



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 2010
THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE 2010-2011 SENATE

Call to Order

Start Time: 7:04

Roll Call

Finance: All Excused

Student Activities: Senator Golfarini, Senator Mason, excused

COLA: Senator Katz excused, Senator Sadeghi, unexcused

CODEEEE: All Present

Student Action: Senator Willis, excused

Public Relations: All Present

Academic Affairs: All Present

Approval of the Minutes

From 10.19.10 - Passes

Public Forum

Chris Pearson, Vermont State Representative Candidate

Chris: Hello everyone, it's nice to see you all dressed up, I wish the legislature did a costume night. A lot of you know me, I'm a Progressive and I have served in the legislature. I'm trying to go back. David Zuckerman is retired so there is now an opening. There are two votes for this seat so there's a good chance it will be Keshia Ram and myself, that's what I'm hoping for. As a Progressive, I look to step apart, not make empty promises and take baby steps. When you look at issues like Climate Change, Renewable Energy, Healthcare, Wages, there is work to do. I personally am particularly motivated by climate. I worked for Bernie Sanders and try to find money from a job and still be able to have some impact. I have a lot of ideas and I have a lot of energy. Since I've been in the legislature before I have a good relationship with a lot of people so I'm ready to go in and push forward. I need your help and your vote, if you vote here in Burlington. Tomorrow is the deadline to register to vote for this election. I can register you tonight if you want to get in touch with me. I guess I'll leave it at that. As a Progressive, this district has been very strong for progressives and students have been a big part of that. There are Progressives in the city government and when I originally ran as a Progressive I thought it would be a handicap. I've actually found the opposite that it's a level of independence that can allow me to forge different relationships and speak up a lot offer a lot of amendments. A lot of people say, Chris thank you for saying that. There is a real reluctance for them to push their leaderships and a lot fall in line but want to go further. I just saw your moustaches. Real role for those independent voices. Progressives have 6 elected people in Montpelier, which is more seats for a third party than any other state by far. UVM and this neighborhood have been a part of that from the beginning.

Open the Floor for Questions

Senator Filstein: What committee were you on the first time you were elected?

Chris: I was on Government Operations, which was great as a beginner because you get the whole overview of all of the state departments. They deal with election issues and things I have experience with. Does everyone know about redistricting? That's happening in 2011 and the speaker is likely to want a balance of Republicans and Democrats and probably one Progressive. I would rather work on healthcare or tax policy but I probably will be back there for the next year because of my experience.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: Thank you for coming in. I was just wondering, personally, as a self-proclaimed Progressive, how you feel with Dubie being strong in the polls and rising, where do you stand on the issue, he is known as pro-life, where do you stand on women's access?

Chris: I couldn't be more pro-choice. There is no Progressive running for governor. We have run people in the past but we are strategic. This year we have chosen to endorse Shumlin. We decided a year ago that if the democrat endorsed Single-payer, decommissioning Vermont Yankee and Economic issues we would endorse them. Shumlin is very strong on Vermont Yankee and healthcare. Progressives play a role to stretch the debate to a more people oriented center and away from the extreme right wing. Dubie could win, it's close and we need people voting for Shumlin. He has my and Progressive support.

Senator Filstein: Do you see yourself more as a Teddy Roosevelt or a Woodrow Wilson?

Chris: Teddy was good at trust busting and had a good vision. We've parted from this role of regulating big corporations. If you look at our country, we have the most extreme gulf between the wealthiest and the most of us. It's wider than its ever been and certainly the largest in the world. That's a big source of our tension in the economy. I like TR's vision of holding corporations accountable. Corporations come before boards like this one and ask to have a public charter and it happens over and over again. Look at the news corporations, they are not serving the public good.

Senator Burns: Thanks for coming. Marijuana reform is something that may come up in Burlington. Whether that does get legalized at city level what is your stance on it?

Chris: I support legalization; it's not on the ballot because we failed to get enough signatures. It probably will come up on the ballot in March. It is just an advisory and doesn't actually change the law. I have been at the forefront for pushing for strong medical marijuana laws. Because of Progressives, it got through, Dave Zuckerman got it through in a Republican government. I think its stupid for people to get arrested because smoking a plant that is, in my opinion, less harmful than alcohol. We spend money on the police, courts, and jails for a plant. That's pretty stupid. We aren't going to legalize it any time soon but we might decriminalize it. That would make it a civil fine, like a parking ticket. 40% of men in prison and 60% of women in prison are there for nonviolent crimes. It costs over \$50,000 per person per year to keep them in prison. What's out of state tuition for you here? \$45,000 with everything? We should spend more sending people to college than keeping them in jail.

Wanda Heading-Grant, Chief Diversity Officer

Wanda: Hi, thank you for having me and Kofi for inviting me. My goal and intent is to introduce myself so you know who I am. I will start with saying that although I am the Chief Diversity and work with a lot of groups, I know some folks here, but not a lot. I've been at the university for 20 years and graduated from here as an undergraduate many years ago. So I have been here in various capacities, my last role was as Associate Vice Provost for Multicultural Affairs. This was focused a lot around faculty and the curriculum, particularly for education. Prior to that, in terms of this, my role in the college of education and social services. So I have a lot of history in this community, I've been here for 26 years and at the university for almost 20 years. That has been an interesting perspective on multiculturalism and diversity issues and I invite the university to take advantage of that. I hold title as Chief Diversity Office but that's actually a shortened

version, it is the Chief Diversity Officer and Special Assistant to the President for Multicultural Initiatives. As I have transitioned from the Provost's assistant to the President's office, about 70% of my responsibilities have stayed the same. I have picked out a few things that I do to share with you. One is that this university came into ranks in terms of hiring a chief diversity officer. Some would argue that was my role as the Associate Provost but that did not get articulated in that way or sense, we didn't have that. I will say we didn't fully have that. By hiring me into that role, what they did was take my responsibilities that I had about the curriculum and retention rates and other issues and combine them with overseeing some key entities on campus. The offices that I'm responsible for are the ALANA Student Center, the LGBTQ center, the Center for Cultural Pluralism, the Outreach program, also the Women's Center and a number of groups that work loosely with the president's commissions and the issues they focus on. Those in and of themselves keep me busy. The other piece in terms of what I do is that some of the stuff that you possibly pay attention to that I worked on formally say if you don't know about it, it's through myself and student life that we are going to have Student Action here and that's one thing I do. In terms of seeing the pieces, I coordinate the university in the MLK celebration. It's a celebration of education and a learning week. It's important to remember Dr. King but also to remember his message. In the past few years we did it in partnership with other entities. If you remember Soledad O'Brien and other speakers that come in. We have opportunities for classroom situations in which faculty can enhance the syllabus in terms of students going to events. Religious pluralism can tie in with scientific racism and a speaker who comes in can compliment multicultural education. Cornel West will be the MLK speaker this year, if you don't know who he is, Google him, he's a powerful speaker. The other thing I want to mention in terms of things that I did and will do is this piece that's called, are you familiar with Angela Davis, she was on campus this year and she was part of Black Board Jungle before that. Originally, it was about faculty and professional development and helping the faculty navigate the complex classroom of today. The classroom today doesn't look like what it did when I was in school, when my mother attended school, when my grandmother attended school. As well I oversaw the 6-credit diversity requirement and the transition of curricular affairs but in 3.5 years oversaw 6 diversity in implementation to the curriculum. Part of blackboard jungle was for faculty experiences in the classroom to make sure they are welcoming and are they safe? what's the distribution of information? I shared those with you, on November 9, people may see my name and see events and who or what is behind it and often I'm behind it along with someone I partner with. I keep saying partners because part of my role is to partner with the senior leaders of the faculty, staff and students in a way that allowed for us to align our priorities and goals for diversity in terms of what is really happening in the university at every level. The administration that we have seen around diversity is good. I want to be clear about this, I don't hire or fire people. That involves students and I can't do that job by myself. It is the chairs and deans that hire people. I can talk about multiculturalism all I want but they have to be on board and embrace it like I do. When we talk about what are you going to do say, what are you going to do. I will end with asking that I hope SGA would be one of my partners and work closely with me when I came here. In the past when I met with other leadership of SGA I worked with them. They included me in retreats and orientations and am happy to be involved in any way that I can be helpful. I need partners to make this happen in terms of diversity at UVM.

