



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010
FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE 2010-2011 SENATE

Call to Order (0:01.51)

Start Time: 7:00pm

Roll Call (0:01.55):

Finance: Senator DeVivo, excused

Student Activities: All Present

COLA: All Present

CODEEEE: Senator Benes, excused

Student Action: Chair Simmons, excused

Public Relations: All Present

Academic Affairs: Senator Lober, excused

Approval of the Minutes (0:02.15):

From 10.26.10 - passes

Public Forum (0:02.27):

Liza Lederer-Plaskett (0:02.46):

Liza: Ok, so I won't take up a whole lot of your time because I was just yelled at for not letting you guys eat. So, basically I'm here talking now even though it's kind of unconventional because there is a larger issue in our community and on college campuses in general that I have mentioned in comments and announcements before. But, it's a genuine programming that we are trying to bring to UVM that is really important. Last Halloween weekend 2009, on a local Massachusetts campus, I'm pretty sure it was UMass Amherst, there were 144 reported cases of rape in 2 days. This year it's speculated to be closer to 250. On our own campus it's pretty similar, we have a pretty similar campus structure. It might be slightly less because we have a few less students but ultimately about the same. That's really, really frightening. Our campus though people don't talk about it, UVM has one of the highest rates of sexual assault that goes reported but then it goes unprosecuted, because girls tend to be within in our communities, particularly within our Greek and general party communities because we're such a secretive school about that kind of side to our community, we have a very, very high incidence of sexual assault that we don't report to the police. That said, I'm working with Greek Life and the Women's Center to bring programming to UVM this year called The End Violence Against Women Campaign. It's really new, it's really kind of intimidating because ultimately we're bringing about 30 workshops to UVM that aren't part of the Dismantling Rape Culture Conference to UVM to fraternities, sororities, and to the general population to discuss, ultimately what's going on on our campus and what's going on across the country. As of right now 1 in 4 women is raped in the U.S. That's a really sad fact. It's actually one of the highest rates in the world outside of current war ton countries. It's genuinely frightening. That said, I am here talking about 2 specific things. With first within the programming, this year we're bringing a program called Walk a Mile in Her Shoes to UVM. It's the first time it will have come to UVM, it's really big in the South. Ultimately, it involves any men who are interested, it will be required of all fraternities, but I'm bringing it here to you all first because as the most active students on campus I think that a lot of you are particularly apt to be involved with this sort of event. What it's going to involve is that men will be able to purchase

on-line a pair of high heeled shoes, I believe that they are 4-5 inch high heeled shoes. We booked the Harris/Millis track, out in front, on April 16 and similar to Relay for Life it will be a several hour-long event in which you will walk a mile around that track. In addition to paying for shoes which will donate money to Burlington's Women's Rape Crisis Center and our Women's Center and a National Hotline, people will be asked to get donations per lap they walk which will also be donated to similar causes and to Kristen's Story I believe which is something that Alpha Chi Omega, a sorority on campus, has brought to us every year and may be looking to donating to. Also, basically, I bring this to you because I think that as a community it would be really awesome to see SGA back a) the programming and b) this kind of event, and c) because we're pairing with a Day of Abstinence, which would be 24 hours to commemorate 2,400 victims, which is an enormous task and I'm really sort of appealing to guys you for help and aid really in pulling this whole thing together. It's really hard in a community that while is passionate in parts of it is really apathetic in others. I need as much help as I can get and I think this is probably my best shot in terms of the UVM community in finding a large group of people who would be willing to help. The other thing I'm here to talk to you about is an incident that not this weekend but the weekend before on the Yale campus. There was an incidence of hazing in Delta Kappa Epsilon, a fraternity. What was reported was that Delta Kappa Epsilon tied together their pledges, blindfolded them, and had them walk through the freshman women's dorms screaming at the top of their lungs 'no mean yes, yes means anal, and I f-word dead chicks.' Pretty much an open call for sexual violence. It's deeply, I'm offended on a level that I can't even express, it's really concerning. That said, right now, what we're putting together as Greek Life is a letter. Yale is refusing to release any information on any judiciary processes they may or may not hold this fraternity to. This is after the year before they made a literal billboard and had their pledges stand behind it that said 'Delta Kappa Epsilon loves sluts'. This is coincidentally, the fraternity of which both Bush's were President of and so was Clarence Thomas. I mean, they don't have the best track record. Yale has let them be around with a really bad history of being really truly offensive to women. I think that in addition to a letter from Greek Life's President and Chapters calling for either the dismissal, removal from campus or just another form of extreme punishment for this chapter. Not to mention the hazing, which is illegal. But, calling that there be a publically disclosed form of repercussion for what they've done. It's really offensive and offends women on a level that I can't even speak to. So that said, I am going to look to, I mean I'm hesitant to press a resolution about it, because I'm not sure what a resolution would do. UVM is not a campus where I can really see this happening but at the same time, we are part of New England as is Yale and I think that something needs to be said and something needs to be said loudly. So, if anyone is interested I could really use some help pulling together a letter or some kind of petition or information calling for this action. That said, thank you guys.

Open the Floor for Questions – 0:10.03

Senator White: Hi, that's a super, wonderful, wonderful idea. I just had two questions. The first one is what and if you are planning on doing this outside of the Greek community or if you are just kind of centering it around Greek Life and 2 being are you making heels in size 16s?

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: They are available online. I believe they are offered in very large male sizes. The whole concept is actually, my life has been one big risk management conversation lately because the issue of whether or not it would it be offensive event to transgendered people and whether or it would come off as exclusive. To answer your second question first, this event is not about mocking transgenders in any respect. We are working tirelessly as a committee to bring means of controlling how people, keeping the crowd under control and making sure there are aids on hand and ultimately just making sure that people realize that this is about women. And women are limited to these heels, which are in themselves a really stupid invention. And basically, it's about men realizing that women are limited to these in the work place, within social spheres, every single day, every minute of their lives and that this is an implication pressed upon them by society for no real reason that it should still exist today. So, I would imagine they would be available in every size. Also, the Greek Life. The workshops and programming will initially be offered as a list of workshops that will be available to the Greek

community but we are going to run a few really large discussion panels, a couple maybe at Ira Allen and then Walk a Mile in her Shoes which would be available to the entire community at large. I am hoping, the more people involved then a) the more money we will raise and b) the more awareness we raise. One last thing is, I forgot to say a third point, we are also looking into, as a committee discussed last night that we'd like to meet with student action to discuss handing out information about the naked bike ride about safety that night. Because it is a night with a tendency to be where women are at high risk of assault and generally working towards making that a safer one for everyone.

