

April 10, 2012

#### Roll Call

Finance: Senator DeVivo present

Public Relations: Senator Heffrin excused

Student Activities:

COLA: all present

Academic Affairs: Senator Mansfield excused

Student Action: Manago unexcused

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#### Public Forum

Kyle Devivo: For those of you know, all throughout the country. It's megabus.com. Kyle Devivo gives Senate a presentation about Megabus. For access to this presentation please contact Kyle Devivo at [kdevivo@uvm.edu](mailto:kdevivo@uvm.edu). He talks about passenger Miles, the Green awards that Megabus has been awarded, what having Megabus means for UVM students.

- Chair Caster: Do you have any connections to Syracuse
- Kyle Devivo: You're going to have to take a bus to Boston to Syracuse
- Senator Allston: Is Megabus services continue during the summer?
- Kyle DeVivo: Yes, it will continue in the summer. If you plan on it being there, it will be there.
- Senator Burns: Can you talk about the price increases of Megabus tickets?
- Kyle Devivo: For holiday it's, reward people for heads up. The earlier you book your ticket, the less expensive it's going to be. Compared to what bus prices up, you're going to spend less taking the Megabus.
- Senator Kaznets: There have been concerns with Royal Tyler Theater interrupting performances. Are there any new plans for a bus stop?
- Kyle Devivo: The problem first arose on late November and we sat down and talked with the folks at Royal Tyler Theater and have informed passengers that if they are not UVM students then they need to stay out of UVM. We talked with folks in the Royal Tyler.

There is a full swipe access to get in the Theater now for UVM students. You know, we have worked with them for a long time before starting this service. But that's the only appropriate place for a bus stop for Megabus. We have tried to address that problem as best as we can.

- Senator Kaznets: so there are no plans to move the busstop
- Kyle Devivo: No current plans.
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Matt Freeman, Catherine Lang: My name is Matt Freeman, and this is Catherine Lang. So we moved to town mostly because of well Burlington is a pretty cool place to be. We're big fans of the live music scene here. We wanted a better way to know what was going on downtown. So it took us a little while, but we started figuring out how to do that, and we ended up creating a web service called "Wherebear." "Wherebear" is the cute little guy on the upper left and what he does is he tells you what is going on downtown. You can see events, restaurants, special dinners, you can see food specials, and also drink specials. It's very simple. Right now any restaurants can log in and can control their profiles. We're going to be putting up some posters. We have some stickers. So again it's free for restaurants and we can I guess for two reasons, one to get the word out, and also to dissuade, I know that there are a lot of drink options there, and we want to focus more on the live music because it's more fun. But we just want to say hey this is what this is. And we just wanted to ask and see, while we keep building it, if it's useful for students. So again pretty short, for just wanted you guys to check it out. Places that don't have specials are down below. It's really hard to see, but that's basically it.

- Senator Mathews: Can you access this website on your phone?
- Matt Freeman: Yes you can. It's not an app yet, but you can easily get it on a smart phone.
- Chiar Goodnow: Did you base this off of another program at UVM that you've seen before
- if any of you are familiar with the travel service chipmunk, it is based slightly on that. I can't say that we're doing the same thing. We're a new company, and we're not funded by Vermont. So I think, it's not entirely new.

Troy Headrick: My name is Troy Headrick, and I work for the Center of Student Ethics and Standards, as does my co-presenter Lara Scott. We are the two people who posted flyers in the Davis center as part of the Dismantling Rape Culture conference, announcing our workshop. Our workshop is called anger and energy. And I am well aware that the flyer created significant reaction and a few people emailed us and I engaged with those people and tried to have a dialogue with those people. One person, Christian, did come to Friday session. He was one of two people who came to my session which was open to everybody. Again, Christian, I am incredibly thankful that you took that step. Christian suggested that we come here and talk best we can about the workshop itself. To do that in ten minutes is really tough. I have done this workshop for a long time, and I have never done it in 10 minutes. We did it in 1 hour and 15 minutes and that felt really short. So I am going to present just one point of view of the workshop And I have never done it in 1- minutes. I am going to take us through a part of the workshop from a very one sided point of view, and I apologize for that ahead of time, because the part that I am doing is really meant to be a dialogue, but I just can't do that in this format, and then I will take some questions, and then Lara is going to take us through a little bit more. I am going to take us through the fliers itself. Normally, as I do the workshop, there we three fliers posted. And we stopped on each of the fliers and I asked the audience when you first saw the flier three-days ago, a week ago, or just now, I ask two questions. One is what do you think, kind of cognitively what happened when you saw that flier, and then how did that make you feel. And I know, judging from the emails I got, how it made some people feel, but I can't do that right now. I cannot do that right now. I can only jump into making some of the links that we hope to make based on that dialogue that happens on the workshop. So I am going to do that, which is going to make it feel really one sided. This is the flier that generates the most heated/angry reaction. But I think that anger can be a really good thing. At times, I think that it can be a catalyst in a way for people to start asking, what am I angry at and why am I so angry and triggered right now. This flyer is meant to trigger. The "Men Rape" just becomes this generalized statement. Men end up feeling offended and repulsed. Women have a reaction as well, often times relating it to men that they know who don't fit that generalized statement of men rape. It is a statement of truth that men