Open Floor for Questions

Senator Doran: This may seem oddly specific but you said that you were involved with an Abenaki outreach group and I was wondering what kind of issues that dealt with?

Wanda: So a little bit about the Abenaki Outreach Program, it focuses on the Missisquoi Valley High School so the person, Ken Mascell, who reports to me, serves in this capacity but also as an advisor and guidance counselor. The role and goal is to work with high school students and help them prepare themselves for higher education they want to attend and help in terms of community that at one particular time that graduation rates were really, really low this year and the numbers came out that not only did they get off the list in terms of no child left behind but in terms of boosting numbers, they have tripled the numbers of Abenaki graduating. This is a program that

UVM supports. It's about education and getting student to graduate from high school and see that higher education is an opportunity for them that is the most successful in the broader community. I can speak to that, I have some ideas but not as a representative for that, but that's what that program does in the school system.

Chair Adams: I understand you are partnering with the Deans, but are there any sort of evaluation of faculty and staff around multicultural issues.

Wanda: Chairs in their annual review are supposed to cover issues during reviews of faculty with the Provost. It's supposed to be the same with the Dean's. There is no total policing of it per se, I hope that's happening and like to remind people to provide tools. There are good opportunities and there are examples of how to do that. Some deans and chairs have excellent idea and others more relaxed. It's a great example of where I feel like where I can work with the provost to make sure that happens. There is more that could be done at that level. I don't think enough is being done around that piece.

Adam Roof and Brian Sozansky, student Board of Trustees members

Adam: Thanks for having us here. We came in today and want to talk to you quickly about what we do who we are a little bit and take some questions or anything else from you guys. I'm Adam Roof, I'm a second year member of the Board of Trustees. I started March 1 of 2009 as a sophomore and my term ends march 1 of this year. I'm a senior, like I said, I graduate in May, if everything goes as planned. I served on the Education Policy and Institutional Resources committee and the Budget, Finance, and Investment committees. Now I spend my time on Board Governance and the Honorary Degree working group. If you want to know more about any of that you can ask what that consists of or there is a lot of great information on the Board of Trustees website.

Brian: I'm a junior here, this is my first year on board. I joined March 1 this year, 2010m and will be on the board through March 2012. I'm on the Budget, Finance and Investment committee and the Audit committee. I do more on the fiscal kind of thing, which is good with my accounting degree. I'm just doing those for right now and I will be looking to do additional ones at the end of this year.

Adam: The Chair is Rob Cioffi, he will assign the second year student member an additional committee or two. The board breakdown 9 self-perpetuating members, they are private members who vote themselves in every 6 years. A similar group on the board only it's private and composed of legislative trustees who are state representatives and are elected by the state legislature. There are 3 gubernatorial members who are chosen by the governor. President Fogel and Governor Douglas act as ex-officio trustees so that's 25 members, all with equal voting rights. The member count is 25 or whatever quorum is. What the Board of Trustees does is not only get people together like this time every year but are responsible for knowing what is going on and using it in the conversation. Deciding which has the most fiduciary responsibility, which is legal and financial, essentially taking on the interest groups of the university, which are students, faculty, staff, alumni, the administration, and balancing their interests and coming to the best decisions, which is a hard if not impossible task. What we do is try to make the best decision for all. You all have big responsibility at least a section of you selecting my replacement and others after that. The application process is you fill out the application and go through intense reviews and somehow you get lucky and get to sit on the boards. I'll shut up, if anyone has any questions.

Open the Floor for Questions

Chair Mallea: Thank you so much for coming in thank you for taking the time to talk to us. As trustees that are students. I'm the Chair of Board of Trustees selection committee. I guess, what were the aspects that drew you to want to apply for the position and what you think a trustee needs to have to be successful?

Adam: When Jay Taylor was the SGA president and he sent out his weekly, sometimes annoying, emails that the president sends out, I was scrolling through the email and saw the position you could apply for. I'm not sure what the motive was but I knew that was something I wanted to do. I come from a background that if you are going to be a part of something then I feel you should leave it behind with some good. I suppose you have the same motive if you are here in this room. That was an opportunity I saw early on and it worked out for me. As the chair of that selection board, identifying students who want to do it not for themselves but people who do want to sit and say that as a student, they want to be able to honestly say they will leave UVM better than when they showed up.

Brain: I saw a flyer around and was kind of interested. My first question was what is a trustee? I went to the info sessions and the more I understood what the job was the more I wanted to be a part of it and make changes at UVM. I wanted to change the direction and have some kind of impact in a positive way. I love it here at UVM and thought what kind of involvement can I take part in? Board of Trustees sounded really interesting and I wanted to be a part of it and I pursued it as far as I could. I guess to summarize my reason was that I wanted to do something good here at UVM and look at and be able to say I was part of that and helped make that change and direct the university further down the road. I guess in searching for the replacement of Adam, things to keep in mind are finding someone that understands the university and is passionate. Someone who is like yeah, I like UVM or whatever isn't the best choice. Find someone who is proud to be part of a community like this.

Senator Lober: I'm curious if there are any interesting resolutions coming up this meeting?

Adam: There is always something for me, I'm interested in policy-making and in different boards and politics I think everything is important. The most interesting topics, and I should qualify what we're doing. We have 2-year terms. Most members say you have no idea what you are doing until about your 4th term. The time we spend is trying to nail down certain things. A big thing for me is gen ed and the TRI and other things that are widely interesting to me are the student experience. I'm a proponent of reevaluating how we look at student experience and advising. The time spent here on things that I am passionate about may not come to a concrete resolution for 2 or 4 or 8 years. If you'd like to know more there is so much information on the Board of Trustees website about the meetings for this weekend and other things.

Brian: For the discussion, we are looking forward at the budget for UVM in a 10-year perspective. What is our financial going to be? We can't sustain ourselves just on tuition so what is the magic bullet to fix everything and be less dependent on one area of revenue? What other areas can we explore for revenue options. Budget listings of tuition are not addressed but sense of retaining budgets. Capital for maintenance costs are discussed as well.

Senator Lober: I wanted to ask about current thoughts on the TRI prospects and what you would tell a new trustee.

Adam: It's an interesting process and it's difficult to be a student trustee because they want you to be a trustee first then student second and that's impossible because I am a student. They want my experience, they already have experts in policy. Interconnected between them are as a student looking at the TRI, I am interested in the research. I am a political science and English double major and I don't do work in the lab, so the question as a student is what about me? As a trustee, you need to look at it as a strategic item and down the line identify strong points of research that can translate into grants and prestigious faculty and a better educational climate. What I was sure, and as well spoke with Jane Knodell about the process and the whole research thing. What is there if you look at the actual TRI plan is a strong focus on making sure that there is spillover from those research tiers into undergrad education. Look directly into political science department,

probably not directly. Is that a bad thing? No, but it is a good thing for graduate research initiatives.

Senator Filstein: Aside from us being a part of the student trustees selection, how can we enhance our relationship because it seems like we are doing similar things, we have in common and there is not a lot of dialogue. How can we build this relationship and touch on shared governance in talks? A lot of time that doesn't actually happen.

Brain: We could start conversations. I think this is a good step in right direction and talking with SGA is good. So I guess more frequent meetings like these. Probably not every week but if you talk about things in SGA maybe meeting the following week to have a discussion or voice an opinion would be good way to get your feet wet. Kofi ends with his report and if we addressed things here and if that is something collectively SGA wants me to do. Kofi can help with that to understand where you as SGA are coming from and pushing things in to have an understanding of what is on the minds of SGA's senators that would help going forward.

Adam: I agree with all of that and really I think that hit the nail on head. In a community of people like SGA and Staff Council and Faculty Senate who do a lot of work and a lot of the time feel like not all that work is heard in right places. What I am direct individually doing is talking to everybody on the Board of Trustees because that is how we are supposed to be, this information published. Some of the older guys really don't have that much on campus understanding or exposure to campus so they love phone, emails. They will come to me with things I don't really have much experience with. I only have eyes ears and can only understand so much, which is why I encourage you to make direct contact. I tell that to a lot of people.

Brian: To step up on that, one of the members said that several students have made contact regarding something and they do listen and do respond, maybe not immediately, like most professors don't seem to, so something like that does get heard, so don't worry that you will shout on deaf ears. It is discussed and considered in detail.