Senator Mason: Ok, I know you are saying it's for Greek Life, in a sense, just going off of Senator White. Do you want more people involved, I would say clubs would be a good outlet for you. I don't know if you still want to keep it as just Greek Life but I know you want that one event to be broader. Is there any way to get other alternatives to help?

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: Because on so many campuses Greek Life is sort of the center of a lot of social activity, be it partying or other events, I initially figured that Greek Life would be a really good place to jump in terms of beginning this programming. But, that said, I have thought about trying to get clubs involved, I'm just a little intimidated by the ideal of, I don't remember the exact count of clubs we're at right now but it's a lot. I'm not sure, basically, how we can get enough workshops to line up for enough groups to work with clubs, but we're hoping to expand it in the future. It's something I'd really like to leave as a tradition at UVM. I need a lot of help getting it running.

Chair Adams: You mentioned wanting help writing a letter, and not to be like the letter questioner, but, are you writing a letter for yourself or for Greek Life or from SGA?

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: Greek Life is writing its own letter. Greek Life has its own petition slash letter calling for action to Yale, it would be totally separate. The idea would be that, I don't want to bring up any questions of authority or anything in terms of writing a letter on my own, but I think that as a governing body we have the capacity to either form a petition or draft a letter to send as a body to Yale. I'm not sure if that's best done as part of a resolution or exactly what the procedure would be for that but I could use some help figuring that out.

Chair Simmons: Hey, I've been asking for a couple weeks for stuff about the naked bike ride. I had another meeting this morning with all the people who make the decisions about that, police and all that stuff so let me know.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: It came up last night, someone brought it up.

Old Business (0:15.38):

Bill Recognizing APO as Club of the Month (0:15.45)

Chair Monteforte: Hello everyone, so we have our bill, I hope you read it. I'm not going to read it because it basically says the same thing that all of them do. So we do have the APIO president here, so is she wants to come up and give a little perspective about who APO is, what they do, and how their awesome-ness is. So if you afraid you can stand back there. So I'm going to yield the floor to her and she is going to give you a little insight into APO.

Annice, APO President: So APO is a national co-ed community service fraternity. It has over 360 chapters nationwide. Our chapter here at UVM has been here for 20 years. We 29 active brothers and about 15 pledges so that's a huge growth. Our main focus is community services and although our brothers and pledges are required to complete 20 service hours a semester, most of us go above and beyond. So far this semester as a group we've completed over 500 service hours. Our main focus is on service to the University and service to the community. So earlier in the semester we did weekly or bi-weekly campus cleanups around the university just to make things

cleaner. But most of our service involves working with local organizations downtown, like habitat for humanity, Special Olympics, Ronald McDonald House, COTS, things like that. We also provide weekly substance free social events to foster bonds between members. Our third main focus is leadership so we have leadership development workshops and the national office puts out leadership development webinars and things and we also travel to different sections. We are actually holding Vermont's sectional conference at UVM in spring. It's exciting to bring those leadership and those principles here. A lot of our members are just really passionate community service and a lot of people are really involved. We are really thankful that you are recognizing us.

Chair Monteforte: Cool, thank you. So that's that. Chair Adams says they are in good club standing, they do some cool stuff, as she just said. I guess I'll open up for some questions.

Open the Floor for Questions (0:18.15)

Chair Adams: Friendly Amendment to change APO to Alpha Phi Omega.

Chair Monteforte: Can I yield the floor Annice, to do you want to be called Alpha Phi Omega or APO?

Annice: Alpha Phi Omega.

Chair Monteforte: I accept that.

Vote on Bill Recognizing UVM Alpha Phi Omega as Club of the Month - passes

Bill Supporting the Confirmation of Christopher Juaire to the Student Government Association Senate (0:19.21)

Senator Vitagliano: Alright everyone. The appointments committee has met in the past couple weeks and we have decided on an individual to fill the open position. We had 6 individuals interested in position, we were only able to choose one on campus individual. This person is Christopher Juaire over there. And now I'd like to have him come up and give the senate an opportunity to ask questions they have for him and then I will go over the bill.

Open the Floor for Questions (0:20.36)

Chair Morgan: What's your favorite color?

Chris: green

Chair Simmons: Why do you want to be on senate?

Chris: I wanted to be and SGA senator because I want to be more involved in the UVM community and have the opportunity to work with you guys to lead the university better than when I started.

Senator Cesario: If you could change one thing about the university, what would it be?

Chris: The one thing I wanted to change was priority registration because I was a bio major and I couldn't register for any classes, you appear to be on that. So, let's see. I don't know, something really big that I want to change? Maybe more On-campus busses on the weekends because I've been waiting forever to get from Trinity Campus to the library

Senator Doran: If you were going to fight to keep something at UVM the same what would it be?

Chris: Probably the sense of community within the students and promoting social events for students. I'm also the president of hall council, just providing an opportunity for students to get to know each other and be involved in the community and keeping the sense of community that we do have intact.

Chair Adams: Are you going to challenge Senator Vitagliano and Chair Monteforte to the title of best dressed?

Chris: I do work at J.Crew so it would be a little easier for me.