rape. Men do rape. Men do a lot of things. Men do a lot of wonderful things. I talk about the predominant that happens in rape culture on a college campus, and that is men raping women. I realize that rape happens in same gender relations, I also realize that rape happens to men and they are victimized as sexual assault. And I also acknowledge that all men do not rape. In fact the majority of men do not rape. The point of this flier makes the point that is a smaller font to suggest or to think that men can be part of the solution to ending rape. [He shows Senate more pictures from his slideshow] Picture on the left. We are constantly telling women to respond to an environment where rape is likely to happen. Women are always talking to women about living in an environment where rape is likely to happen. When I ask this question to women about how many have been taught these things in my conferences. We rarely talk to men about being part of the process where rape doesn't happen in the first place. It's an after thought, and it's in very small font that men can help end rape. We're always talking to women about what they should be doing to keep rape from happening to them. This workshop suggests that that should piss you off, that that should make you angry, both men and women. It sets us up as victim and perpetrator. It sets us up as generalizable. This is the male role and this is the female role. I suggest to the men in the room that you might be angry not at the flyer, not at the people who hung the flier, but that you might be angry at the fact that you are lumped in and grouped and stereotyped according to a very small minority of the population. [he reads through some fliers and quotes from various authors and activists]. I started to do this workshop in 1990 when I was a graduate student, and at the time, that statistic was pretty current. U.S. department of justice repeats the the statistic about 13 later. We're 12 years later now. I know the statistics right now are equal to that if not worse than that. There's a study coming out now where it might be one in three. I talk about that fear. The first time that I realized that I lived in a rape culture even though I wouldn't have called it that at that time. I was a first year student walking to a new relationship. It would have been equivalent from walking from Redstone to Central. There was a woman walking right in front of me, walking in the same direction, andi suddenly realized that she suddenly realized that there was somebody back there. And I realized that I was feared. I was again lumped in not because—33% of men say that if they knew they will not be caught or

punished they would engage in behavior that would violate rape laws. It's men saying that I would engage in this behavior, there was probably about 15 in the list, if I knew that I wouldn't be caught or punished. I am one of the 67%, and I want to know where the 67% were when that question were asked. I am not capable of committing rape even if I knew I wasn't going to be raped or punished. I am assuming that I am in pretty good company within the room. We are defined with the least of our peers, and I don't like being judged that way. [He shows Senate a website entitled Brocode.com and how men are taught certain codes to live by to perpetuate the rape culture itself].

Senator Campbell: Motions to suspend the rules. Motion fails.

Senator Habib: In light of the recent negative publicity that UVM received regarding Rape Culture, how did you feel about having the posters displayed on Admitted Students Day considering how families might react and how it might ruin UVM's reputation or admissions. Did you guys concern that at all?

Troy: The poster said, "UVM Men can stop Rape." The "can stop" was deliberately smaller. I have been doing this workshop before I was married or had kids. This program has evolved with me—campus to campus. When I started, I can remember saying I hope that, and part of the reason why I am doing this is creating a campus so that my daughters might experience campus different than I think women experience now. My older daughter is a freshman at UVM campus, and I am still doing the damn workshop. That frustrates me. My second daughter is a junior, so we are touring campuses. So, I hope to see campuses that I am visiting with my younger daughter are addressing this issue. I hope to see them do it in an aggravated angry way. I think that anger is a benefit to interrupting the rape culture in definitive and in ways that provoke emotion. And anger remains my motivation.

