

April 17th, 2012

Roll Call

Finance: Senator Hart excused

Public Relations: Senator Allston excused

Student Activities: Senator Heffrin excused

COLA: Senator Goodrich and Senator Holt excused

AA: Senator Mount unexcused, Senator Wooley, Senator Garau and Senator Hilton excused

Student Action: Senator Edelman and Kosinski not sworn in yet.

CODEEEE: all present

Public Forum

Julian Golfarini: Hello everyone. I'm here to talk about a few things. First I just want to bring one thing to your attention. I don't know if anyone of you know what happened yesterday morning in Ira Allen Chapel. John Bramley was giving the welcoming address for the admitted students that were on campus and during that presentation there was a group of students that came and kind of interrupted his speech and were protesting Bill Ruprecht who is on the Board of Trustees. It's not confirmed at the moment, but there is a possibility that it was one of our student clubs. And I just think that in my opinion that was not a good representation for those admitted students that came here. And I'm not saying that shouldn't be able to protest or anything like that, I just think that it was an extremely inappropriate thing to do, considering how those perspective students are going to be affected by it. I don't see how what Bill Ruprecht does is relevant to the Admitted Students Days. So, I just wanted to highlight that. But the main reason why I am here is at the request of the current president and I just wanted to talk a little about the trip I just took to Washington. So I was just in Washington at the NCLC, which is the National Campus Leaders Conference. It was the first one ever. There was over 90 SGA presidents there. Unfortunately the part at the White House got cancelled, so there was some construction issue. We literally just did it all across the street where we could see the White House. But the speakers were all the same. It was a lot of fun. The thing that I most took away from the conference is that we have a pretty phenomenal SGA. The first day was a lot of speeches. A lot of speakers from a lot of different realms of the government came in. We spoke to the

former governor administrator of the interior, Dirk Arthur Kempthorne. We spoke to the under Secretary of Education, who told us a lot about what she's doing. And the second day, we kind of broke out into different sessions and as SGA presidents, compared what we each do at our schools. I'll give you an example. The one on sustainability, by the end of the one hour break out session, the main presenter, the one who was facilitating the group, just stopped talking, and I was kind of the leader of the discussion and all of the other SGA presidents were taking notes on all of the things that we do regarding sustainability. I have already gotten tweeted back by two other SGA presidents that I met that they've already sent out YouTube videos to their student body and that it has been hugely successful. What I learned is that we are innovative here, and we do things that other SGAs are interested in doing already. Besides that one of the big issues that has come up is that this summer, the interest rates on student loans are actually going to double. Not any current student loans, don't worry about that. But as of July 1st, if you take out a student loan after that date, the interest rates are going to be doubled. So they gave us a bunch of resources that I will be giving out to Connor to help our local leaders here in Vermont ask for that not to happen. I really wanted to leave it up to questions for you. I'll be sending all the information to Connor that they sent to me, and hopefully he will be able to go next year. Another thing that I learned was that we really need to attend to more of these conferences, because most of the SGA representatives that were there already knew one another from one conference to another. I just wanted to open up the floor for questions.

Chair Dougherty: Just to go back on what happened in Ira Allen, what do you see as something being a good repercussion for that? Also, what do you see as your perspective as an Advocate, how you see that reflecting back to the tours and the Admitted Students Days?

Julian Golfarini: So I'll answer the second part of the question first. I found out about what was going on because I give a tour every Monday morning and I walked into work at the Visitor's Center and everybody was freaking out. They marched on the presentation in Ira Allen, everybody was bugging out about it. I was told that Bramley handled it exceptionally well; he just played it off as no big deal. I think talking with a few of the parents later on

in the day, it wasn't necessarily the worst thing. But the fact is that 60% of the students who come in Admitted Students Days end up coming to UVM. So it is a very important tool for recruitment at UVM. And like I said, I think that it was a completely inappropriate time for them to protest that type of thing. I think that if they wanted to protest the Board of Trustees Meeting then that's wholly appropriate. That's great. The fact that they did that in front of a group of students who first of all aren't even sure that they're going to come to UVM. And second of all, aren't going to really interact with Will or the Sotheby's in any way while they are here at UVM. I don't see how it's going to affect their UVM experience. I would definitely say that it is deterring especially to the parent. And then for the first part of your question in terms of sanctions, I don't really know. I heard a rumor that it may have been organized by a group called ISO, which is one of our clubs. And I would say that one of the first things when recognizing a club, you know upholding the University of Vermont policy and better the University and its community, you could argue that both of those terms were broken. In terms of sanctions, that's for you all to decide and find out the details. I don't want to add any personal feelings towards that. But I just thought it was very inappropriate and I definitely feel that it affected the 60%. It's probably more like 20-30% from that, I would guess.

Senator Mansfield: Do you think that it was an effective means for pressuring the administration though?

No, because their issue is Bill Ruprecht and the art handlers at the Sotheby's. So if they want to improve the workers' rights in Sotheby's, I don't see how that affects a 1000 perspective UVM students. They should go to his Board of Trustees meeting. They should go to his office and have that protest. I don't see how it affects all these high school seniors in deciding whether or not she should come to UVM. And I don't see him getting kicked off the Board of Trustees and John Bramley nor the administration has the power to do that. So my view is that it's almost pointless for them to protest there. It just reflects poorly in the University.