Adam: The Chair of the governance, sometimes that is a little bit murky and of course our direct letter, it is what it is. It's hard to solve the problems and I'm not an expert on policy making in institutional structure but what I would tie into what both of you just said is that conversations should be able to happen with the administration sitting in. It shouldn't matter, that should happen all the time if you have something to say than bring it up.

Senator Sadeghi: So I know this is a broad topic, but investments, transparency of investments. If the average students want the specifics of the school's money in third parties, is there a place or a person that the student would go to address the information, where the money is invested?

Adam: This is a serious consideration and members do meet and discuss reallocations of funds. An example that I just remembered was an investment in depleted uranium. One group voiced negative opinions towards this and the funds that were there were moved out of there. In the past there were some questionable investments in the cigarette industry. With these questionable investments students voiced their opinions and the board took a step back to look at where investments should be reevaluated and again reallocated to another more acceptable investment, obviously some markets are better than others. Students can voice opinions and make recommendations. They will weigh this with consideration and decide if they find reallocation is necessary.

Brian: The committee uses information and knowledge after hearing a group of student. Rich Cate can also answer questions, he has an office and a phone and an email. If you give him a call or send him a message his secretary will email you back. Go after him. Say hey, I need 10 minutes of your time, show me where all this is. He won't be able to show you exactly where all the money is because there are so many different funds, it's tremendously complex, but I assure

you the intents are well intended with what is going on. People think that shady deals are going on in the back room, I can assure you they're not.

Adam: They are not. Under the subcommittee part of the website you can see the minutes and what is discussed and you can see if proposals are made. Sometimes you won't see the decision that was made but you can see where the debate is and how it stands currently.

Chair Adams: I know you talked about making your mark and with the board decisions that are happening on Friday and Saturday, which ones are going to have the biggest impact on the university?

Adam: I have already been sitting on the board for a year and half or so. Like I said before, these moments are few and far between. A big moment was with baseball and softball last year and a few other big moments, the TRI was one. But things do take a long time and small steps. This is by design from people long ago who set that system up. Although a lot of important things happen in this first meeting, maybe nothing will leave a mark in and of itself but it may make a step towards a larger one. One thing we try to do when the Board of Trustees does have one issue and you can look to see what it is in 4-6 years and the mark we have made through that time. TRI and Gened have changed from last time the TRI came up. We're looking at TRI, Gened, student experience.

Brian: The same thing is true with the 10-year budget plan. It's not firmly implemented, there's no solution out there currently. Currently they are looking at all the costs and benefits of different plans. They are all considered. It's a working process and conversation is a good way to summarize it. A 10 year budget plan looking at 2010, technically the 2011 fiscal year now, and where are we going to be in 2021, 2031. Other things are preferred maintenance and where funds remaining from Jeffords Hall should be allocated and where we want to do x, y, and z. Which options are the best and we can go from there.

WRUV Members

James: We're from WRUV, I'm James Small, I'm the non-student rep from WRUV

Sarah: I'm Sarah Moylan, I'm the Public Relations director

Casey: I'm Casey Starnes, I'm the program director

Andrew: I'm Andrew Seier, I'm the Music Director.

Jenny: And I'm Jenny, I'm the work-study assistant.

James: We came here today to talk about the funding issue that we've been having for a while. We are going to talk about the need to archive music resources. Most of our music is CDs and we would like to be able to be caught up with modern technology. We're behind like 10 years with that item. We need a rather large sum of money, \$9,800 and that is split up into a couple of different things. The ripping process to get 36,000 CDs digitized and archived. That's a huge item. We are trying to cut costs and rip the CDs ourselves and that's just for us just to rip the CDs. That's not including storage. That is going towards a machine to rip all the CDs for us because we've been trying to that by hand but even if we can do 20 CDs a day, which is optimistic, it would take 7 years to get that many CDs digitized. We started 3 years ago because we moved from our old station. All our vinyl went to storage so all we have are CDs at the moment. Our plan is with the digital archive assistant to move the vinyl from back storage and have an archive to access all of our media. This is going to help for web integration. We have live streaming, which is where we have what song is playing at that time, and playlists will be automatic. The future of our music is digital so what we are doing right now is burn all the digital files to a CD, write down what it is put in a CD case which is really inefficient. It will also help

with the costs of CD players, which break every year and are relatively expensive. To have broadcast quality CD players that run 24 hours 7 days a week 365 days a year is a lot of wear. The budget is having access to software that is current that most DJ's use and kind of reducing the income gap between those who can afford digital media software and having it accessible to everyone. It would be a resource for people in the music department who can be trained to use live software. Some DJs have been there for 26 years. I've been here 6.5 as a student DJ. Its great training for people who DJ on the air and to get that information to students to use that as a tool for their music future. That's pretty much my case for it. Just part of the thing too is having access to that wide range of music brings up the level of quality that WRUV has had in the past. RUV has been a well respected station and in the past one of the top 10 in the nation for a quality station. Because we're such small school, to have that quality and level of respect in the U.S. is pretty impressive. That's pretty much my case for the archive system. I also have a breakdown of the cost for each item if you want more details as to what costs what, we have everything like that.

Open the Floor for Questions

Chair Mallea: Point of Information: I'm sorry I was out in the hall talking to the Board of Trustees. I would have introduced that there is a bill coming up tonight under emergency business allocating funds to WRUV and this is what they are speaking to.

Senator Burns: You mentioned that if you get this digital archive system then you would have more of a place for vinyl. Have you considered making the vinyl digital?

Casey: It's definitely a difficult task. With a CD you can rip at 40 times the CD takes to play, it takes no time at all. To digitize a record, it's 1 to 1. If the record is an hour it takes an hour to digitize. There is no mechanical process that I know of that can digitize a record and archive it unlike the CD. You can take a stack of CDs to go through and rip 20 CDS in and that makes the process quicker. When you are taking a vinyl, which is sound superior to the archive, then you are making it less than ideal. Vinyl is well known and used and known to be able to be kept a long period of time, they are made to last over 70 years. That's not a goal for us now. With the amount vinyl we get in a year, the number is shrinking. It's hard to get anything on vinyl anymore, its mostly digital. So for Vinyl what we have is pretty much what we have. It's a great resource for DJs and having that archive to be there and for the DJs have access to it. I don't see us digitizing vinyl. We have talked in the past but CDs are the priority because we are short on space.

Senator Benes: Thanks for coming in, that sounds like a lot of CDs. Can you go through all CDs that you use and you are going to actually play rather than archive all of them? I'd like to hear about that.

Casey: I don't know for how many years but every year we weed through what we don't want. It's a time issue because we have a group of people who are very adamant about having all the music that radios don't have and going through the process of what is really something that no one truly likes, which is kind of questionable, from year to year. When weed stuff out if it's pop, if it's top 40 we go without. We have annual record and CD sales down at Speaking Volumes to sell them off. We still have about 50 CDs that come to the station every week and probably an equal if not more amount of digital albums every week. We physically don't have enough space. We take stuff we weed and archive and all of the extra CDs sit in front of the vinyl so we can't even access vinyl. But we do kind of weed, from all genres, each year.

Chair Adams: Thanks for coming in. I guess to sort of talk about some information on the club little bit. Non-student involvement on WRUV is ok because the argument for it is based on the idea that students are still getting to do the business side and the aspect of managing those DJs. Along those lines, since you are a non-student. What do the students feel? Is that still relevant? Also, you have a very large space in the Davis Center?

Senator Burns: Point of Information: I recently started the training process. The studio is really small and not all of it is sound proof.

Casey: It was not built for a studio or to be a radio station.

Chair Adams: Still, its the largest space allocated to clubs in the Davis Center. My other question is since you still get CDs are you going to have to rip all them digitally? Are you here to oppose the finance committee's allocation or support it? I guess, what do you want from the body?

Casey: We were under the impression that we would have a response at the end of this meeting. We came to...

James: We came to plead our case for allocation. We thought that the amount that we agreed on was just how much it was.

Chair Mallea: Point of Information: I invited WRUV to present their case. We will present a bill in emergency business. In regards to the amount, we chose an amount that Finance feels appropriate. I know its hard not seeing the allocation not in the Emergency Business. I was unclear that they were speaking on public forum.

