker Chevrier that I didn't send the actual report but that was because I was waiting for initial feedback to draft the report.

Speaker Chevrier: I was referring to actual report, not the call for feedback.

Treasurer Salsgiver: So first off, I want to say I know a lot of you are really frustrated but I want to applaud you for passing this and that could get things changed week sooner and that could save a life. There are people upset about this but you could have saved a life by starting this process a week earlier. Over in the finance world, budget transaction detail reports were sent out to clubs showing what we're seeing in the finance office for deposits, expenses, etc. We just started a new service for clubs. We hired Jenna Lemieux, Hannah Lemieux's sister. Meredith has cut back on hours and Jenna didn't require any training. She's really quick and really nice. Treasurer's workshop make up tests are out and every club that has taken them has passed. There are still a few clubs that have not taken the test. Next week I will come with a bill to revise this year's financial calendar. In the past, if clubs that haven't activated their account and have not signed the authorized signers book, if you haven't opened your account by November 1, your club receives a 25% budget cut and the money goes to supplemental funds. Another thing I'm looking into and working with academic affairs on is credits for Club Treasurers. I brought this to exec. There are clubs like the Outing Club and Sailing in which the Treasurer spends 15-20 hours a week. Many have said that if they got credit it would be worthwhile. I don't know if it's possible but I'm looking into the feasibility. I have done some research about the student activities fee. It's now \$77 per student per semester. I'm looking at possibly having a \$3 increase. Someone was talking about a decrease but that's really just not feasible. If you look at what's requested and what's allocated there is a huge disparity with the number of newly increased clubs it's really necessary that we support new clubs that we're recognizing.

Open the Floor for Questions

Chair Mallea: Point of Information: With budget cuts and everything that's happening you have to remember how many previously Varsity sports are now considered clubs and the growth of existing clubs and how much money they need to operate.

Chair Morgan: Talking about clubs that haven't activated their accounts, you said that 25% of their budgets go to supplemental funds. Does that go for committees on SGA as well?

Treasurer Salsgiver: It hasn't in the past, to my knowledge. Blanka and Hannah never talked to me about that. You may have to do that as well.

Chair Simmons: thank you for your work, my expectation from the treasurer was that someone came once a month and yelled at us. Every time you get up and talk I have learned something so thank you.

Senator O'Brien: If senators were wary of our limited resources and we passed a bill last year discouraging increases in the fees, should we be wary of recognizing clubs with these resources that we have and with our budgets being cut. Do we have to recognize more clubs? I'm curious what our stance is.

Speaker Chevrier: Point of Information: Constitutionally, because we are a public university, if any student does the minimum criteria to be recognized we have to recognize them.

Treasurer Salsgiver: If they do the paper work we have to recognize them. You are cutting into the pie of money available to clubs each time and that's why the student activities fee has to go up. Clubs have been more active and there is competition between more people, all these different factors. We haven't increased the fee in past 2 years. Typically it goes up by 2 dollars, it's been 3 years since the last increase.

Chair Mallea: Point of Information: Last time it was raised was 2 years ago and it was by 4 dollars.

Treasurer Salsgiver: Oh, sorry about that but that's why we are considering it.

Committee Reports

CODEEE:

Chair Herman: First, I wanted to say that the Davis Center waste hour that we have will be from 11-2. The Davis Center eco rep contacted me and she's interested in having people from SGA and VSTEP coming in and sort, which has come up on Thursday. If you are interested in that, please see me that I'll send you an email about it. The way sort is when the eco reps work closely with physical plant on how we are doing with compostables and trash. The next two days we will be setting a meeting with someone of the from the Davis Center. She had great suggestions and was excited about working in this building and has tons of suggestions that could possibly help better inform the students how to compost and recycle. So she can give great suggestions she always has. I will keep you posted. We're still working on graduation rates of ALANA students and something else that came up was not only the graduation rates but create follow up of the students who are leaving this school. Are they actually dropping out or are they going to another school and what resources do we have for providing for them and trying to keep them at UVM. That's some research we're doing right now. Also, I discussed briefly about the state about the students advancement of color and there's going to be a pilot program. Senator Willis and I will be have spoken about faculty from the ALANA student center and they are actually going to fund us to have an informal gathering with students of color to meet one another and discuss issues informally without faculty and staff around to get those conversations started. I will keep you posted on the date, we're not sure yet because there are so many other events going on. Just to touch on this since every one else has, I didn't say much but in regards to the resolution, when I read Vice President Maciewicz' letter it really struck me especially since there has been so many instances across the country with suicide. I felt an obligation as student and member of student body. I understand where most of you are coming from that you didn't have the amount of time that you wanted to look over the legislation that you had wanted to, but in this

case, I feel that the presentation of Jon Porter and the conversations we had we took the time to review it. With that I will yield to Josh.