Senator Al-Namee: Do you think that the reactions you got from students were the reactions that you were expecting?

Troy: I have had at least 6 conversations with men that I wouldn't had I not posted the flyers. that . I am hear because of the flyers. I get it, you're

supposed to be angry. They are supposed to make you mad. My job with the longer version of the workshop is to try to convince you that you're not mad at the flyer, or those who hung the flyer, but the rape culture itself.

Lara Scott: My name is Lara Scott. I have been doing sexual violence awareness work for about 10 years. [Lara also presents a slide for Senate. For access to the slide please contact Lara Scott at [Lara.Scott@uvm.edu](mailto:Lara.Scott@uvm.edu)]. She talks about the Rape incident in Sigma Phi and how that is not THE incident of rape culture at UVM, but AN incident of rape culture at UVM. She goes through commercial promotion of rape culture by showing various posters from Rainn Wilson to Dolce and Gabana ads. Other factors in promoting rape in campus are flyers that say "It's not rape if you yell surprise" or a black man with a quote "You gonna get raped" which also promotes racial stereotyping. Lara shows Facebook news feeds that show men on campus write several "bang your sister" jokes. She lectures that that if these outside influences do not start changing then change is not coming to better the circumstances for college-goers. And anger is an emotion that is a strong formula that stops behaviors and messages like these from reproducing. She ends with this. "Passion can equal change, we all live in a better society."

Senator Mansfield: Why hasn't this been actively pursued for an academic or a university-wide requirement? Why isn't something real happening on campus? This conversation needs to happen among students, why has this been a self-selection event and not a mandatory one?

Lara: I would say a couple of things. There are a couple of things. There are places on campus that give presentations throughout the year and throughout campus. I really believe that that is a starting point. Dialogue and discussion somewhere, sometime is way more than not having any conversation at all. I think that too often there is no conversation, and that's why we are here: to have that conversation with students.

Senator Mansfield: Would you consider putting this in the diversity requirement? Is that a possibility?

Lara: We have a couple of different folks in the office who are part of the task force that does work for the systemic UVM campus change. We have had conversations with them and told them that this is something that we're really interested in. I can't guarantee what the outcome will be. But I can tell you that it is a possibility.

Senator Craine: How does your program include inclusivity? I realize that women are the primary targets, but men are also raped.

Lara: That is a great question, and that is largely the point of this presentation. It is to promote anger among its audience and figure out where that anger is coming from. It's not necessarily about the 33%, but about the 67% who have never participated in actions like this but are getting plumped in; and it's the smaller percentage voice that is being heard. We want those who are disturbed by this culture to use their voice and actions for things to start changing.

Aya Al-Namee: I have been a member for kids for peace organization ever since I moved to the United States. It's a big organization that was founded in Boston by a peace activist who just started interacting with Muslims, Christians and Jews in that area, and kind of trying to find a way of gaining useful communication. And it targets kids from the age of 10 to 12. What we do is we bring those students from Israel, Palestine, and Vermont, and we just have them interact with each other for 2 weeks here in a camp Vermont. And just at look the outcome at the workshop from them, and I have a clip from that. (She shows senate a touching clip from the Kids4Peace Website). Those were the students from this summer. This is actually very emotional for me right now. Those students came in—there's no way of communication. They barely speak English. They make songs for each other. They left their siblings. It was very touching to see. Right now what has happen to the Kids 4 Peace organization—we lost our director, and we're out of money. So there is a 90% activity that this camp won't happen. It has been happening for 40 years, so this is the first time that we're legit out of money. And it hurts me to even think about that and I'm just coming into talk about it. There is going to be a walk this Sunday at 2pm. We're fundraising, any penny could be helpful. You can even show up and walk and

support the cause. Just let your people know, and help us out. Senator Keyes: Have you considered reaching out to some of the groups on campus that would be pretty willing to help you, like possibly VIA?

Senator Al-Namee: I haven't talked to VIA yet, but I have reached out to Hillel and the Catholic Center. (Rest of reply inaudible)

Senator Keenan: I was wondering if you are willing to send out an email on Senate.