Casey: For the non-student aspect of WRUV, I would say that more than 75% of our DJs are students and students DJs always get priority over non-students when applying. The important thing that non-students provide is that not many students want to do a 9am-12pm show on Saturday or Sunday when they're doing work or the 6-9 am shift on a weekend. They really help us out. The also provide more knowledge about broadcasting.

James: Also, addressing students who follow the station. Most students have trying to do without having something to organize the music, sometimes it's pretty hard. Most people think this is something we have to do. We should have done something 3 years ago. At the time we were thinking we could try to do this or that and all of those ideas have pretty much failed, so this pushes this has got to get done or we need to move out of the space.

Casey: Also, the way that the issue is working right now gives a serious push towards digital. Having the copies of CDs and digitally burning it to CDs and then played even a few years, it's almost going to be promoters sending stuff digitally and if we have no archive system to allow DJs to use software then we're going to benefit from that. We would be way behind the radio.

Speaker Chevrier: As Chair Mallea said, this is under emergency business. The normal protocol is to propose legislation ahead of time. Tonight we are doing this under emergency business, which suggests that this is time sensitive. Why can't this wait a week?

Casey: It could wait a week, we were invited to speak. Our station manager told us to come to present the issue.

Chair Mallea: Point of Information: This is under emergency business because they came in last week and Finance had a hard time deciding on the total amount until just before this meeting. We are bringing it up under emergency business because they already waited a week. I can move it to new business next week but they're already here so, thank you.

Senator Benner: Thanks for coming in. I'm Lawrence of Arabia, do you have any idea of any data on the number who listen to the station and how that ranks compared with local stations?

Casey: Last March at meeting of the elected new e-board members we administered a survey of our DJs, which was a community for the survey because we listen to WRUV more than others. I can send the stats for that if you want, I'm glad you asked. Of our listeners, 60-75% listen

between 6-10pm. To get to a number of listeners doing Google analytics, it ranges from between 25-30 listeners to later in the night 50-75 minimum. That would be the range.

James: In the past we have had the radio rankings but the last one we had to pay money to have rating given to us. Then were one of the top 5 stations in Burlington. We haven't had data in a while because it costs money to do that.

Senator Cheney: Hey, thanks for having us. About the archive, I was wondering if there could be protections to put the music online for listeners along with a list of songs that were played. Something that could be accessed if you see what was played and then they could play that song.

Casey: We have live streaming which allows you to stream shows. (meeting inaudible – screens being moved) On top of that, having something playing live is a copyright issue. It's something we'd like to be thought a lot about but it's a legal issue and we can't cross that line.

Senator Fitzgerald: how many students are involved in workings of WRUV?

Casey: In total there are 63 slots for on air DJs. 6am – 2am. We have 16 new DJs training. 16 and of those 16, 15 are students one is a community member who works in the disciplinary office at UVM. 79, right. So 79 active, on-air DJs that are coming in to do shows. Trained DJs in total, I would say around 250 at least have been trained within the Burlington communities and could come back. As students, I would say at least 170 are actual students at UVM. That's not an exaggeration.

Senator Sadeghi: You said that 170 is the number. Going back to address the number of listeners per day was 25-75. Are we talking DJs and students involved in the club or listening actively?

Casey: New listeners are both in the car and on the radio as well as those who stream. I'm really interested in this, I can do a breakdown of the data, I'm really into this. We get listeners from all over. Australia, Europe, Canada, Mexico. A couple shows that get deal with Latin Music get listeners from South America.

Senator Sadeghi: It's such a small population of students. If you were in our position, to vote for 10 grand for our club, would you see it fitting as an average student to allocate this when there is such a small need for it? My part of it would be are there any steps being taken to get your club out there more before you get funding.

Casey: We have been doing a lot of PR work. We recently did Waves this summer and books. We've worked with SGA and the thing about RUV is that while it's a radio station we are also actively training students to go on to the community. There is no communication or broadcast degree at UVM. If they want to work for a radio station they can't get raining. Training from WRUV got me a job in the summer. I interned with CBS this summer and WRUV got me there. It gives you professional broadcasting tools to get DJs ready to go to the Buzz or other major stations.

James: DJs that are here now go on to work for the buzz and NPR, VPR, the Free Press. Any media that is out there, WRUV has had DJs that got their training here. That's an extremely small percentage. That our listeners are also the way we broadcast. We were one of the top 5 radio stations in Burlington, that's a very large number for a college station. People listen to radio WRUV and it has the respect of the community for being different and better than standard stations. It's a valuable resource.

Senator Benes: Have you looked into other funding sources? I listen to VPR a lot and they are always canvassing. Have you ever looked into that saying 'do you want to contribute?' You could do this online to get support that way.

Casey: Yes, we are always looking for underwrites but with other economies and the economy is though how and to ask a business for \$250 for underwriting fees is a taxing thing. Actively putting on shows and asking money by these shows. We are putting on the tallest man, waves, beach ball and we are making money. We are trying to raise money. We are just unable to accumulate enough quickly enough to catch up. If 2 years later we don't have the technology to deal with it. When we go to the national radio conference, which we will this year, when we went in Austin we talked to other stations and were amazed by the fact that the involvement student have in station and the produce we broadcast. We are completely independent. Of those 36,000 CDs they are all free. We don't pay for the CDs.

Senator Benes: My second question is would be do you have to rip all of the CDs at once or could you do it over the course of a couple years. Do half first and then go progressively slowly so you don't have to spend \$9,600 at once?

Casey: Yes, we could do that but then again, we have all these CDs and we aren't able to access them. It's like having a ton of cookies and you can only have one each week.

James: I would also like to address the issue by breaking out many topics faced with media, you know, the hard drives. We have this small chunk of the whole piece and the shape of it is not having the media to put on the hard drives.

Chair Adams: Thanks for coming in. To clarify for the body, WRUV is one of the most active clubs on campus. They broadcast 24/7 but more importantly the way they run internally and train is a model for other media organizations. They run a tight ship and are the envy of UVMtv and *The Cynic* and that's a point of information. Aside from that, I believe I have good authority that we are actually tabling this bill but I will yield to chair Mallea.

Chair Mallea: Clearly you guys are not ready for this. I apologize that they came up under public forum, that was a miscommunication. I'd like to take an informal poll to see who would like to table this.

Speaker Chevrier: Point of Information: Even if you choose not to table this I plan to use my power as Speaker and not allow this under emergency business.

Senator Mason: So this whole thing went on for how many minutes for no reason? We just wasted their time and ours. You don't have to agree. They aren't going to get a result to night?

Speaker Chevrier: I will address the first question. This is public forum so anyone is welcome and I asked them if they wanted to speak and that's why here. Some historical background, maybe it is good to be having these conversations a week before voting so that maybe we have more information and then do our due diligence to be following week. Even though this won't be voted on tonight this is still useful information. I am going to use my authority to not allow certain items under emergency business because as they said, this is not time pressing at all. Emergency Business is only for time pressing issues. If they had nationals tomorrow and needed that money, that would be time sensitive and it's hopefully brought up under new business and we can vote next week and be more informed.

Old Business

n/a

Emergency Business

n/a

New Business

Chair Monteforte: Bill Recognizing APO as Club of the Month

Senator DeVivo: Bill Allocating funds to WRUV.

Executive Reports

Speaker Chevrier: So, I this all set up before and then the computers shut down. Because it's Halloween Senate and I've been looking forward to this since I this is my first Halloween senate even though it's my third year. So I spent my night doing this instead of homework. This is only for fun, I don't mean it to be offensive. enjoy. [plays video]. That is not all, actually, because I didn't want to leave people out or have people feel like I was choosing favorites I made a second one, it's different. [plays video]. I'm so glad you liked it. Other quick things. Can chairs write the same things for voting records. Some people write an A and I don't know if that means they abstained or they were absent. If they are absent could you write excused or unexcused. Also, I have no idea if a dash means they abstained or were excused. If you are done that please come talk to me because your voting records are incorrect. That's all I have tonight.