Senator Benes: if you have the chance to look at article in *The Cynic*, it's about challenging climate change. Tomorrow there is a climate meeting making a climate loan for the university. The Office of Sustainability is working on the final stages of the plan and pulling towards the future of the STARS program, if we decide to do that. It is at 2pm in Billings North Lounge. Anyone who is interested in coming and moving towards that it's 2pm in Billings North Lounge.

Student Action:

Chair Simmons: Ok, so coca cola can stand on the radar. I don't know if you guys have been reading *The Cynic* but do because it's been all over the place, oh boy, which is exciting. It's good, we've been talking about getting ourselves out there and you know. I've heard people talking about it, which is kind of exciting. So yeah, there is more work to be done, more research to be done. I was surprised to see this gentleman from coca cola took out a half page letter in *The Cynic* to respond what we are doing but, I'm not surprised by what he said. I don't know how much further I want to speak on that. Still trying to find out how and get interested and excited in the process. Thanks you to PR especially Senators Rizvanovic and Denton for that majestic coke bottle. The Naked Bike Ride taskforce has started meeting, Senator Ravech and I are serving on that since it is a student issue. I would love to hear from you guys about what you want to see different. Everyone wants to yell about how the naked bike ride is gone but I'm here to make it better for you and everyone else in the school. I will talk to President Mensah about getting campus wide feedback. I also would like feedback because I don't eat in the dining hall but I am also on dining hall advisory committee and we're discussing the keep local farms initiative. I have no idea how people feel about that and I don't know enough about how its being received but I would appreciate feedback from anyone that has some. The former chair of Student Action worked his butt off on that. We are really listening and want things that you want to see done and now hear about what you want done better. The Board of Trustees committee that President Mensah was talking about, it's my fault there is vacancy. I'm sorry I couldn't do it. So, I hope that one of you off campus senators can do it. I'm sorry to Chair Mallea, from the bottom of my heart. Finally, I'd like to apologize for voting to call that bill to question. If I had known at the beginning that no one had seen the letter already I would have read it right away. And I'm sorry for voting to call to question. Maybe it should be a constitutional thing that you can't vote to call to question on emergency business. It's the most important thing and I'm sorry if you were on the speaking order, it was a little bogus. Thank you for overcoming that and voting for it anyway. You could have been understandably resentful and voted it down so I appreciated that you did that.

Public Relations :

Chair Monteforte: Hi everyone, I hope you are all having a good time. If you promise to be good I have a present. Thanks to Sodexo for the leftovers, you can pass that around. There is a lot going on in PR. VSOP is in process so if you have question you can ask me. Point of information, all of PR made that sign for the stairs and it's on our facebook page. We have a sign on the stairs that we spent a lot of time on, I hope you like it. It's on the stairs and someone did put a comment on it from SGA saying what do you think? and someone said yes, renew the contract, so that's cool I guess. Senator O'Brien spent many hours amending the bulletin boards, SGA has two bulletin boards so she is tackling them to make them look awesome, thank you for that. I think PR has a presentation for something they worked hard on. Semir and Trey worked on this model but I think this is the shit. They made this I think it's awesome.

Open the Floor for Questions

Senator White: What is with hiding all this stuff in the plants?

Chair Monteforte: It's for dramatic effect.

Chair Adams: Why is there no video comparing senators to Disney characters?

Chair Monteforte: I don't want to take up your time every week.

Senator Katz: Thank you to the PR committee for their great work that they've done for trying to get feedback on this.

Chair Monteforte: I will look up something if you want to yield the floor to me later.