Vote on the Bill Supporting the Confirmation of Christopher Juaire to the Student Government Association Senate— passes

Chris: [*takes oath of office*]

Bill Allocating Funds for WRUV (0:24.30)

Chair Mallea: Ok, so everyone's favorite bill, as promised. So, before I read this bill, actually, I will read the bill first and then I will speak to it. [*reads bill*]. So, hot topic of discussion last week. Before I get into this I would like to ask senate to please remain as unbiased as possible. Any opinions that you formed of this club outside of senate and discussion, please just remember that they are a club like any other club and we need to allocate fairly and equitably. So, as they said last week, WRUV is looking to archive their current music system. Their request was for \$9,600 and we are allocating them \$2,300. We didn't pull number this number out of the air. They gave us a breakdown of what every single item costs and we went through very furiously and decided this was the least amount that we should give them.

Open the Floor for Questions (0:26.47)

Senator Benner: Yes, could you speak to exactly what the \$2,300 will get them, specifically.

Chair Mallea: Sure. So, I'm not the most tech person so I will yield the floor to Senator DeVivo.

Senator DeVivo: So, Jordan and I worked, along with our committee, but myself being in IT and Jordan being really into music, we worked hard on this. Basically, their original request was for 10 2 terabyte hard drives, which for anyone who is not in IT, is a ridiculous amount of memory. We decided on 3 of those. Those are \$290 each. Those are server style hard disks so what you need with that are an APC battery back up system, which they had in their request and will be allocating, on that part. They asked for 5 back up tapes, which once you transfer the memory should some catastrophe happen, the Davis Center burned to the ground or something like that, they have that in some separate location so that data no lost. They asked 10, we're giving them 5. That was \$89 each. There's an interface necessary, they are going to be ripping off CDs and there's an interface necessary for doing that. That costs \$300, that's what we're going to be giving for that. And then they asked for a \$1,900 automated ripping machine, which basically rips a lot faster than they really need these CDs to be ripped. It's not extremely urgent that it happen, obviously it will make their life easier, but our compromise for that was we researched a blu-ray/DVD combination ripping device which is manual instead of automatic and that's \$500. So we decided on that rather than giving them a \$2,000 system. And then, in their request they requested some stuff that was not related at all, really, to the project they were doing, which was a new computer for \$2,400 that we chose not to fund and a mixing board for \$1,700 that we chose not to fund. If you are writing down all the numbers I just said, I can write them down and pass them around if you all want me to, because my head is not a calculator, unfortunately. I think that came out to \$2,315.

Chair Mallea: So thank you for that explanation. As you can see, the Finance Committee has worked really, really hard on this allocation and it's a long-term request and we're expecting it to last. I had a one on one meeting with the President of WRUV and Blanka and Treasurer Salsgiver and we really feel that this is an appropriate amount for us to allocate them and they will find the means to fund rest of the request.

Vote on Bill Allocating Funds for WRUV - passes

New Business (0:30.39)

Chair Adams: Bill Recognizing Badminton

Chair Mallea: Bill Allocating Funds to UVM Women's Club Hockey

Senator Lober: Resolution Establishing Connections with Students at the University of California and Resolution Calling for Participation in the University's Budget Bargaining Process.

Emergency Business (0:31.16)

n/a

Executive Reports (0:31.16)

Speaker Chevrier – Hi guys. I sent out a doodle for everybody on the Constitution Committee. Because of resignations there are some chairs that now need to appoint new members. I understand that it's difficult and currently I think that only a third of the constitution committee has taken it and there's actually already no time that all of us can meet so it's going to be an ongoing difficulty. But, for all of those who are on the Constitution Committee, it's very important that you work on the sections that you are provided. I can email them out again who got what to review but it's important that you are doing it and not to wait until the day before we are meeting again, which could be late this week or next week depending on when everybody fills out the doodle and when everybody is available. Remember that it is supposed to be a conversation so saying this during my report to everyone not to waste your time but because if you have an issue with something in the constitution or even if you don't have an issue you have a question or you think something's silly then I encourage you to talk to somebody on the Constitution Committee or come to the meeting, which is of course open. Also, please sign the legislation on time. It says in the constitution that it's my duty to force people to sign it on time, but that has not been the case at all. I'm not talking one person, I'm talking to about 60% of you who have passed legislation and have not done it within the 48-hour time limit. The legislation always, for one week, is printed within 48 hours, normally within 24, and you should really be able to get over there. Also, Chair Herman this past week sent me a list of all the people he would like to have CODEEE's passed resolutions sent to and I did that and I've been getting a lot of great feedback which I'm going to pass on to you. I want to encourage all of you that, I have a big list of people that I send the important legislation to but if you have a bigger list then please tell me and I'll be happy to do that for you.

Open the Floor for Questions (0:33.47)

Chair Adams: I was just wondering, I heard that last week you told the non-student affiliated with WRUV not to speak and so, like, why, I guess.

Speaker Chevrier: Ok, so, I didn't say that he shouldn't speak. I told him that it would be preferable for the actual students that are in the club to respond to the questions as to why they deserve something that was going to be funded by student money. It's illegal for me to say somebody couldn't talk, the reason why I was limiting the amount of speakers was because of how much time it was taking. Which, we've seen in the past frequently, last year President Fogel and Jane Knodell came and it was taking over an hour and I don't remember if it was speaker Ellis or Speaker Michel but they ended up saying that only one of them could respond to each question. So I was doing a similar thing and was hoping that a student that pays the student fee and was going to pay for the allocation would be responding.