Vice President Maciewicz: Hi everyone, happy Halloween senate. Sorry I didn't dress up, I know, I'm pretty lame like that. Appointments are going well. We will be voting on Chris Juare next week. He couldn't be here tonight because he is transitioning out of his old job to be free on Tuesdays. I won't be here so Senator Vitagliano will be managing the bill bringing him up for appointment. So we heard from the Board of Trustees today and I wanted to let everyone know that President Mensah and I looking for one more member to that board. It has to be an off-campus senator, I hope this inspired one of you. Being on the board is an awesome opportunity and I'm surprised more people are not wanting to be on it. Please do. Jess and I are working on some galaxy changes. We are getting more signs and a map and putting up some pictures and it's pretty cool looking and on the way. For Student Representatives we are close to filling all campus seats. It's an uphill challenge, I know I annoy you a lot, but I did want to mention to you all that I filled an important one this week. It's the representative to the socially responsible investment. Chair Mallea was on the Advisory Committee to the President and the board on matters of good investment like we talked about. We unfortunately to retract the appointment of the person who held the seat and Alma Arteaga to that seat through May 2012. The Board of Trustees meeting is this weekend. I forwarded all the materials to the listserv. If you would like for your committee representatives, I can print the materials and make you a binder. If you would like to know what's going on, I have ordered a board book. It's on Jess' desk for perusal to see the reports, it will be up during business hours. Feel free to browse. As a private student and issue I have been researching is the Red Cross. If you haven't been around for a while, this was a big issue a few years ago surrounding their policies about donations from gay men. We made an agreement about them giving training to their employees since they will be on campus. I invite anyone who is interested to preview that information and make you feel comfortable as community member. I will send more about that. The letter and the Resolution on Psychiatry was emailed late Friday and I forwarded Fogel's response. Jane Knodell has sent out a statement and required professors to read it this week specifically about suicide. What we say does matter. We will be having an SGA holiday party in the galaxy space. It's an open invitation to all senate and club members and Davis Center employees. It will be just a winter holiday party to celebrate all the good work we have been doing this year. There will be food from 4-7 and it will be the week after thanksgiving. It should be cool, there will be food, it's a good chance to introduce ourselves. Also, last thing. I won't be here next week, I'll be gone Friday to Wednesday. You can access me by phone and email. I will be working but I will be in Philadelphia a doing Get out the Vote for the election. I will send you all a report on Tuesday but I won't be in the office until Thursday morning. Since this is the last time I can talk during the meeting I think that the conversation about WRUV was frustrating not because it wasn't valuable but because it went on too long and funding clubs is valuable. It's what Finance does, it's their main focus. We control a budget of 2 Million dollars. Sometimes we get caught down on the issues before us instead of searching for new initiatives. We spent almost 35 minutes talking about scanning CDs, which is important, but we could have

debated something to do with student body that they are concerned about. It's good to hold clubs accountable but take a minute and make sure you aren't focusing on issues placed before you but to place issues in front of you that they care about. Students care about WRUV, but 35 minutes, that's about 25% of our time. That's not important enough to deserve 25% of our time. We represent students' views and this is a big club that has a lot of money. We need to focus on students that are marginalized and not represented on this body and don't participate in a technology club that big. Seek out all views and think of creative new ways to do this. Have a happy and safe Halloween and I'll see you next week.

Open the Floor for Questions

Senator Benes: Is there a way we can add a provision to the constitution call to thank our guests and end the discussion, I don't know how appropriate that is. Sometimes when we have been asking questions and senators think we can move on now but it's hard because we keep getting questions.

Vice President Maciewicz: Feel free to tell your representative on the Constitution Committee. I'm not sure that's the best idea but we can discuss that.

Speaker Chevrier: That's why I was doing the time limits on certain things. I didn't get a chance to talk to WRUV before hand because they were not originally on the speaking order so I did not set a time limit.

Senator White: As far as student blood donation stuff, is there any kind of movement afoot to work with them on that policy? I think that's discriminatory especially when the university should be crying out against it.

Vice President Maciewicz: I would love someone to seek that out. The back-story was that in 2007 when Kofi, Speaker Chevrier and I were here, so all the seniors on SGA voted on a resolution to remove from campus and it lost by one vote. We signed a memorandum that they would work on ways to be more inclusive to stay on campus. They didn't follow them at all and I called them out on it last year as chair of CODEEE. No one is doing much with it. I would advise you to talk to the Affirmative Action Office on Presidential commissions and would love one of you to take that on as an issue. It's not much on the table anymore but it's still very important to a lot of students.

President Mensah: Good evening senate, some of you are looking really festive it's really great. I didn't dress up as much but I kept with festive colors. To echo Vice President Maciewicz with the Red Cross issue. It was a hot topic in the fall of 2007. Right behind where PR is there were tons of people that gathered around to make a stand against the American Red Cross and let them know that that clause in their policy that says that men that sleep with other men can't give blood and have them remove that or remove them for campus. It has died over the years and if anyone is interested I would suggest connecting with LGBTQ. Dot Brauer is the director and she was one of the most vocal advocates when the resolution came up about 2 years ago. That was an interesting debate that happened. Things that happened on my end this week, I have been a tad bit busy. I met with Jess in the past week, we're trying to figure out new innovative ways to get out communications with students and I don't know if you saw that there is an html format you can view the email in which is located neatly on our website after I typed it up this weekend. Jess spent time on Monday morning putting things into a template and follows the regular university template so that students can go in and get a visual on the report for the events going on in SGA matters. I am trying to get more visual in there, there is a picture of us from the retreat and public admissions. It's my hope that with this every week that the emails can continue to evolve because really that's going to be the only way that the senate body can communicate to the students. That's one way we utilize it. My report in essence tries to summarize everything senate is doing which is why I created committee concerns. It was well taken by the chairs and they send me a few sentences about what's going on in their committees. It gives you all more recognition about

the work you are doing. It might stay same or I might change it, it depends on what happens with conversations in the next week or two. The Board of Trustees meeting is this weekend. This is going to be my 3rd meeting, my 2nd in formal role as the president giving the report. I am working on typing my oral report. I sent a written report to be in the binder but the oral report is an opportunity for different leaders of governance groups to pull in one or two issues from the written report and give time and space to them. One of the first things that Bryce and Pat gave me is to utilize that time. You don't want to regurgitate what you've written down because they do take the time to read everything. I'll be spending next few days on writing the report. I'm giving it at 9:45 on Friday morning, it would be great if you could show up to show a presence for SGA and interested in the on goings with the UVM community. When we met a few weeks ago, the Board of Trustees has a few main jobs. They are the hiring and firing of the president. They also help set the agenda for where the university will go in 5, 10, or 15 years from now. One of the things that I am going to bring about with Adam and I are in the boulder society and Brian and I talk a lot about the deferred maintenance fund that is going to be coming up. There are things that I think personally that the money leftover from the Jeffords Building which came in under budget upon its completion. We saved money in building another green building on campus. A few issues that I am going to talk about are a new ALANA student center. I feel invested in that as well as other students and am looking into new dining halls as the campus continues going. I know it's an issue this past semester with one of the largest dining halls not being available to students on campus tall. The last thing in my report is senator of the week. There are actually going to be two one was sent as a recommendation. Sometimes I don't interact with senators enough. In the following weeks I hope that if you see me in the office or email or text me with someone that you would recommend. First is Senator Malloy from SAC. Senator Malloy comes recommended by another senator and the reason why they said was because he was sitting in the galaxy space taking with a club representative and this was going on for about 45 minutes to 1 hour about the on goings of senate but also on goings of SAC and how they can and do help clubs we sponsor on campus. I'm happy senators are engaging with the student body. The second is Senator Sadeghi. I feel like he deserves senator of the week because has been one of the most vocal senators and has expressed his opinions clearly and tried to do it in a manner of playing devils advocate. That can a be a good thing. In the past before bills or resolutions came up there was a devil's advocate session to depict a resolution before it came up for voting.

Vice President Maciewicz: I forgot a really important thing in my report. Senator Golfarini has resigned for medical reasons. The appointment process will start all over again tomorrow with interviews and appointments in the future.

President Mensah: This pertains to Vice President Maciewicz' comment about us as senators really getting gout there and interacting with the students. It's important for any organization is visibility. The good work we do here or try to do is not as important as getting students to know we exist and this is what we do. I've had conversation with members of this body as to how can we reach more students and get them to come to the galaxy space. If you have ideas about how to do that or get your names and faces and your positions out there on campus that would be great. The more feedback and constructive criticism we have the more we can do something for next semester.