Academic Affairs:

Chair Nelson: To speak on the meeting that I was fortunate to be able to attend with President Mensah and Vice President Maciewicz, we talked about priority registration with Chris Lucier, the Vice President of enrollment management. He is the big person who would be changing the face of priority registration. He said that priority registration will be implemented in the spring when you are registering for your fall courses. Which I don't like, so this is not a closed issue, but also we have to take into consideration the registration for spring is in three weeks. It's something that I'm going to be continuing talking to Chris about with Kofi. If one of you can help me expand on the problem or main reason he thought it couldn't be implemented?

President Mensah: Can I ask a question referring to them putting up the syllabi?

Chair Nelson: I got a little lost in it.

President Mensah: In terms of priority registration, what Chair Nelson is referring to is not the technology of a hardware type of issue online but more so the conversations that are now taking place with interim provost Knodell and the athletics department because that's where the weight is. The Vice President of Enrollment Management Chris Lucier said that for the fall to have priority registration then everyone would be taken off of uber. Because not everyone can be taken off of uber, there are still going to be folks in ACCESS there might be a few folks in the Honors College that because of a specific major and what they're doing that need it and that with a few athletes or all 400 that need uber priority registration. Because they are working out those technicalities is causing the delays.

Chair Nelson: Thank you, I knew that I would stumble with that, our committee will be talking more on that issue. Also, we talked about the TRI. They are forming steering committees for each space and choosing professors to lead the steering committees. There was a rumor about 9 spots being held for the TRI. Professors that were already on campus being granted those and in fact they are not being held back for the TRI. I brought up syllabi as well, that was not on the agenda. I want to thank everyone so much for raising questions with our speakers today. I apologize that I hadn't been in touch with them sooner, it has been on our radar but a lot has been going on and I have been confused about if it was a contract issue or an administrative issue. This cleared a lot up for us. We made a big step in the right direction especially stating what we want out of syllabi but not infringing on their intellectual property rights.

Open the Floor for Questions

Chair Monteforte: On another note, I forgot Giselle and Todd will be senators at Brennan's tomorrow. No one signed up past tomorrow. Now, for our wisdom and life lessons this is papa bear Maciewicz represented here. *[plays video]*

Finance:

Chair Mallea: Thank you again for passing the bill allocating funds to figure skating club, they really need those uniforms. It was a really busy week as far as the gas fund went. We allocated over 200 dollars this week, which is a little bit crazy, but it all evens out because some of the ones that are travelling are doing one request for three weeks so they are not coming in every week. It's easier on us and on clubs. I hope it will calm down. WRUV came in for a

hearing tonight about archiving music system. This could be potential emergency legislation next week depending on whether we decide to allocate it, so be on the look out. As far as SGA stipends go, we are going to have a timeline on what we want and will present to senate.

Senator Lovell: So, obviously stipends have been hot topic issue this year. I sat with Pat Brown and had a talk and set up now and learned more about the system, I was ignorant at the start of the meeting. I learned how it worked his opinions. Essentially, the issue is everyone reports what they do to all of us at the meeting. It's hard to get a detailed clarification. We talked about obligations like chairs reporting to the president and then to Pat Brown. The Lynx itself has a function to report hours and describe your hours. Now you can go post what did you do on October 18, so the hope is to have an addendum to the operations manual for all of you to approve on November 9 stating that Chairs and the Vice President and the President would report to the lynx their hours and what they did.

Chair Mallea: to add on, another aspect is what are the duties for the Vice President and the President over the summer. Within this addendum, we have a list of about 36 senior administrators and deans, people around campus that the executive board, the President, Vice President, and Treasurer, should they decide to work here, they really should be talking to and establishing relationships with during the summer time. Hopefully there will be more clarity for what they have to do over summer to receive compensation. If you have input shoot me an email or ask questions now.

Open the Floor for Questions

Speaker Chevrier: Would you be defining minimum or maximum number of hours? Is there a threshold?

Chair Mallea: We haven't discussed that yet. Do you think there should be minimum or maximum hours? Some chairs are literally working below minimum wage with amount we get paid with time we put in. Basically I can show you the section on the lynx but under each page they have what you call service hours. We had our Lynx presentation with Jess tonight on how to use the lynx and improve Finance. The service hours portion is where clubs can report time for service hours. It's a great method to self-report hours you are working and put the burden on chairs for more self-reporting. And the finance committee saying what did you do this week? The committees can keep you in check and exec in check.