President Mensah (0:34.59)– Happy Tuesday folks. A few quick things to mention in my report today. This past week starting Friday the Board of Trustees had their quarterly meeting. I saw some of you there bright and early at 8 am, some of you actually beat me to the meeting so that was a good thing. I have to applaud some of the senators that were actively participating in the meeting this week, engaging with some of the 25 members of the board, asking them questions about where the university is headed and bring them some of the issues that the body is working on such as priority registration and transdisciplinary initiative, seeing where that's going and other things happening around university. If you have any specific questions about that, about my interaction with the board over the weekend please feel free to let me know or speak to some of the other members such as Dan Filstein, Asher was there. I know Lucas Morgan was also there. Chair Adams as well as Chair Mallea were there as well as Whitney O'Brien and Tram Tran, I also saw them on Friday morning at the meeting. The second thing that I want to mention is committee switches slash resignations. Some of you may or may not be aware, currently there are 3 seats that are open on senate. We had another senator resign, sorry, my voice is completely shot, I lost it over weekend, it's coming back but I'll try to speak louder. Senator McLain Cheney and Jessie-Ruth Corkins Senator Katz, two of which were a part of COLA and one a part of CODEEE and then also Julian from Student Activities Committee so that's four open seats for appointments now. In light of these resignations, David and I are giving the opportunity for anyone sitting here that would like to switch committees to first talk to your chairs and then also talk to the chairs of the other committee that you would like to switch and see if it's something that you feel like your time on senate would be best served in. If it's something that you feel comfortable with then let David and I know and we will make sure that the proper changes happen as Amanda Adams is already trying to call people for her committee. The third thing is I was invited to sit on the search committee for the next director of the AAEO, which is the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity. The previous director was Katherine Freidman, and she's gone on to new prospects, if I'm correct in Washington D.C., so we have our first meeting next week Wednesday. I'm also having a dining advisory committee meeting tomorrow at 12 noon. Different issues that I'm sure we are going to talk about is the current status of the Simpson Dining Hall project and other issues, I'll be sure to bring that information for next week. Last week I think Wednesday or Thursday I forwarded an email out to the senate listserv in regards to an email that David and myself received from Greg Bates, he's the director of campus recreation on how he felt about priority registration. I responded back to him because I do think that there were things that he was about. I don't think it was his fault but we will be having a meeting tomorrow afternoon, myself and Chair Nelson with him and hopefully we will be able to come to common ground on where we stand on priority registration and how he sees it as affecting campus recreation. Also, the second to last thing that I wanted to say if there are any clarifactory questions that you all, I know that's really not a word, but if there is anything that you all need clarified as senators on different issues around such as the TRI, priority registration, student retention rates, or whatever it may, I would highly recommend that you first come to David and I and ask us because most of the time we are in consistent communication with the administration on these issues. Next week Monday, David and I will have our monthly one on one meeting with Jane Knodell and Chris Lucier etc to talk about different things. So, not doing that sometimes shows that we're not coordinated as we should and can be. I know that sometimes we are a large organization and we think let me just shoot a quick email to this person or whatever, but they might think that we have already explained this to the leaders of this organization, are they not properly getting that word back to, not necessarily their constituents but

the rest of their board? Just so we are all on the same page. The seventh thing which is more so for chairs that are going to be part of the Provost interviews, the communication was sent out to the university today so the two finalists are Jane Knodell and Dean Miller from College of Arts and Sciences, their interviews are scheduled already and if I'm correct the first one is taking place next week on Monday. So, for all the chairs that are going to be involved in process, David and I request that you send us an email if you are going to be participating in the interviews. And thus concludes my report.

Open the Floor for Questions (0:41.05)

Senator Mason: I don't know if you stated it, the meeting that is tomorrow for the dining hall thing, I was wondering if anyone else could attend.

President Mensah: It's from 12 noon to 1 and I could always email one of the folks on the committee. I'm sure it won't be that much of an issue for me to bring another senator along but I will double check first?

Chair Morgan: Do you know if we sent the Student Vision to the Board of Trustees in May?

President Mensah: Yes, I included that in my May report.

Chair Morgan: Do you have the Board of Trustees material from May in your office or something?

President Mensah: I don't know if we have the binder as a while, but right now it's all on the website. So if you were to go to the Board of Trustees website and you can see all the information online but if you would like a binder I can request one be made.

Chair Monteforte: What is the status on that President Advisory Board thing that you talked about?

President Mensah: We will be furthering the conversations about that on Monday with Gary Derr.

Senator Vitagliano: Point of Information: The interview for Jane Knodell is November 8 at 4:00-5:30 and Dean Miller is November 10 at 4:00-5:30.

Chair Nelson: There is another time for senators, for SGA, 2:30-3:15, on those days. The information was circulated, I'm not sure exactly. There is a more public time and then the SGA time.

Senator Lober: I just wanted to check in and see if we are we going to get an agenda for the upcoming meeting with Knodell?

President Mensah: Yes, if you have and questions or if you are having issues that you would like us to bring up during the meeting David and I would be more than willing to put it on the agenda. If you are asking for if we are going to be emailing out an agenda before the meeting that's something that we can do but I'll talk to David about that more when he gets back.

Senator Lober: In our last discussion we had about this issue you guys said you would send out agenda, you said like a week before I know that's not possible but just in the next two days would be good.

Senator Filstein: Clarifatory is a real world, I'm pretty sure. Do you know for sure if David decided to lock the appointment process and just hold off until the election?

President Mensah: No, the process is starting now.

Chair Adams: Who is senator of the week?

President Mensah: I will get to that, I will have the floor yielded to me later and talk more about that.

Senator Ballas: If we want to recommend senators do we just like email you?

President Mensah: Yes. You can just email me, you can stop by and see me in the office. I have actually received a few recommendations for this week and I put them in my email this week that's why I don't know where it is.

Committee Reports (0:44.50):

Public Relations (0:44.58):

Chair Monteforte: So PR land, good time. So, talking about VSOP, we're finally on our way. Hopefully it's going to be live next Wednesday and probably going to be closed before Thanksgiving. So that's around Coke and stuff like that so that will be good. PR is starting to talk about other VSOPs in future. We do have questions from other chairs so we will be reviewing those and trying to set up sort of a solid plan of what we're doing so we will let you all know about that soon. The fleeces from L.L. Bean have been ordered so they are being processed. It's a good time. Thank for recognizing APO, that was a good time. They will get a display case in tunnel to use of the month of November, so that's a great way for them to publicize their events, things like that. A quick anecdote. Senator Benner and I were in history this morning and he walked in with his lovely SGA fleece on and a girl was like 'do you have an SGA fleece on' and he was like 'yeah' and she was like 'oh, I'm really interested in SGA, can you tell me about it?' so I just thought that was really cool.