Open the Floor for Questions

Chair Morgan: You're at 8:40 on Friday morning. I hope you aren't late.

Chair Adams: Hey Kofi, I think what you said about getting input about oral report. Is there a time to meet informally with you to have a conversation about that?

President Mensah: I have office hours most of tomorrow. Mostly I don't sleep until 1 or 2 or 3 so you can text me. I will be in the office tomorrow and I will be drafting and finalizing my report. I can hopefully get it out to the senate body before I read it on Friday.

Senator Ballas: I forget if it was you, I'm not positive, but you said something is happening in front of the cat statue? I want a mug?

President Mensah: Yes, I will answer questions on senatorial comments and announcements.

Senator Lober: Thank you President Mensah. I want to clarify, with the ALANA student center are you representing the use of the deferred maintenance fund money not the money that wasn't spent on Jeffords Hall?

President Mensah: That fund and other funds that the board sees fit to allocate.

Senator Lober: are you going to recommend to the board that they not use the funds to go into the deferred maintenance fund? Or are you saying that it will go into the deferred maintenance funds? Are you going to oppose that going to the maintenance fund and suggest that it go to the ALANA student center instead?

President Mensah: No, it won't go directly from Jeffords but from whatever funds are in the deferred maintenance.

Senator Lober: So that money will go to deferred maintenance along with the other money?

President Mensah: yes

Senator Benes: I have a question about the appointment process? Is there going to be a midterm election and if so worth appointing someone now?

Vice President Maciewicz: The way that works is if there are 4 or more vacancies at the end of the semester there is a midterm election. I will continuously do appointments throughout the year because I don't think there should ever be a vacancy on senate. So unless there is a mass resignation at the end of the semester with people leaving, don't expect mid-term elections. If you would like me to do that instead then and have an end of the semester election and stop doing appointments that's a conversation that we can have. In the meantime, that's not my goal.

Senator Filstein: To clarify, what are the issues you are going to focus on in your oral report? You said you were going to choose 2 issues, do you know what they are?

President Mensah: I may choose anywhere between 2 or 3 or 3 or 4. They might not be specific issues but I am trying to figure that out. The main focus will be to talk about all the work senate has been doing this year, especially the different committees. A little bit more about what we are hoping to do in this semester. I will include those things going on university-wide, big topics like the TRI. Things such as priority registration, whatever it may be. I know there is still a lot of confusion around the TRI in terms of what has been set. Vice President Maciewicz and I sent an email with similar stuff.

Committee Reports

Student Action:

Chair Simmons: Hello everyone, It has been a good week on Student Action. We had a Naked Bike Ride meeting this morning that Senator Ravech and I attended which was lovely. Again, I'll ask I will try to have Kofi highlight this in his emails but any more ideas or opinions on how the Naked Bike Ride should be run. I'm not a really creative person so I could use your creativity. I had an ad hoc security meeting with doctors and medical researchers and people in the medical world about security problems with like, half of the campus with the medical campus security. This includes Rowell, Givens, Stafford, Votey, all those buildings that are all attached together and to Fletcher Allen and they are worried about biohazardous chemicals and expensive equipment being stolen or used to terrorize Burlington. That was really interesting. It was

interesting meeting with these people and being the only student on the committee. At first it seemed cool being a student who was participating and then it was irritating when they weren't giving me much ground. It was interesting being next to full time doctors. They were talking about molecular properties of chemicals and just trying to separate out the super hazardous chemicals and unlocked equipment and separating them from the lecture halls because they are not going to be able to lock down Rowell and all the buildings around there all the time and hook them up to card access. So they are looking to shift things around and stuff. Otherwise, Senator Willis is not here but he is moving forward on police and student relations, I'll have him address you all next week. We've been doing Coke contract research and it's progressing well. We are having individual meetings instead of committee meetings, which is working lovely. I would like to yield to Senator White.

Senator White: I was approached the other night at 12 when those alarms go off in the library by a student making a petition about having the library open 24 hours. The library should be open all night. He has that petition in the works will bring it to you.

Senator Doran: So, I attempted, I believe last week to get a table but it was all too last minute, so I'm going to do it again. There will be a table this Monday from 1-5 and I will pass around a sign up sheet. It's a really important document. So it's pretty important so take a look and please sign up. That would be great.

Public Relations:

Chair Monteforte: I feel its time to expose my identity. That's who I am. I will email out my report.

Academic Affairs:

Senator Filstein: Hello everybody. As you can tell, she's not here. We are narrowing down and fine tuning what syllabi going to look like in the future. Is it going to be a database versus (meeting inaudible) and a synthesis of those ideas to push on the administration. Talked to Keith Williams to clarify around the priorities. We also opened communication with David Shiman last week to talk about contract negotiation for faculty and how we and they can help with evaluation. That good stuff to be thinking about. The last thing is at Thursday at 4:00 there is going to be a meeting between eve heard and the Board of Trustees and Adam talking about gened and the proposal for gened. Let us know if you have any questions.

Open the Floor for Questions

Senator Cesario: What day did you say that was?

Senator Filstein: This Thursday at 4:00.

Finance:

Chair Mallea: Hi, I don't have anything else to say so I will email my report.

Student Activities:

Chair Adams: Hi guys. So two new clubs sort of dropped off their packets this week. You can look forward to the International Relations club and ZEST which is the acapella club being brought up in the next few weeks. Badminton, if it ever out of risk management, I will bring them up then I guess. The winter activities fest is coming up. Student Activities made plans for that. It was going to be January 18-22 or whenever the first week we're back is. We will collaborate with campus programs as a part of the winter blitz marketing and there will be more activities. Just in response to some of the things that have been said already, the liaison program is meant to represent all clubs, big or small. We give preference to bigger clubs with large budgets but we are also looking out for the small ones. Julian unfortunately is resigning but he

looks forward to seeing you all soon, not tonight though. Hopefully you can say hi to him. Unfortunately he needs knee surgery.

Open the Floor for Questions

Speaker Chevrier: You referred to it as winter activities week. Is that a conscious change in name and if so why?

Chair Adams: It will be changed back.

Senator Burns: You said that Zest is student acapella group. I thought we had several already. Is it an additional one?

Chair Adams: There are the Hit Paws, the Top Cats and the Cat's Meow. As a public university we have to recognize clubs that go through the process. Cornell has 13 acapella groups so there will be a new group.

COLA:

Chair Morgan: How's it going? So voter registration is done because the voter registration deadline is tomorrow. The final tally is 71-72 people. I'm proud of that. That's good. The Veteran's Day celebration is all coming together, which is awesome. So our agenda is Richard Cate is going to come, I guess he was in Korea. Chris Lucier will be there, Veterans for Peace, several students in VSO. I got SGA cards and have a message written in them, I'll bring them next week for everyone to sign them and give them to veterans next week. Let me know if you are opposed to this, I want this message to come from all of SGA. UVM communication, I don't know what that means saying that Chris is going to talk to and video tape it and broadcast it on UVMtv. Hopefully you all will go and have a presence there. I was going to have Senator Katz talk about PSAs but he's not here. If you are interested in participating in those shoot him an email. Coffee with the Cops is delayed because BPD is in a homicide investigation. However they made an arrest yesterday so maybe that will happen sometime soon. Keep an eye out. The Off campus living workshops start next Thursday. I had a sign up sheet last week, but I misplaced the sheet. If you want to be on the panel please email me and I will send it to Gail and Alicia. They are November 4th, 10th, and 17th and there is one in December, December 2nd or 4th. They are from 5:30-8:30. The numbers are down only 120 people for the first and then 60 or 70 for the ones after that. The number is usually over 100. If you are a sophomore or know a sophomore looking to live off-campus you should get in contact with people moving. This is an opportunity that helps you decide if you want to live off campus and how to live off campus as well as a chance to get a preferred renters card. Some things that are coming up, a city council update. They are trying to monitor liquor law and have eliminated 18+ nights and a lot of people want to take a stance on that. I think we should, but I think it would be cool if we went to public forum on City Council and talked about bringing back 18+ nights. So I'm waiting to kind of meet with certain people to see like what the administration thinks about that. I'd rather have students going downtown knowing that they are going to consume alcohol. I would rather have them in a club than in sketchy basement drinking. So I think we should take a stance but don't think we'll have it on paper for a while, just make room for this. I've been thinking about invite a legislator day, I will have more to say next Tuesday because the person I plan on inviting is this guy who was my drivers ed teacher and now is a state legislator and I am going to see him on Friday because he's also on the Board of Trustees. He thinks it's cool and is willing to participate. We are going to talk about logistics about linking up legislators and students and then pick a date and then see if we can have a lunch for everyone. That's dependent upon schedules. I don't want to miss a class to go to a lunch so that's going to have to be ironed out but I will get something formalized and then figure out who we can ask to come so that will be cool. Halloween clean up. OSCR is doing a cleanup on Sunday from 11-1. I sent an email so if you can R.S.V.P. to Alicia at OSCR and send me an email. About 20 people have signed up already so it will be chill and not just 40 of us, there will be a sizeable amount of people. We are going to do Have a Heart on the bus on Friday night and I have a sign up sheet. We're going to do it from 10-12 and I would like to have 3-4