Senator Mason: I think that's a great idea and a good start. It's really important and I applaud that. I was wondering, do you have a set thing on your radar, how do you handle it if your chairs don't have their committee meetings that week or if they missed an exec meeting?

Chair Mallea: I think that's playing into the attendance policy. We can look into if chairs are missing exec meetings not fulfilling their duties. But also, we understand that every chair can't make every single meeting all year, so maybe they can make up for it by sending a representative from their committee for that meeting. A lot of things chairs should be doing varies from committee to committee. Finance is busy Sunday night through Wednesday because we have to approve requests and email clubs signers about them. If I have to email 17 different clubs signers it takes up my whole morning. Student Activities is working all week and it just depends on what your committee is doing and it's hard to establish, well you have to do this on this day and attend all these meetings without being specific to the committee.

Senator Sadeghi: In terms of stipends, I think it's ridiculous that we have so many meetings where this keeps surfacing over and over again. And exec with their pay, making a list, that's ridiculous, next will we have to raise our hands and ask to go to the bathroom? I feel like students have voted us into these positions and they have enough responsibilities that they know who to talk to and what to do and we should let them carry out their business.

Chair Mallea: I will have to decline to agree, I feel like you are put in this position wondering 'what am I supposed to do?' With the President it is less clear is this worth my stipend? Our overall goal is to structure guidance to the positions. It is more of just a guideline of what you could be doing.

Senator Benner: I have a question I was not able to ask earlier for the Bill Allocating Funds to the Figure Skating Team. You mentioned that every two years the club has to do a new program and they have to match their uniform to fit the program?

Chair Mallea: This is unique to the figure skate team. They compete in competitions where they have their program. Last year they skated to Celine Dion, excuse me, this year is Celine Dion and last year was Mission Impossible for two years. Their uniforms match their program and black and silver don't match Celine Dion. We understand this seems silly but it is really important to them. It's like an athlete not getting the right balls or pads to throw on the field.

Student Activities:

Chair Adams: Well friends, we got a new club request on Friday. Dominions, it's a new group they want to do a literary magazine similar to Vantage Point. There was an article in *The Cynic* a while ago. She dropped off everything that she needed to. They are revising a constitution and it will hopefully be coming up soon, not in emergency business. Badminton is still in risk management, eventually we will vote on them. My committee also met with Jess on how we can benefit from the lynx. Unfortunately her laptop died 6 minutes in due to the lengthy finance presentation. We work with lynx a lot and will see how it can benefit us and club signers. As we get more and more clubs that we are legally obligated to approve, the slices of pie get smaller and smaller. This is why it's good to enforce the rules give money to clubs that follow rules and go to workshops. Otherwise they get into club signers SGA. We are still looking into putting the clause into each constitution in regards to membership which is a paragraph a lot of colleges are having about no discrimination based on race or gender unless it's a title 9 thing. We are recommending to new clubs that they adopt this on their own at this time. Senator Lober, myself and President Mensah stopped by the Graduate Student Senate meeting and they are doing priority stuff. Issues for them were housing and also graduate student compensation. They want to be paid more, which is interesting because they walk the line between staff member and student and a lot of undergrad money goes to them and they receive compensation. Thank you for passing the bill. I'm sorry if people were pressured in voting for it. My understanding was that Vice President Maciewicz was unwilling to wait to send the letter. I think it's important that it comes from the body and not from exec.

Open the Floor for Questions

Chair Nelson: Point of Clarification: do you know what they get paid, grad students?

Chair Adams: I think it depends on what they do. TA's are paid differently than if they work for student life.

COLA:

Chair Morgan: How can you put yourself on the speaking order before it's open and skip the COLA report? I'm not happy. This is our last week of voter registration as the last day is October 27. We only have Wednesday and Friday. If you haven't registered, tell people to go from 11 to 12 in front of the Mansfield room. We still have some snazzy Tees, I think we are out of buttons though, which is upsetting. The Student Neighborhood Initiative Grant application is still online and I don't want to look at the number of applicants because I'm afraid it's not a good number and I'm upset. I'm trying to work hard on getting more of the word out have an ad on the Davis Center TVs and meet with clubs and people disposed to applying. Senator Fitzgerald and I make a sign to hang on the stairway, maybe we will get a competition with PR, to get people to apply. I had a meeting with the Veteran Affairs Committee talking about the Veteran's Day memorial. I will go into what will happen at UVM. SGA is hosting the Veteran's Day celebration