Senator Benner: Point of Information: She did not ask me about it, she said 'you're part of SGA?' and I said "Yes, yes I am" because it was 8:30 in the morning and I was very tired. Then she said 'oh I was involved in SGA in my old school' and then was going to begin to talk to her about it but then our professor entered in. If somebody ever asked for me to tell him or her about SGA I would immediately go and speak on it.

Chair Monteforte: So cool, that's all I got for now.

Open the Floor for Questions (0:46.38)

Senator Rizvanovic: Happy Birthday

Chair Monteforte: thank you

Academic Affairs (0:47.00):

Chair Nelson: Also, Happy Birthday to Senator Lober. I am actually going yield the floor to Lober not only because it's his birthday but also because he was an active participant on EPIR this weekend which is Educational Policy of Institutional Resources, which is going on with the Board of Trustees. So he's going to give a quick summary of that.

Senator Lober: Hey guys. I had a fun time on Friday sitting next to Giselle. It was a great meeting and there were very interesting people there. It was led primarily by Knodell and she touched on everything from TRI to covering program breadth to developing online graduate degree course, class sizes. She touched on everything. There were a few people who came in, Wanda Heading-Grant came in to talk, Chris Lucier came to talk, student retention rates, Student Success and Satisfaction Survey and as well as U.S.-Sino Pathways Program because they were looking to renew that program at the board meeting. On the whole it was really interesting. A lot

of the things that seemed really important to me, particularly the fact that they were looking into cutting certain programs or reducing the breadth of certain programs and the development of an all online graduate degree program kind of got swept under the rug, so I didn't hear enough about those. But, I was able to ask Knodell some interesting questions and enjoyed that. I also just, in general, the Board of Trustees meeting, I enjoyed seeing what the administration is doing. They talked about new initiatives to the board and, essentially how legislation is actually getting talked about and then enacted in the university. If anyone has any specific questions about any of the issues that came up, I would be happy to speak to them now or later but for now I'll pass the floor back to Chair Nelson.

Chair Nelson: Ok, great. So, in other news, this week we have been trying to communicate more with faculty senate and to talk to them about enhanced course information- syllabi which is the word I'm trying to avoid so that we can call it enhanced course information. And, we're trying to make it a 3-way conversation with United Academics. I've been communicating with David Shiman and it's interesting because we can't really, it's limited to how much observation and information we can get about the negotiation of the faculty union and the administration contract because you have to be, the term they used was 'an interested party or an expert witness' and has to be agreed upon by both sides. And so, we're not technically considered an interested party, which is kind of crazy because everything that they do trickles down to us. So, anyways, we're getting our fingers in there. As Kofi said, priority registration discussion with Campus Rec, and I also emailed out to the whole senate a press release on retention rates. I know a couple questions had circulated about it. There's some data in there on ALANA retention, first year retention and the number of students who are from the state of Vermont. So, check it out, read it, it's a quick one pager and it's got lots of numbers.

Finance (0:51.16):

Speaker Chevrier: Point of Information: My computer says that no big election results have been totaled but Leahy wins his seventh term and Vermont's Welch wins third term.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: But, Indiana and Kentucky just went to tea party.

Chair Mallea: In the world of finance, Yay we finally have a full committee, I don't mean to brag. Look out next week Treasurer Salsgiver and myself will be giving a presentation to SGA about where does SGA's money come? How much rolled over from the pervious year? What does the budget look like? All of your questions will be answered, I promise. I attended on Friday the Board of Trustees meeting as well as Vice President Maciewicz and myself sit on Budget Finance and Investment, BFI. Something very interesting is they have just begun topics of conversation about whether they are going to propose a 3% increase in tuition, a 4.5% increase in tuition or 6% increase in tuition. There are numbers on everything and they will be discussing it further at next Board of Trustees meeting. If you are interested in taking a look at that information, I can get a hold of that for you, it's in our booklet, just let me know. We, this week, there is a sign up sheet going around that I'm going to explain. As we've recorded almost every single week during senate, Finance is looking into reviewing exec compensations and chair compensations so we will be forming a committee about how to draft this operational document that we are going to propose to the senate about what chairs should be doing, how they should be reporting it, who they should be reporting it to. If you are interested in those discussions at all be sure to sign up for that committee. This week in Finance we had 14 gas requests and next week you will be seeing a proposal for Bill Allocating Funds to UVM Women's Club Ice Hockey for uniforms. That's it, thanks for passing WRUV as well.

Open the Floor for Questions (0:53.54)

Senator O'Brien: Just wanted to say you are doing a really great job and I was curious if you gave gotten any initial feedback on tuition increase ideas that we would be funding.

Chair Mallea: Sure. So some topics of discussion in the meeting that we would not be able to sustain, as a university, the growth that we have taken over the past couple of years, we would not be able to sustain it at a 3% increase. At 4.5% increase we would be able to sustain it but not continue to grow as a university. At a 6% increase we would be able to grow as a university is what the general consensus is.

Senator Lober: Looking at the 10-year budget forecasts, did they speak to the issue of graduate tuition in those projections? Between fiscal year 2011 and 2012 they are projecting a 21% drop in graduate tuition fees.

Chair Mallea: That topic, actually, to my knowledge, wasn't really discussed at great lengths. We can look at the numbers and kind of see and if you have any concerns you can definitely bring it up at the next meeting and start the dialogue that way but it wasn't talked about really.

Senator Yeager: When they say grow, do they mean like, grow in student size because I'm pretty sure President Fogel said we've already reached the maximum capacity.

Chair Mallea: By grow they don't mean increase the student population. Growth of the university, the university growing every year is new programs, building new buildings and sustaining themselves as a premier research institution. Things that help the university grow overall within its standings as well as to outside institutions as well as prospective students.

Student Activities (0:56.05)

Senator Mason: Chair Adams already sent out her report to everybody. She basically just touched on our point system and the liaison program. And her email pretty much covers everything, in depth.