people on each bus so 9-12 people total. The point of the extra numbers is because I'm assuming a lot of people will be intoxicated that night so the numbers for safety reasons. I will contact you and we will find a spot to meet up and coordinate who will be on which bus. That's all I have.

Open the Floor for Questions

Senator O'Brien: What are people doing on the bus and have a heart? Can you expand?

Chair Morgan: The background if you don't know is that you hand out Lake Champlain Chocolates and flyers made by neighborhood children that just say please be respectful to the Burlington Community and Downtown and this is raucous time for students off campus so please be respectful of your downtown neighbors.

Senator Tran: Do you think its effective to hand out candy and flyers on Friday night?

Senator Morgan: We were going to look into that and look into finding out whether or not it's effective. We have handed out multiple thousands of pieces of candy over the years. The message is going somewhere. As to what they're doing, we don't know. We are going to look into surveying to find that out. We hand out enough to do something.

Senator Tran: I was just thinking this Friday night it would maybe be a waste of time. Not any Friday night I just don't this Friday would be effective.

Senator Morgan: I would politely disagree and think we need a presence because it is a tough weekend for Burlington relations and we can just reiterate that we know you party but please do it with respect and we don't want to clean up a mess. Want to be seen and visible so people know what our message is.

CODEEE:

Chair Herman: I mentioned last week we are trying to, we are in the midst of scheduling a meeting of the custodial staff to discuss composting and recycling. That meeting will be on Wednesday, next Wednesday November 3 at 11am. That has grown from one custodial supervisor and the Davis Center Operations Director Al Josie and the Davis Center eco rep Olivia will be at that meeting. I will let you know how that goes and what suggestions come from that meeting regarding compost and recycling. Retention, an issue we've been discussing, I contacted Chris Lucier and he forwarded my concerns to Keith Coutu and he said he will provide some data for me on ALANA student retention and graduation rates form past years as soon as possible. Hopefully I will have them by the end of this week and can pass to you all next meeting. I had a meeting with director of ALANA student center Beverly Colston and she also sits on President's Commission on Racial Diversity and the Director of Financial Aid and main thing there is going to issues of having a longer grace period for students in jeopardy of losing their scholarships. Currently have one grace period for students with personal issues who may need one semester to pull their GPA up to a 3.0. I will be discussing this with the Director of Financial Aid. We are also discussing the 4-year completion of college. The national average is 5 years for a 4-year degree. UVM is actually an average of 6 years for 4 year degree so how that affects students who receive 4 year scholarships. Will they be extended and if not how does that affect financial aid. One more issue that will be addressed are A scores. A scores are something admission uses and each student receives depending on what school you come from. They give you a score and that pretty much affects merit scholarships you receive. That's great for private school students but there are some people who don't have access to that that. They can't afford to go to those schools or don't have to those schools and may go to public school, which isn't so great and their score is lower and that affects financial aid. The Last thing I want to touch on was the Resolution on psychiatric care. I have been receiving some great feedback and responses form people on campus in high places that support the resolution 100% and are doing everything in their power to better the psychiatric care on campus. It's helpful and thank you all again for helping pass that resolution.

Senator Cesario: In that meeting we are having it's with basically all the main directors of waste and operations at the Davis Center and we really want ideas to present to them. It's going to be a quick meeting about what we think would make composting more successful, especially at market place. We have signs explaining what goes where. We have heard suggestions about lids on the compost and other things we could do so if you have ideas email us or the listserv.

Open the Floor for Questions

Senator Mason: I am intrigued about the retention rate thing just because a member of the step team came to me with concerns about living on campus with 2 roommates that are very difficult and different from her. I remember you said there was a person doing research, or if your committee was doing research yourself about diversity stuff. Where you guys are going with it and not so much where someone else's research is going with it and how we can we help in a way?

Chair Herman: I am going to touch on other research components. I was mentioning that because in most cases the type of information that is passed on to me and the meetings with directors are helpful in finding a direction in addressing the issues and finding just another source for us to utilize. As far as what CODEEEE is looking to do after we receive those statistics if it stagnant or increasing or whatever the case is to look at first year retention and graduation rates and those statistics are the same or dropping or increasing. If they are dropping then we will be researching what services do we offer and can we offer to help graduate in the time frame or stay at university and that will be research in itself. As far as looking into resources they already have and finding other services that can better their time here at UVM. That's our main goal for right now.

Senator Mason: I'm sorry, I'm speaking on the aspect of students coming in, are you guys looking into the partnership that the university has with Christopher Columbus High School and all those things and maybe looking into, I'm not saying get rid of it so much as looking to the academic side of it more so just because it kind of seems like we are trying to pay for ethnicity to come for that and they aren't prepared for it and that might be why they don't stay. If we should even keep it.

Chair Herman: I'm actually not looking into that component of it. We could possibly look at that. I work in admissions and the schools are Christopher Columbus in New York and UVM brings students up here in for a full semester to discover UVM. That partnership is to get those students that may not have resources to go to a university financial aid counseling and essay writing workshops to get them up here to benefit from those resources. I understand where you are coming from as far as most students that you see are from those partnership schools may not be strong academically and they are just here because they were a partnership student. That can be addressed but as of right now it isn't what we're doing but it can be.

President Mensah: Point of Information: That's great that you bring up that issue. The issue that was raised about partner schools that include more than just Christopher Columbus are not only brought up here. It has worked in admissions that it's more than the partnership. The fact is that if they are academic criteria they don't meet a certain level they won't be accepted.

Chair Herman: That has been the case in the past but I personally see their records and applications and some students don't deserve it and some do. A person may look good on their application but it was done by guidance counselors. That shouldn't be happening and I will look further into it.

Senator Moise: This goes back on your thing about retention rates. Have you thought about facilitating conversations with first years and those who have been here and talking about their

experience and have they thought about leaving and what kept them here? You are getting stats and not a voice opinion, has that started yet?

Chair Herman: That has happened throughout the years. That came up that students speak on forums. The information is not released or if it is I don't know about it. I am looking into what information they do have from prior forums that students had and how was that information used and implemented into the services that help and then having new forums for student that are here now and an option and can talk about.

Speaker Chevrier: The partnership with Columbus High School and the others we have are not in Vermont. Then I would be interested in looking into statistics I saw that it's more competitive for Vermont students to get in. It's only 30% of Vermont students and out of states pay more. I'm interested to look more at that and why we are actively recruiting from outside of the state and look at reasons we do that since there is clear financial benefits.

Senatorial Forum

Chair Mallea: So I wanted to apologize that WRUV came up under public forum, they weren't really supposed to. I had stepped out and when I emailed them I sent it under emergency business so they shouldn't have been under public forum.

Senator DeVivo: So I have a little bit of an issue of how that was handled. I agree that it shouldn't have been under emergency business and with that said I think it shouldn't have been blocked. As a member of my committee, I felt disrespected that we weren't allowed to present why we thought it should be here, we brought it up last week. We met about this last week. We came to a basic agreement what we wanted to do after senate last week and then we needed to decide on a number. We couldn't agree and officially decided after the meeting for this week to put it in the agenda. Because they were coming tonight to talk we hoped it would be fresh and you could hear why they needed it. We were prepared to report why we thought that they should get the bill we are going to put up next week. Our bills aren't complex at all, it's nothing but a number and what club it is. In the 3 or 4 allocations we made the only discussion that has happened is when someone is standing at the podium presenting it. I know it shouldn't have been emergency business but I didn't see why it should be blocked but with them talking tonight that would have been the best opportunity to have the senate vote on it because we had a presentation prepared as well.