from 9-11 in Billings North Lounge. It is open with UVM's ROTC and color guard coming to present the flag. Richard Cate is coming to speak. The veteran's panel will be consisting of veterans from off campus and on campus. Chris Lucier is going to speak, he was in the army and wanted to speak. 3 more people from the Burlington area wanted to speak, one read a poem last year and that was well received. 3 students are going to speak. Shauna is going to speak and a member of her Veteran's Collaboration Organization Committee. We have letters to read from Senators Leahy and Sanders and Peter Welch and Governor Douglas has something to read. SGA made a video of thanks last year, it was basically just students saying thank you, it was really moving. Maybe next week, I am going to bring thank you cards in and I would like you to sign them. If you are opposed to that, let me know. It will just say thank you for your services. I think that's important that they see students and off campus people coming together to celebrate. I have a meeting with Oliver when he comes back from vacation tomorrow, we are working on getting some food for the event. Good feedback in that meeting today and UVM communications is going to come and televise the event because Chris Lucier talked about wanting to show the video somewhere. We're pumped and glad it's working well. I got a hold of Burlington Police and due to a homicide in the past week they are really busy so this is on the back burner until that settles down, that seems fair, sorry for putting that off. Something to pass out from OSCR. They are working on finding students to go to the off-campus living workshops. Off-campus students are on a panel so they are looking for people to sit on that. There are four dates for that. Thursday November 4, Wednesday November 10, Wednesday November 11, and Thursday December 2. The dates and times are on this sheet, if you are willing to serve. Generally, the Chair of COLA sits on that but I can't because I don't live off campus. I wanted to gauge interest in having an invite a legislator day. I have a good relationship with a legislator in Montpelier and want him to follow me around and see what I do at UVM from day to day. How many would actually want to participate in something like that? So I guess we'll be doing that before break so that would be a short window of time so I will be mobilizing on that and also a quick city council update. Last week someone asked me, it was Senator Lederer-Plaskett, shutting down 18+ nights and as of October, 1 Lift and other clubs can't have 18+ club nights. From what I've read and heard, it was a complete surprise. It was something they passed years ago to the police to monitor bars and clubs and it was to a point beyond what they could handle and decided to shut it down. The owner of lift and a couple other people came in and said they had lost about 40% of business from this. It will come back keep everyone updated on that.

Open the Floor for Questions

Chair Adams: I read an article in *The Cynic* about Burlington police being abusive of power and was wondering where that is coming from and is there any merit?

Chair Morgan: I think it was about tickets and students. I sent the article to Deb Morrison and we can talk about this later when she's done dealing with the homicide. I'm sure that students feel this way, you're loud I can give you one. There is clearly some miscommunication. It would be great to make students aware of how they operate. Everyone hates the police because they can levy a ticket or bust you for sitting on your porch at the wrong time. We are looking into opening lines of communication.

Senator Corkins: Do you have a tally of the number you have registered?

Chair Morgan: I think it's like 45.

Chair Nelson: Thank You for the link about CSU. Have you looked into that more?

Chair Morgan: It's on the back burner for us, probably after Thanksgiving break I want to dive into it some more. I meant to send out, I have a slideshow, I can probably send it out tonight. We want to have a party registration pilot program. It might be too far in advance but we were thinking of Redstone 2 as the place for the pilot program. It's a great place to start it. People will

gravitate towards there to party and we can see how that works I think It would be a great place to start but we won't get to it for a couple weeks.

