

ROLL CALL

Finance- Senators DeVivo and Neill excused, Senator Fitzgibbons unexcused.

Student Activities- Senators Allston and Weiland excused.

COLA- Senator Bohjalian excused.

Academic Affairs- All present

CODEEEE- Senator Sadeghi unexcused

Student Action- Senator Zhao excused

Public Relations- All present

PUBLIC FORUM (00:02:16)

Office of sustainability- (Presented a Powerpoint) All right everybody it is going to be a lot of information quick so get ready. I am the director of the office of sustainability, I am going to give an update on five different things that SGA has supported in the past; the first is the climate committee, the second is STARS, the third is sustainability in the curriculum, the fourth about the beverage contract and then the clean energy fund. If we have any time we will answer any comments or questions you might have. The Presidential Climate committee was signed in 2007, UVM was one of the first to sign. We have to choose a date to harbor neutrality and figure out how to pay for. It is probably going to involve not only switching to renewable energy but getting involved with carbon credit and things like that.

So our first goal is climate neutrality. That is measureable; we have to have measured how we are going to get there. We have a whole measurement system. We have had a bunch of grad students doing that for years. On a whole different aspect on climate we have to say what we are doing about sustainability education. So we are using stars for that and we also figured out how to pay for it. This is our goal, our trajectory for climate neutrality. You can see if we don't do anything we are going to keep on with our emissions going up, despite the fact that we have done a lot of efficiency work, it would have been way worse if we had not. We are going to address the blue here first, the electricity and how the deadline for the climate neutrality will be in 2015, which is basically tomorrow so we have to get going fast. We have to give ourselves a little more time with the Heating and cooling, 2020. And then everything else, 2025. That includes commuting and solid waste, air travel; all kinds of things that are probably going to be added on that didn't exist. We are going to have to use some sort of marketing mechanism, so this is a slide with too much info, just looking at it we have to register how we are going to pay for this. There are a lot of different things UVM has done that are considered best practices. Other campuses are trying to catch up, we have been doing this stuff since 1990, but there is still a lot

to do. So you can see heat on here, that we are paying for the free buses. That we have this clean energy fund and it is important to us, we will talk about that later. We are trying to figure out the other aspects if this. Some of the funding for energy efficiency has gone away, we are trying to figure out financing models. So this is going to get even more out of control. Buying renewable electricity is really the first thing to do and it is highly complex, I have learned a great deal. If anyone wants to learn about it, let me know. It involves long term planning. This is how Burlington is thinking about their mix of electricity, going out to 2038 here, trying to find contracts for wind, for hydro, etc. This is all going to be a discussion for the next few years for our community and to figure out what do we consider to be valid. What kinds of energy do we want to be including in that.

Sustainability Education, what are we doing about that? Well there are many aspects about climate change that don't have to do with energy and buildings. There are many aspects not only the operations of the campus but how we educate our students, what kind of policies we have. There is this tracking system that sga passed a resolution in favor of. We haven't signed up as an institution yet but I think we will soon. It's like lead for buildings; it has bronze, silver, gold and platinum levels. It has a lot of different categories and it gets really complex (references power point). We are gathering this info, we had a couple classes help us and we are gathering it on our website. This is where you will be able to answer your questions and find out info about other institutions, they are organizing theirs in the same way. We looked into what kind of credits we are looking to get (references pp). We have a lot of gaps. This gives us a way to track our progress. Looking at the planning administration engagement area, this is more of the social aspect of sustainability. People are talking about sustainability as being the triple bottom line. We have a lot of good policies here, you can see the topics people are interested in tracking. . And then we have not gotten to the education and research and we are looking to get to that next. The courses are the majority of it and that is something to be working on. On the course topic, about the sustainability curriculum, we have a program called the UVM sustainability (?) program. The announcement for it went out today, this is the 3rd year of running this program. It invites Faculty from all across campus to understand what sustainability means to them. If you know any faculty that would be interested. Please let them know.

Beverage contract, there has been 4 years of student activism on bottled water and other issues with 2 SGA resolution. The contract ends in 2012, june of 2012. We have already started talking about this now. Here is what has been happening over the past few years. Soda and water are the two beverages that were sold the most over the past four years. Over the past 4 years we have seen a reduction in soda, but a huge bottled water cut. There has also been a huge increase in the honest tea sales. It's a fair trade product, but still a coke product. People's prefs can change quickly. We are talking about the next steps, the resolution had many parts, the main thing was about bottled water. The conclusion is that we are going to reconsider ending the corporate coke sponsorship so 80% of the products wouldn't be just coke products.. The question for sga is are you still committed to ending sales of bottled water. Is the student body also behind that?

I am just quickly going to talk about the Clean energy fund. You already know about the CEF. I am saying it is your project because it is your money. We have been collecting the funds since 2008 after the resolution was passed (passed out a list of CEF stuff). We have gotten through out 2009-2010 projects. Also we are starting off with the 2010-11 projects now. In terms of money, in the last four years we have collected \$821,596. Of that about 42% of the funds have been spent on projects. The other 48%, those are project money set aside and we are not touching the rest until we have projects underway. We will have a remaining balance of about \$83,000. We are having a call for ideas process. The way we are doing project ideas is through a mechanism we call Collective intelligence. We have a mechanism on our website where people can propose ideas. What their CE idea is for this campus. There are 3 ways to get involved. You can provide ideas, provide feedback and vote on ideas. The ideas that float to the top are the ones that are going to get heavier consideration from the Clean Energy committee which is composed of 6 students and 5 faculty, alumni and staff, so 11 total people. Another thing from last year, we had money set aside for a clean energy lecture.. We are looking for departments for suggesting ideas related to renewable energy on campus. There is money set aside for that.