Senator White: I will be more than happy to take up the gay blood donation thing. Also, I wanted to bring up the possibility of moving in a new direction with coke and see what you all thought, moving it in more of the water bottle direction and getting the water bottles out rather than the coke contract. I have been hearing more and more just that, coke is nice, and I feel like I personally have been disregarding that so I'm sorry for that. If that's something that you would like to see then I can talk about coke.

Speaker Chevrier: So I wanted to touch upon a few things about the city council ordinance that under 21 is no longer allowed. From a SAC perspective, a lot of clubs use those venues as fundraisers and now they won't make as much money as they used to because most UVM students are under 21. If most of your club can't go down to support your club then that's an issue.

Chair Morgan: Point of Information: You can apply for a permit to have an 18+ night, there is one at Lift in a few week. They're generally on Thursday or Friday.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: Point of Information: It used to be that you had to apply for permits and you could apply weekly so every Thursday they could have 18+. They all went through business school, Lift was not doing well and almost went out of business because UVM is almost all of their on Thursday night. They can still apply for this and we are going to take the club on

this they can apply but they are not allowed more than once a month and they are lucky if it's more than once a month, if police decided event is reasonable.

Speaker Chevrier: So like I was saying, it's a roadblock for fundraisers. SGA did one 2 years ago to raise money and it's important we keep that open in terms of who we present. It's not that many things that people care about and even though we might not care about the clubs, the people we represent probably do really care about the club. For Have a Heart, to touch upon whether it's effective or not. At the end of last year when I stated the Neighborhood Noise Taskforce and got random press and was in the newspaper and on TV about it, people kept coming up and asking me what I was doing because my name was associated. They remembered, yeah, they gave me candy chocolate hearts now when I'm downtown with my friends I tell them to be quiet because there are neighbors. When I try to engage in those conversations a lot of time I hear people talk about candy and flyers that you get. They are made by kids and are pretty effective. Then, also, since we didn't have any emergency business tonight, your voting records are still blank so chairs keep them for next week, I won't print them out next week. To talk on blocking the legislation, it would have been easier to vote tonight because they were here and there was no other legislation. However, it is my duty as speaker to oversee the meetings and why we have emergency business is if its time pressing. I asked them to come to public forum and I'm sorry for the way I handled it. I didn't speak to them ahead of time and I assumed it was time pressing until they said it wasn't. I'm sorry if you're frustrated but the reason I have new business is to send out the legislation 48 hours in advance as stated in the constitution so you can read and look into it. So that's why I blocked it and would do it again. I'm excited to vote on it next week and we got good input from WRUV.

Chair Mallea: I forgot to mention a couple aspects so I will speak again. Finance understands why it is not emergency business but through email communications they had made it sound like it was pressing and needed to be brought up this week and decided they could wait next week. That was a miscommunication on my behalf. I will email my report and I can attach the bill to my report or can just send it to Claire and she can send it out. Just so you are aware, that was a large request. The Finance committee is recommending \$2,300 just an fyi.

Chair Monteforte: I was wondering if any of you wanted to come get breadsticks with me after?

Chair Adams: We spend too much time together. I just wanted to touch on a couple of things. Whoever was talking about the library, that's a great idea. We are the only university of our size that its not open 24/7. Not even the Cyber Café is open which is a huge issue with the cyber café closing at midnight. The other thing is that in *The Cynic* it talks about Alex Chernik. Something to put on people's radar is that they said he had talked to an RA and the RA did follow the protocol for someone who is suicidal so that's something we should be looking into. If we are following policy and is there a flaw in the policy then it's our duty to look into it.

Senator Mason: My committee talked about this during our meeting, I don't know if everyone else knows about it. It's a whole big thing about the TVs in the SGA office and money it costs to move them and the equipment of PR and that comes from club budgets and the student fees.

Chair Mallea: Point of Information: The PR committee submitted a capital request to Finance and we decided to wait to decide if we want to allocate it and are going to have one on ones with Vice President Maciewicz, President Mensah, Treasurer Salsgiver and a Representative from PR. We haven't decided anything yet.

Senator Mason: I'm curious on why we don't get a say on if we are spending that money. We don't, as a body, these people, don't get a say on what things get moved or if that money should be used for those things at all?

Vice President Maciewicz: It depends on how much if it's for.

Chair Mallea: SGA policy is that if we decide to allocate over \$2,000 need to bring it before senate for a vote. Finance's role is to decide the use of funds for students' money so we would hope that you would trust the senators on the finance committee to make that decision.

Vice President Maciewicz: To clarify quickly, as far as how much finance will allocate. If whatever PR is proposing, I haven't seen all the details, but if it's more than \$2,000. I would still love to hear all of your feedback. As operations manager of the galaxy space, when you find out from PR and Finance the conversation about the best way to spend the money.

Senator Mason: I'm not trying to undermine finance, I do trust that you can make a great decision on it, but at the same time that as a body we should get a say of money that we as a body use on ourselves rather than a club. People on the club using it is one thing and people on this body that are students is a different thing.

Chair Mallea: Point of Information: That's why we decided not to allocate and to have further discussions.

Chair Monteforte: I didn't even want to talk about this issue, but I wrote a proposal and can email you all. To put it into perspective, when we allocate money to clubs like cycling, not every student is on the cycling team in a way that all students will get to use that. Another perspective is that it's already paid for but it's as perfectly fine for SGA to spend \$1,200 on fleeces that only benefit us. Think about that too before criticizing.

President Mensah: if anyone wants to have continuing conversations and sense of history of what's happening with the TV issue and the allocation seek out myself of David or Chair Monteforte. I do feel like there are two different issues here and they are being confused. The TV that is in the galaxy space and the PR allocation they are asking for are two separate things and I would love to have that conversation with you.

Senatorial Comments/Announcements

Senator Benes: Ok, I have a little monologue here I wanted to share last week and then it was really busy. It's like this monologues about how we should be speaking with more determination and making our voices known it's by Taylor Mali. [*Reads Taylor Mali's "Speak With Conviction"* <http://www.taylormali.com/index.cfm?webid=21>]

Chair Adams: UVMtv had dating show auditions and Senator Benner and Senator Katz spoke about some parties and generally just gave too much information. Speaker Chevrier and I listened to the whole thing. If you missed it, they are doing it again if you want to be on the show you should totally do it. If you want to sit with me and watch the interviews they are awesome I recommend that you do it. Speaker Chevrier and I were proud of men of senate. They are looking for ladies, I think its like 7-3 men. Perhaps Chair Simmons. Candy Shop is a Program Board event, it's Saturday from 10-1. It's my event so it would be great if you stopped by and ate food and danced inappropriately. It's really fun, there's food, candy. It's 10-1 here. 4th floor Davis Center Saturday.

President Mensah: Zed brought it up, sorry the TV screen is gone. The event that is next week is Wednesday and put on by the Boulder Society. It's called Founders day/Charter's day. It's November 3, 1791, the day the university was founded. We wanted to give recognition to that day. It's at the catamount on November 3 from 11-2. We will give out free mugs and have a flyer designed by Chair Monteforte. These mugs are looking like going to have 300, although secretly only 275, we are going to give some to the Board of Trustees to get on their good side. It's a UVM spirit event. We hope to get at least a mass of 3-500 people wearing UVM colors. If you can wear green gold or yellow and come to the Catamount you will get a new mug free coffee, hot choc and apple crisp donated by Sodexho. I would love it if you spread the word. It's hosted

by The Boulder Society but also sponsored IRA, SGA, dining services and the President's office. So, November 3, 11-2 and even President Fogel will be there, he could hand you a mug.

Roll Call

Finance: All Present

Student Activities: All Present

COLA: Senator Katz, Excused

CODEEE: All Present

Student Action: Senator Ravech, Senator Willis, excused

Public Relations: All Present

Academic Affairs: Chair Nelson, excused.

Adjournment

End Time: 9:44pm