Senatorial Forum

Speaker Chevrier: I'm embarrassed about starting before COLA. I want to get into a few different things. I'm against an increase of the student activities fee. We are being very hypocritical if we do that. We've said before said again, and former Vice President Ash said to the Board of Trustees that she was against any increase in fees and students didn't want to pay. In wake of everything that happened it's necessary that UVM has one big health center but that was shut down because Vice President Ash said that no student wanted an increase in fees. We're saying, except we want an increase in fees. If we want to say fees are good we can say that and we should have a \$300 fee added for health building. If not, we should figure something out. Maybe chairs should get \$50 instead of \$65. It's not as much as increasing the fee but it would probably be a lot. I'm really tired. Also, I know especially this week and over the listservs that there has been a lot of people feeling personally attacked. I was one of them last week. I felt horribly personally attacked and cyber bullied over senate and exec listervs and through private texts people were sending suggesting I questioned Treasurer Salsgiver's stipend and this could have been avoided if you stood up and asked if I have excluded her. You could have saved all of that by asking instead of going onto a full out rage and attack that fake legislation. It would be helpful for me and for the body and personally deal with frustrations spurring out of things. Also, I real quick, I noticed that a lot of time people forget that they are on the speaking order and then I call them and then people forget that I call them next but a lot of people forget that they are on the speaking order with like long things we were talking about. I always do it in order of when I see you.

Senator Mason: I agree with the student increase fee kind of thing from a student point of view with tuition increase in general. Maybe a cutback in our organization, I think exec gets like 200 dollars and that's like a whole semester of work-study for a student. Chairs, regarding emails sent after last meeting I felt that it was a little heated and heard from others who went to exec that it was even worse with the cattiness. That's not professional and sending emails back and forth is hard and the way that you interpret them is sometimes different than from face to face contact and sending things over email thread is a cowardly way to go about any situation. I would prefer not sending those things on the listserv. It creates the gossip and we are trying to get rid of the gossip and those catty emails create it and it's a waste of time. It happened with reading that resolution that came up and other people's emails and I heard exec's were worse.

Senator DeVivo: So about the student activities fee, I know we are adamant with what Vice President Ash did last year about not increasing fees and we all can agree on that. As much as no one wants tuition and fees to go up, I want to make sure we aren't forgetting our obligation to provide the clubs the services they need. We are adding more and more clubs and it's hard to determine who is more important. I have full faith that Treasurer Salsgiver and Chair Mallea and the Finance committee as a whole will look as objectively as we can with whatever we find. We will look into it and don't want to increase fees.

Senator White: I want to respond to *The Cynic* article. It's really great and I was impressed that someone from Coca Cola came out and took time to do this. I wanted to point out that what he's responding to is killer coke. I feel like they axed everything that they are talking about. Again when we tabled the idea that the environmental impact of having a whole crapload of plastic bottles on campus. I think that we should let this article in the cynic derail Coke.

Chair Nelson: There are two things. I wanted to apologize, my committee report was scatter brained. Maybe I'll write something and send it out when I'm in a fresh state of mind. I want to make sure you have access to the right information. Aside from that, I gathered some fun quotes from about advising which is a big issue and I think it's going to be part of S-cubed. These are some quotes "I gave 8 months of my life to that man and he can't even meet with me for advising

help” “I had a strong connection with my advisor and then he couldn’t be mine anymore” “My advisor has no interest in what I’m doing” “my advisor doesn’t even know how to do a cats audit” “I’m graduating this year and I still haven’t met my advisor yet, but I know his secretary very well” “if I find out I can’t graduate on time I am not putting one more cent into this university” nod your heads if you are frustrated with advising. That’s an issue.

Chair Mallea: I have a few things I need to address. David mentioned in his report that we are looking for a Socially Responsible Investing Working group member. It’s an important position, I held it my first and second year. It’s a 2-year position. It was probably one of the most rewarding experiences because it catapulted me into leadership positions and knowing some of the administration. It advises the Board of Trustees to what they should invest or divest in for their funds. If you are interested in anything to do with socially responsible investing you should do this. It’s not a huge time commitment but it does require you to meet bi-monthly and do a little bit of research. You should definitely look into it and let me know if you are interested. An update on the new dean for the Business School. We finished conducting interviews and narrowed to a couple candidates, they all look really promising, there will be a new dean soon. As far as what Speaker Chevrier and Senator DeVivo are saying. I can see both sides and both make a valid point. I also forgot to mention in my report when speaking with Pat Brown that we can increase the activities fee. A suggestion he had would be to pair it with the increase or decrease in tuition. If you have a 6% increase each year its more than a \$3 increase per year. It may not be the most appropriate way to do it. We can think of some creative strategies to increase or decrease the fee but we still add so many clubs every year and how do you distinguish between what clubs are getting what? If you have any creative suggestions let me know.