Senator Al-Namee: Definitely! I will send out an email with link. There is a place for walkers. It's basically a sheet of paper where you can go around and ask for however many donations that people are willing to give you.

Senator Neill: Is there any way that people can donate online?

Senator Al-Namee: On the homepage, there is a place where you can donate. [Senator Al-Namee shows where on the website].

Chair Burns: Would you be able to send it around as a link to senate?

Senator Al-Namee: Yes, definitely.

James Billman: Thank you for letting me come in such a short notice. So I am here because I am co-chairing an event for feel good. It got moved to Friday from this coming Saturday to higher ground. I am coming here to personally invite you to come to this event. It is called Jammin' to End World Hunger. It is the fifth annual benefit concert that UVM is putting on. We have 3 bands from UVM, one band who is a former Top Cat, David Potluck. Some of you might have heard of him. We also have Catamount Dance Crew who is going to be performing, as well as the Orchesis Dance Group that is going to be performing. I am passing around flyers, and on the bottom you can see all the community partners and the UVM partners that we are working with. If you have any questions, approach me. I am going to be here for the rest of the meeting and otherwise just come this Friday at Higher Ground 7:30pm. Tickets are out online or at Davis Center. Doors open at 7pm. This coming Saturday at 7pm. There will be a total of 300 tickets.



## Old Business

### Bill Approving the 2011-2013 Budget

- Bill Passes!

### Resolution in Support of the Implementation of Faculty Advisory Evaluation System

- Resolution passes!

## No New Business

## Emergency Business

### Bill Recognizing Chinese Student Union

Bill passes

## Executive Reports

Speaker Osef: he talks about his experience with Senate

- Senate gives him

Treasurer Juaire: thanks Senate for passing the budget

- coming for reappointment next semester

President Golfarini: speaks about Pat Brown

- talks about increasing the fine to noise violations
  - He has a policy meeting about that
- there is a new transfer ad hoc policy. Transfer student coordinator
- dean of students advisory board
  - talks about finding new faces for the group
- is leaving Friday at 1pm for Washington
  - as of yet, Obama is not confirmed for the event
- I love Aditi Giri
- He implores all of Senate to keep in touch with him.
- Question #1: Going to Washington
- Senator Chaouch: Will I be seeing you at Red Square?
- President Golfarini: The chances for that are 150%

Vice President Vitagliano: tearfully reads senate a speech he wrote for Senate.

- Question #1: working with Sam, has a job interview with UVM.

## Committee Reports

- Public Relations: presents a slideshow about the work that PR has done. Contact Trey Denton for more information
- Chair Dougherty: had supplemental
  - appreciates Blanca and his committee members
- Student Activities: thanks for passing Chinese Student Union
  - met with 4-5 clubs this week
  - wishes the next chair luck
- COLA: shares with Senate about what she has learned from Senate
  - Excited for COLA next year
  - leaves parting words
    - She encourages people to step up and not worry about failing
    - helping other students is the best use of time
  - Senator Keenan: How can I love you any less?
  - Senator Pasterkiewicz: You will be missed.
- Academic Affairs: met with David Shiman
  - He loves his committee and Senate
- Student Action: wrapped up his transition report
  - Encourages everyone to continue to learn and grow
  - the best senator is the one with an open mind
- CODEEE: Senate is awesome
  - Talks about his experience with Senate

#### Senatorial Forum

- Senator Campbell: Thanks Chris for going to Dismantling Rape Culture
- Senator Mansfield: encourages people to read the email

#### Senatorial Comments and Announcements

- Senator Keenan: talks about his experience in Senate, and thanks Katie Rifken for her work.
- Chair Denton: Realized after being in Senate that what you put into your life is what will change your life and if you want to be proud of something, put the effort into it. Senate has shaped his college career, and it has made him the person that he wants to be. He encourages people to what you got to do, to make it good.
- Senator Mansfield: talks about publishable course evaluations.
- Senator Keyes: Month of Service is still going on

- Senator Al Namee: 4<sup>th</sup> annual kids for Peace Walk is happening downtown this weekend.
- Senator Craine: On April 20<sup>th</sup>, it's the International Day outside of Davis Center

Roll Call

Finance—Senator He excused

Public Relations: all present

Student Activities: Chair Benner excused

COLA: Senator Wilich excused

Academic Affairs: all present

Student Action : all present

CODEEE: all present