Rules got suspended.

- New senators were appointed.

- New chairs were appointed
- Treasurer Juaire was appointed as treasurer
- Nomination for Speaker position: Senator Burns, Senator Brown, Senator Kaznets, and Current Speaker Osef. Senate went into two executive sessions since after the first there were more nominations. After Senate voted, Speaker Osef was again elected as speaker!
- Senate appointed new senator to Student Action Committee.

New Business

- Funding for ISO
- Bill recognizing Fashion Club

Executive Reports

- Speaker Osef: runs through his rules of order
 - Thanks the body for re-appointing him
 - Senator Conlon: What is the value of a senator if they do not attend the committee meetings?
 - Speaker Osef: That is more up to the chair of each committee.
- Vice President Holland: Thanks everyone for their patience
 - She did a lot of transitioning work this week
 - There were a lot of meetings w/ faculty, staff, and administration
 - She appointed chairs this week
 - She had meetings with Pat Brown about summer plans and fall retreat
 - She is trying to update the SGA website.
 - April 29th: There is a cookout with Senate
 - She hopes to meet with new senators and talk about their roles in SGA.
 - Flash drives are going to be distributed
 - Question #1: Starting to meet with new senators, figuring out what people want to do in Senate and setting them on their path.
- President Daley: has been doing a lot transition work!
 - Thanks for everyone who ran for chair-ship
 - He explains the role of a chair

- He thanks Senate for approving Treasurer Juaire as their treasurer.
- He is going to be a pro-Greek, and pro-student president.
- His agenda is primarily going to focus on: engaging the student body more, bettering community relations (noise issues), improving advising, and refining career services.
- By Fall semester: he is going to be setting up his cabinet.
- Question #1: organizing the board of trustee report and he will be sending that to Senate.
- Kyle Heffrin: is there any policy for Cabinet formation?
- President Daley: There is nothing in the constitution about the Cabinet. That is a personal preference for presidents. It is going to be an advisory panel of on-campus and off-campus members, so that he can have a better the student representation.
- Senator Macias: Are you going to have representation from faculty, staff, LGBTQA, or ALANA community in your Cabinet?
- President Daley: Absolutely. That's why I want to do it in the Fall semester. Doing it right now would be a bit stupid because it's finals season. So, throughout the summer I am going to be devising the Cabinet and getting an informal pole from Senate about who should be on the cabinet. Then I am going to bring in his cabinet members and introduce them to you, so that you all to see who they are.

Committee Reports

- Finance: Chair Dougherty talks about how his committee functions with a PowerPoint. For access to the PowerPoint email Andrew Dougherty at scantell@uvm.edu
- Public Relations: getting new senators up to speed about
 - President Daley's first video was sent out at 4:30pm today.
 - Survey question is a new feature for the weekly emails.
 - Working with Facebook, Twitter, and VSOP.
 - Chair Dougherty: What are you planning on doing with survey questions?
 - Chair Kaufman: It's just a way of getting general student opinion about issues on campus. It's kind of like VSOP.

- Student Activities: there are currently 7 clubs seeking recognition
 - He met with Rob Benner recently.
 - He is meeting with committees tomorrow to continue recognition process.
 - Senator Mansfield: Are you going to be looking into the club that interrupted President Bramley during his speech?
 - Chair Keyes: Once we get more info we will talk to the club about it.
- COLA: explains what COLA does to Senate body
 - Had first committee meeting today
 - They are going to work on the noise ordinance issue.
 - He is going to be meeting with Gayle, who works at the Pearl House, who has been an informal mentor to COLA, and former Chair Rifken.
 - This summer he is going to work with priority registration
 - He has a meeting with the new mayor.
- Academic Affairs: had a committee meeting
 - Had a meeting with Curriculum.
 - Started compiling a list of tasks that Academic Affairs is going to be doing.
- Student Action: email out their report
- CODEEE: welcomes everyone on Senate
 - explains what CODEEE is and its function (mainly diversity and environmental issues)
 - International Day is happening this Friday from 10-2pm.
 - They devised a list of things to get done before the end of the year.

Senatorial Forum

- Senator Conlon: The third part of the L/L mural is the sketches. Sketches due to the SGA office on Monday the 23rd of April. The theme is Vermont Locals.
- Vice President Holland: looking for someone to Chair the elections committee for next year.

Senatorial Comments and Announcements

- Senator Mansfield: Environmental Art Reception is on Thursday 4:30-6:00pm in the Mansfield Room.

- Senator Craine: International/Multi-cultural day is this Friday from 10-2pm
- Chair Keyes: Relay for Life is going on this Saturday. Let him know if anyone is interested in volunteering
- Senator Lott: This Thursday at 10pm, he needs 2 guests to come on UVMtv.
- Senator Masias: talks about his team Alianza Latina for Relay for life and they will be selling baked goods and all the proceeds will go out to Relay for Life.
 - He asks about Honors Day and if classes are going to be off— Senator Burns replies saying that classes after 2:30pm are supposed to be cancelled.
- Chair Al-Namee: There are 6 SGA recognized organizations that are going to be in the International Day. There will be free food.

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Student Action: Chair Mathews absent, and Senator Edelman excused

CODEEE: all present

7-10pm