Chair Monteforte: I agree with Senator DeVivo, it’s important that we understand the economy and supply and demand. I want to update you all on the Brennan’s thing. I’ve been working with UVMtv and working to create a better program. Perhaps maybe having like a scheduled meeting thing when there are people around to talk about this. Not a randomly thrown together thing but we’re trying to make improvements on that.

Senator O’Brien: To continue on what Chair Mallea was saying on the committee for Socially Responsible Investment and how we are all related and university’s investment plan dots from where our dollars going to say in war profiteering and apartheid across the world. Senator Sadeghi and I went last spring and it was definitely interesting. Also I just wanted to expand upon idea of the coke bottle we have a background so far we can repaint it and basically just behind the coke bottle there will be a few different slots or one slot, and have little post-its and a paper and a pen and you can slip it in there like a Santa’s mailbox kind of thing. Good feedback, thank you. Basically that’s another thing I want to say, is to gauge the interest of senators. I will be free tabling and talking about coke. It’s sometimes disappointing to pass around a list of times for people to table and we’re all busy and have stuff going on. It’s just to gauge interest ahead of time. We will be interest and in reality if you know when we do have a tabling, I don’t want you to think we’re just sitting there, we’re being proactive and talking to students to see in reality who would be interested in that. Feedback on my take is that we each as senators have opinions that we can debate and we represent students and in discussions we are trying to spark student dialogues. Besides the sign talking to them in some light, it’s most appropriate to leave our opinions maybe perhaps we have an opinion so why bother answering dialogues? We are here to get feedback and voice some opinions we may not agree with that’s the whole point of the outreach an increased visibility of SGA and another reason to engage students and have the facts down and maybe get some emails and spark the debate.

Senator Sadeghi: 3 things, I want to keep it short don’t keep it going. As our speaker said, we are passing a resolution in regards to healthcare with a psychiatric focus. There is a problem with healthcare being cost effective. This isn’t going to be cost effective to student’s pockets or allocate this money for this. We are writing bills and talking the talk but not walking the walk. In regards to following up with Senator O’Brien to focus on the BDS movement. Boycott and divesting Sanctions. A few faculty members on the faculty senate has been discussing this

boycotting divestment sanctions. In regards to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, some ISO community members have had two meetings so far. Hopefully more student leaders will get involved. The idea so far is to collaborate ideas to end illegal occupation and have equal rights to Palestinian citizens. The right to return to their homes as stipulated by United Nations. We want to raise awareness whether it's the apartheid situation, or Sudan profiteers, we are trying to bring student awareness to campus. My final point is to the Committee on Socially Responsible... the Board of Trustees committee. What I've heard is that this committee is more of a joke, it just dismantles student activism. A student cannot voice their opinion in sit ins or a protest on the green. This is a way to suppress the student voice and having them show they are focusing on this.

Chair Mallea: Point of Information: There are student groups coming and making recommendations so I don't see how that's dismantling the student voice,

President Mensah: 2 quick things. In regards to certain job descriptions and job titles. I would just urge folks to go to constitution and reread through that. My first year on senate there were issues, not issues, but misclarifications with jobs. So just going back through and getting a firm understanding of the constitution. I myself and other chairs are open to having a conversation about what we do on a daily basis, how many emails I get. Already people are thinking about running for my job in the spring and what that consists of. Sometimes its going out to have tea with folks and talking about what the requirements are of the presidential position and different other positions. To get an understanding of that. I've been emailing folks on exec and let us know what we're doing and we can continue to talk about that. I loved the fact that we are now talking about student activities increase it's going to be of those things that is a necessary evil at different times and stages. Different years when the budget does have to go up for students and this might be one of those years. When you think about it, the student activities fee doesn't even go to pay just for the 150 clubs. We have 3 professionals that work in the office and they get paid form the SGA budget that comes from the student fee and there's also the new trucks and vans for clubs that have to be purchased. Also office updates like this year's office renovation. Those are also paid through the budget for SGA and those are things to student activities but also things that go around to making sure the office is running and being up to date.

Chair Adams: Real quickly I guess I want to touch a little bit on what happened last week on the listserv and general trends on exec. In general there has been a lack of trust and respect and I do see where it comes from. Se were all elected and appointed. I also think its important when you disagree a) with an open mind and b) appropriately. I've never been yelled at like I was today and I just would hope that in the future this body does a lot to avoid those situations in the future.