Open the Floor for Questions (0:56.26)

Chair Mallea: Just in regards to Student Activities, did anyone read *The Cynic* this week about how the lynx is supposedly the new way that we are going to allocate on funds? Just a topic of conversation.

COLA (0:56.47):

Chair Morgan: Alright, so I've been saying for a while now that I was going to have thank you cards for Veteran's Day. So I'm hoping that everybody brought a pen? So, this is kind of what I thought we could put in there but I don't want to say you have free reign to write what you want because I don't want anyone to say anything bad, but if you could just write what is up there in here that would be really cool. Does everyone have pens? So I'm going to get to that. I'm going to have 40 of them, you don't have to sign all 40 of them. So after you are done writing them I am going to recollect them and then I'm going to put them in segments so that people only sign 10 cards..

Speaker Chevrier: Point of Information: Senate race, the Democrats have won 41 seats but that includes two independents who caucus with democrats and republicans have won 27.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: They are arguing that potentially already that they might contest the race between Dubie and Shumlin. They are already saying that there might be a recount and it has only been an hour.

Chair Morgan: So just some clarification, I am going to be handing these out at the end of Veteran's day to all of the Veteran's that are present. [*hands out cards*] so hang on to your cards and can I just get a head nod when you are done? We are just going to pass them to your left and do it 10 times. Perfect. If you want to write your own personal note that's fine but just remember that other people will be signing it and they may not want to sign something that they don't

necessarily agree with. So just a quick update, I said I was going to talk to Dave Potter who is a State Rep and on the Board of Trustees about Invite a Legislator Day and it went over really well. I met with him, Bill Botzow who is the Secretary of the Board of Trustees and a State Rep and I think her name is Jeanette white, she's a state senator and on the Board of Trustees and they were really, really interested in following students around. So it looks like we're going to have the actual day for that second week we come back from winter break. Probably like the first weekend in February or last weekend of January. Are you done writing?

Senator Cesario: Point of Information: Commitment is spelled wrong, there are three 'T's

Speaker Chevrier: Point of Information: Commitment has one 'T'.

Chair Morgan: We are going to do a dry run of Invite a Legislator like the first week, the first week of December, the first week we get back from Thanksgiving Break, just to have someone at the statehouse to lobby for us for people to go, because if I were to just send an email out I was told that people may not be interested so I think this will be really cool. Veteran's Day Celebration is next Thursday. I want to show, is everyone done copying this down? If you are done you can sign them. Let's just wait and then we can pass them en masse. Show of hands, who is still working on this? So when you are done pass to your left and so I would like everyone to sign 10. It's very arbitrary. This is the nifty program that PR ended up designing for me and I'm very amused how it came out. As you can see there are a couple of TBDs to on here. So I need people who are interested in reading letters from Senator Patrick Leahy and Bernie Sanders and Congressmen Peter Welch and Governor Jim Douglass, so if there are people interested please see me afterwards because I would love to have senators doing this. Again, this is next Thursday from 9-11 am in Billings North Lounge. Alright, thus concludes my COLA report.

CODEEE (1:06.37)

Chair Herman: Hey. Ok, yesterday I went to another President's Commission on Racial Diversity Meeting. Just some quick follow-ups, some things that were interesting that were brought up. There's going to be a strategic diversity plan implemented, it's rather new. It's something the Chief Diversity Officer is hoping to implement. What that looks like still has to be discussed just because it's extremely new. That's something that they are looking at. Pretty much, they want to know what diversity will look like in the year 2020 and how that will look in 10-15 years from now. The climate survey, like I said, had been postponed. It will be put out spring semester. Some of the things that are being adjusted is that some of them say the survey is too long and that they wanted to make the survey so that everyone can take it. Right now there are different layers and some of it pertains just to students, some of it is directly to faculty and staff. They want to make a general one so that everyone takes the same survey. Another thing interesting that came up was the evaluation of professors came up in a meeting. I believe that's the President's Commission of LGBT commission, they are discussing implementing a questions that deals with diversity inclusion on the professor's evaluations and how to implement that in different departments and It may look rather different depending on what department it's in but, having some type of diversity inclusion put on all the professor's evaluations is something that was also addressed. There is also an article in *The Cynic* about student retention. The person who was writing the article actually contacted me on Friday but, no question that was posed to me and I answered was actually put in there so I don't know. There is an article on student retention in *The Cynic*. ALANA student retention is going well. Chris Lucier had someone named Keith Coutu forward me some information regarding student retention and graduation rates of ALANA student from 1996 to the present. So that data is currently being compiled and being put into graphs so that we can better analyze the data. Also trying to contact a statistics professors to figure out what those numbers mean in terms of the numbers, how to better analyze that data. I also got in touch with Director of Admissions regarding procedures that questions that was asked at last week's meeting and I'm trying to set a meeting time to discuss that issue further. Also, meeting with Student Financial Services rep regarding possible advising methods for students like advising students annually or every semester to better assist those students with financial aid, how to better help them understand what packages will they be looking at. And then next year what

plans to make and what steps to take with their family in regarding their financial assistance at the University of Vermont. So those are things that I have been addressing this past week. To touch on financial aid a little bit more it's really something that we are looking to implement where Student Financial Services comes into different venues say Student Government or to the ALANA Student Center and speak to students regarding financial aid, how to help them. Just more outreach from Student Financial Services.

Open the Floor for Questions (1:11.41)

Chair Nelson: In addition to financial advising from the financial aid office, did they talk about financial literacy at all and providing more information on that?

Chair Herman: that wasn't spoken about in this past meeting but that is something that has come up as to how well prepared students are coming in to the University of Vermont and that they don't have any legitimate plan and they just think they will receive financial aid and that will be the end of that. A lot of students end up leaving because they don't have those types of plans. So that's something they are trying to work on where they have those plans and speak to the students before they come to the university and speak to the parents about forming some type of plan, some backup plan, aide from just the financial aid that's offered.

Senator Lober: Does [inaudible] have any invested interest in the U.S.-Sino Pathways program? Is that something that you discussed?

Chair Herman: No, we didn't discuss that at all.

Speaker Chevrier: The U.S.-Sino Pathways program was created in hopes to bring more diversity to the University of Vermont but they are also banking.

Student Action (1:13.25):

Chair Simmons: Hello everyone. Ok. So, today we had another Naked Bike Ride Meeting. Still haven't heard from anyone about the Naked Bike Ride that you want to see happen. I don't have any strong opinions on it, I want everyone to be safe, obviously, and I want everybody to be naked and have a good time, but other than that, I don't know, so if you know anyone who does, forward them along. Figure out the route, it will be same route as last year around the UHeights buildings and the whole UHeights complex, doing circles around that thing. They are going to be looking for volunteers so I will be imploring all of you to help me get the word out soon. Last exec meeting we had a mixer with the IRA folks, which was fabulous, to say the least, and one of the things we talked about was enforcement on the busses and how we can enforce it. So, we figured that there basically needs to be some kind of deterrent from yacking or being a butthead or doing any other things we don't want to see happen. So, we thought that maybe Green Mountain Security giving out fines or tickets or kicking people off or taking people's picture and putting them on ban for life list, something like that so that buttheads don't ruin it for everyone would be good. Coke, we're, for the time being, we think we're going to reallocate our resources and look into things we can put our fingers on more tangibly in the short term, which includes water bottles. It's something I'm sure everyone is so sick of hearing about, but is yet still something that I think we could do some good work on. So we are currently writing a petition slash boycott in which people would kind of be signing a petition and in signing the petition taking a pledge to reduce their consumption of bottled water. We just love so much to hear what you have to say about that. We'll probably be working with a lot of different organizations around school to get the word out about that and kind of getting as much involvement as humanly possible. Not our favorite part of it but certainly something that might increase participation in the petition is getting an online version of that through the lynx or something where you could sign in and sign the petition on line. Whereas we really would love to have people visit us about it and talk and schmooze, if it's forwarded out on a listserv or something like that and you can click, click, click, I agree, I agree, it's another name that we have which we can give to the

administration. It's very related, we're in the new RFB that's going to go out we're going to request for a proposal for the next beverage provider that that is part of it somehow that we don't have to have bottled water provided or we don't want to have a certain quota mandated in that part of it and so on and so forth. And I would like to yield the floor to President Mensah.

President Mensah: I forgot to mention 3 quick things. The discussion around the hockey tickets are still continuing, I actually emailed a lady over from athletics and she just reiterated some of the major information we already heard but she just pointed us in the right direction about the person to talk to. The likelihood of it happening may or many not be. Just a couple of pressing things about the Provost Search Committee, so what's going on next week is with the two candidates that have been advanced, there are going to be two time, two opportunities for students to get to talk to them at large. There is going to be the opportunity for executive members to interview them next week Monday and Wednesday and there is going to be the time for the open forum. The open forum also falls on the same day that the executive committee members are interviewing them. So the exec times for senators, as part of the executive committee are going to be next Monday from 3:15-3:45 and then on that following Wednesday from 2:30-3:15 in the Gormley Conference Room. And then the open forum that they are going to have for the whole university, for any students that are in attendance, to ask them questions after they already discussed a general discussion topic that has already been posed to them is going to be the same days from 4:00-5:30 in the Admission's Center on 184 South Prospect St. The senator of the week per a suggestion of a fellow senator on the body is going to be, I'm going to screw up last name, but is going to be Senator Semir Rizvanovic. He is always the person that recommends and is always in the office, an active presence in the office, as well as the times that I've seen Semir in the office, we are always looking up new ways to make PR more fun, always on the Mac. Or in terms of the recent issues surrounding coke, working with other members on his committee to come up with those cool, flashy ways to make people recognize coke, that whole water bottle stand thing that they were developing like last week. And also for doing his senatorial duties and catching a little mishap in the minutes from last week. So Senator Rizvanovic is senator of the week.

Senator White: Point of Information: Famed anti-masturbation advocate Christine O'Donnell defeated by Chris Coons.

Chair Simmons: The floor is mine! Thus concludes my report?

Senatorial Forum (1:20.12):

Senator White: So, commenting on the boycott, I have it written, we're in final editing phases if you have comments on it, come talk to me.

Senator Lober: Kofi, I was just wondering if the administration is requesting that we limit what's at the meetings to members of exec and I would also like to request that if a member of exec can't attend can we try to fill the position?

President Mensah: Yes, they are requesting that we are selective and the folks that are interviewing the candidate and the group that was suggested is the executive committee on senate just because there is only a short period of time for a student to ask questions but exec who will receive an email will have until Thursday to tell David and I whether they will attend both or one of the meetings and if there is a space that will be available we will open it up to the Senate floor.

Speaker Chevrier: A few things. One I wanted to thank everyone for good asking good questions to our appointee tonight. I know my sophomore year when I was appointed, I was like hounded, I was asked probably 15 hard question and then I know that at the beginning of the year when we were appointing people and at the end of last year we would ask people like 'what's your favorite color?' and 'if you could be an animal what would you be?'. I do like those kinds of questions but I think that those kinds of questions should only be asked if you are also being

asked some more important things. So I thank you for doing both tonight. Also, what I wanted to say about fleeces was after we were talking briefly last week about how we were allocating student money to our own fleeces. I understand that this can totally be me rationalizing wanting a fleece but, I was planning to point out that they are a good tool for having people know who their senators are. So thank you Chair Monteforte and Senator Benner for showing that. It is true, you can talk about senate, but how many people actually stand up in front of all your classes and talk about what we're doing, not a lot, but if you're wearing a shirt that says I'm a senator, it's very likely that people will actually be listening or to be likely to talk to you about things. To respond to Liza's question that she posed during public forum I think it's extremely important that any letter come with a resolution. I think if you pass a resolution as opposed to just sending a letter it has more backing. That's also why we meet, is to pass resolutions on things and it also shows that the body is behind something as opposed to just one person.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: Linda McMann just lost in Connecticut and so the WWE will continue to just be the WWE.