Speaker Chevrier: I just wanted to quickly give an opinion. I think it's half and half that the renovations from the building comes from the building fund and retained earnings. Last I checked which was before I checked there was something like 30,000 extra dollars and 100s were spent on photos and renovations and we should not include that money in the SGA budget. Most of it is from the years and years of student building fees.

Vice President Maciewicz: I hate to keep bringing it up. I will just apologize to the senate for being a little heated before and to Chair Adams because I think she was indirectly referring to me. I did express extreme frustration and yelled and slammed my office door. It was inappropriate. I am still furious because I feel I was deliberately misrepresented and disrespected. However, I should have used my professional judgment to act calm and collected. I am 21 years old and should not be yelling and slamming doors but at the same time, people on this body including Chair Adams have disrespected me and the letter that I wrote was only with the best intentions behind it and I hope that the resolution that we did pass will do a lot of good things that might come from it. It has endless potential. I do apologize for any uncomfortable conversations and thanks again for passing the legislation.

Senator Sadeghi: I think it's good for everyone. I'm appalled, you were on the committee for 2 years one of the professors brought a divestment plan and the Board of Trustees subcommittee basically just ran him around. What has come out of this committee as a result of this there are new limits. You can't have a protest exceeding a certain number and its limitations on student voice and activism

Chair Mallea: If I may kindly respond, I was speaking to my own experience it was a great experience. It was over a year ago so there was a year gap. The time that I saw was that students would come in and make recommendations and bring forth ideas and bring them to us and up to the Board of Trustees. It was a great opportunity. Whatever your thoughts are on divestment, I encourage you to go towards the position.

Senatorial Comments/Announcements

President Mensah: A couple of quick things, coming up in 2 weeks it's part of the boulder society, which if you don't know is a male honor society on campus, I am in it. One of the things we are doing is trying to bring recognition to the day that the university was founded which was November 3. It's called Founders Day or Charter Day. There is an event that is going to be from 11-2 in front of the catamount to bring back student spirit. The first 300 students that show up and are wearing the university colors, green and gold or yellow, will get a new mug. The mugs look really awesome and it would be great if you can start spreading the word about that. It is backed by the President's office and sponsored and The Boulder Society and IRA and also SGA is getting involved and it's a great thing. We're partnered with Sodexo to have hot coffee and hot chocolate and maybe some apple crisp in there because people like that. If you want a new mug and the senior administration will be there, President Fogel and Derr and Gustafson and getting a mug is a great way to interact with them.

Senator Vitagliano: On October 27 at 3pm there is a webinar, which is a seminar over the web if no one knew that, at the Allen house. The theme is LGBT climate issues that are found in the community and among students in educational settings. We are going to look at academic needs for students in the LGBTQA community and within the realm of that still providing welcoming safe environment. With the increase of the issues that have been going around university in the country it's really important. This is open to all students to be able to go. Usually there is an \$85 registration fee but this will go to everyone. Again it's October 27 at 3pm in the Allen House.

Senator O'Brien: I want to reemphasize the importance of registering to vote. Representative Ram was saying that there a lower rate of voting for our age group we are embarrassing the next generation I don't follow politics as much as I should, but we should all be voting. Everyone vote if you can.

Chair Adams: OSCR is having a meet your neighbor day. Usually they bring a bunch of kids up. It used to be a Halloween thing, I don't know if it will be this year because it's kind of early. But it's a really fun way to hang out with families and meet your Burlington neighbors.

Senator Sadeghi: Sunday at 4:00 in the Davis Center Atrium BDS is having an open dialogue for speaking about the Israeli-Palestinian and to raise awareness of it.

Senator Katz: I'm trying to go to Washington D.C. for the Rally to Restore Sanity. However, I currently do not have a ride down there. If anyone knows of someone that is going to the rally and may have an extra seat in their car, I would really appreciate if you would send me their information or pass that along to them. Thank you guys.

Roll Call

Finance: All Present

Student Activities: Senator Golfarini, excused

COLA: Senator Fitzgerald, excused

CODEEE: All Present

Student Action: All Present

Public Relations: All Present

Academic Affairs: Senator Lober, Senator Filstein, excused

Adjournment

End Time: 10:31p