Senator Mason: My first big thing is I know we always speak about this with senate with the respect aspect of it. Just to reiterate that with respect in a sense, because I feel as though we kind of lose it at some points and how do we expect people to respect the people that come to speak to us during public forum when we can't respect the person we sit next to. Even in regards to nays it's your way to disagree but when we nay somebody back down to their seat and lose their whole opinion is completely inconsiderate and disrespectful. In regards to the fleeces, yeah I think it's a good representation, maybe, not so much as spending, I don't know, \$100 of student money on it, I don't know. I'm sure we paid something. I know we trust in the Finance Committee to make those decisions about that.

Speaker Chevrier: Point of Information: election results should not be on public forum, that should be under comments and announcements.

Chair Morgan: I just want to thank everyone for participating in the pass the card party we just had.

Senator Sadeghi: Senator White you brought up along with Student Action this boycott of banning water bottles. I remember we had a discussion today, could you elaborate a little bit for everyone on senate I feel like there are a lot of good ideas.

Senator White: Cool, so I went through and I put together a list of 3 facts that myself and Jesse are working on kind of rewording and picking the absolute correct ones to use in the boycotts. So we have those three, it's mostly, you know, 3 out of every 4 water bottles that you use gets thrown out as opposed to recycled which all end up in ocean. The way that water bottles degrade is different from food in that, it's complicated, I'll send it out. That's three facts and then 3 kind of why you should get involved in the boycott and why other people should as well which is just, you know, it comes out of the tap, it's free and you're paying, I don't know, \$1.75 every time which is a ridiculous waste. It's available off campus, you don't have to get on campus and then there is one other that kind of, reiterates the environmental insanity of bottled water. And I used the word environmental insanity so if you don't like it, cool.

Senatorial Comments/Announcements (1:26.59)

President Mensah: Hey everyone, so the event is finally tomorrow. I've mentioned this for I think the past two weeks. Tomorrow is UVM Founder's Day. So as you all know, hopefully, the University of Vermont was founded on November 3, 1791 and as a member of the Boulder Society we are recognizing the day that the university was founded and how to do that is by growing on a school spirit event. So we are hoping for students to show up tomorrow all over campus or whatever wearing school colors and I'm hoping that a lot of you here can spread the word and also wear school colors. As I mentioned last week this fabulous flyer was made by

Nick, the chair of the Public Relations Committee. That event is going to be tomorrow from 11-2pm at catamount right there in front of Royal-Tyler and it's hosted by the Boulder Society and it's sponsored by the SGA, IRA, University Dining Services and the President's Office. These fantastic mugs are going to be handed out to the first 300 students that come wearing green, gold, or yellow. And there is also going to be hot chocolate, coffee, and apple crisp that are being provided by Sodexo.

Senator Mason: I just want to let everybody know that the Step Team is doing a fundraiser that we're selling dinner platters for \$5 or sides for like \$2 until Tuesday afternoon.

Senator White: Just want to say thank you so, so much to Senator Liza Lederer-Plaskett for helping with the driving people to the polls today, it was wonderful and to everyone who helped out with who facebook announcement thing, you all are sweet.

Speaker Chevrier: I apologize for using my computer, I feel as though there are some things that supersede Senate is supposed to be your number one non-academic priority and midterm elections are one of them. Vermont is the first to be called for representatives, of course we only have one, but it has gone to Democrat Peter Welch as I mentioned before. New Hampshire was also the first one to be called for governor and it went to Lynch. I don't know how is New Hampshire. And, I'll give periodic updates.

Chair Simmons: Yo. Sorry I didn't have ready for the report or the forum. Just due to the reading on the whole ban boycott thing we want to make it as short and as sweet as possible. I thought VSTEP did a tremendous job with the facts next to New World. Really simple stuff, we're not trying to get huge debates here. We certainly are looking to critically instruct and engage worries or criticisms people have, but we really kind of want to make the point as simple as possible. I'm just looking here at a study done a year ago saying that where tap water is already available, we're blessed to have this kind of tap water freely available, the energy required to produce bottled water is 2,000 times more than the energy required to produce tap water. Wow.

Senator Willis: So there is a job fair tomorrow in the Grand Maple Ballroom by Career Services from 2-5 so if you guys are looking for a job you should go. I have some cards that you guys can pass around.

Senator Ballas: I guess this is for anyone, I guess in this area would know the answer, why are we boycotting? Why aren't we just waiting for the contract to expire and then not include water?

Chair Simmons: Well, so glad you asked that question, friend. I was just thinking that it would be very useful for when this conversation comes up and when we are having this discussion about the contract, we have something to speak on and some evidence of student involvement beyond the 5 of us saying that this is something that students care about and this is something that's important to the SGA and maybe beyond the SGA, the student body. That's why it's important to me that we do a two pronged approach, we're both kind of encouraging students to put you money where your mouth is and stop consuming it, please, if you think it's ethically not a good thing to consume. And also, put your name down saying that you think it's not an ethically good thing for students so that we can have that with us when we go into these kinds of conversations. It would be really great if bottled water use plummeted after we have started this boycott. I am a self-confident person but not that confident so I think that having a list of a couple thousand names would be really, really helpful.

Senator Vitagliano: Vice President Maciewicz sends his best to the senate and he congratulates Chris on his appointment and thanks the Senate for confirming that appointment to him.

Chair Monteforte: Hello, so it's a little early to be telling you this but I thought I would anyway to get you excited. The Business School is putting on an event for entire school. It's Harry Potter night at the Essex Cinemas and it will be in the Imax theater called the T-Rex because they didn't want to pay for the Imax name. I think it's going to be discounted, a price of about 8 dollars and

it's on December 9. So, just tell all your friends so they can all go see Harry Potter and help raise some money.

Roll Call (1:33.41)

Finance: All Present

Student Activities: Chair Adams, Senator Moise, excused

COLA: All Present

CODEEE: Senator Benes, excused

Student Action: All Present

Public Relations: All Present

Academic Affairs: All Present

Adjournment (1:34.01)

End Time: 8:32pm