QUESTIONS (00:15:53)

Senator Talbot- Do you have any idea right now about what this will look like in the future and how can students voice their opinions in creating plans aside from giving their input for the CEF.

Office of Sustainability- On the offsets we have not gotten to the point of actually dealing with offset, we are trying to get by without them. We don't even have any money allocated. The thinking and markets are changing very quickly. We do have people on campus that have expertise in carbon areas. Opportunities for involvement, classes, environmental forums, our feasibility study. There is going to be a public process so students can have input.

Chair Burns- Can you tell us where the current coke negotiations are and whether getting rid of coke entirely is on the table.

Office of Sustainability- So where it is right now is that the committee is formed and the VP of finance has said that he is not looking to try to replicate what we had in the past, which was an exclusive corporate sponsorship with coke. We are now looking to end that sponsorship and the exclusive corporate rights on campus and open it up to other businesses. There could be some coke, there could be some pepsi, there could be some local stuff.

Chair Burns- Is getting rid of coke entirely on the table? Or is it just getting rid of exclusivity?

Office of Sustainability- Well getting right of exclusivity does not mean getting rid of coke necessarily. At this point it is just getting rid of only coke.

Chair Benner- We are all still backing up getting rid of bottled water. Last year I was working on a potential student survey. I am wondering to what extent you believe that survey is still important and if we could get it out next month and see what the results

Office of Sustainability- I guess we have to see, What is the proposal. If the commitment was trying to get the same contract as before, that is one thing, but now knowing that is not required, that is going to change one thing. So to me the questions are, are you still interested in the bottled water? Is the student government association behind that but also, is the rest of the student body behind that. Are you ready to take the heat for it? Additionally, the idea of health; are these health products? You can see what people buy, things with a lot of sugar in them. The school guidelines and hospital guidelines of healthy is not a lot of sugar. So the faculty is interested in that. I suspect people will want the sugar but maybe we can find that out by survey.

MIKE WHITE (00:21:09)- So hi everybody. I am here to talk to you all about stipends, an issue super close to my heart. The way I wanted to start this off was talk to you for a second about what your jobs are here and what representation it means to all of you. I think you all have a really cool opportunity working here. You have a wonder opportunity to really represent what the students would like. What the students could be. I don't think that is being served very well right now. What I would like to propose would be this. Give credits or stipends to other student leaders/ advocates. The way you could do that is sort of work with faculty senate or some other group to allow credit or stipends to club leaders. What are you supposed to be doing here, you are supposed to be advocating for the student body and keep people's voice heard. I think you are doing a great job advocating for the students. But I think there is still a lot of work to be done. Why is it that Chair Burns is getting paid but the President of active minds not, not sort of compensation for their work which is arguably keeping people alive. What is that weird paradigm that we set up there. I am a student. I think you guys are where I am supposed to bring these sort of things right? In the spirit of our time limit let's do some questions.

QUESTIONS (00:23:46)

Chair Goodnow- I am really curious if you have any suggestions for criteria you would like to see or who would decide who gets a credit.

White- This has come up before. There are some club Presidents who do a lot of work like my friend, he is the President of the bike club. Is the bike club doing student avocation? Probably not. Like is his role indispensable? Arguable. What I am sort of pin pointing this is on your criteria. You are advocates for the student body and the student voice. I think if other people are doing similar sorts of work they should be getting similar sorts of compensation. What is that saying about the difference between a club, if you're parent or you're their friends. Does that make a lot of sense? I think clubs like Active minds, Free to Be, the groups that organize tick, groups that are doing advocacy work bigger than themselves.

Chair Benner- You talked about how there are clubs who are get advocates. What could we be doing to be better advocates for the student body? You are talking about being an advocate. What would being an advocate mean to you. How do you define that, how can someone really represent what students want, putting before their beliefs.

Mike White- Sure, let's say bottled water. An advocate is someone who works on something that is bigger than themselves. I think that is all of your roles here. That is what separates you from like the bike club. They are doing something they themselves enjoy but not something that is a service to the school. Does that make any sense?

Senator Etter- hi mike, I probably should have looked this up, how long is the current stipend system been in place.

Mike White- No idea

Senator Osef- How do you justify giving certain club Presidents credit and not others. I just don't understand.

Mike White- I think that goes back to the advocate label. Whether you are doing a service to the school. What is it about the sga that sets the sga up as people get stipends while every other club does not?

Senator Osef- I don't think we are above or separate from anyone. I think this is a cool and interesting idea. My issue is how can we justify giving it to one President and not the other.

Mike White- I think that is the ideas of where credit comes into play. If you are a VSTEP President, that could count as an environmental credit. If you were a sports team, that could be a physical fitness credit. I am not strictly talking about money here, but equal value to equal work (compensation).

Chair Burns- Do you know where the money would come from

Mike White- That's hard, how do you take money away from clubs. How does money come out from student funds for this body but then not someone else.

Burn- what you are proposing is a bunch of other clubs. That would be a whole bunch more money. It would be more than the \$50,000 that goes into the sga.

Mike White- taking money out of student funds is not the best way. I think that credit is a better way to address this.

Senator Campbell- I think we are losing site of the principal and getting caught up in logistics. I don't think student White doesn't think we are going to pay the clubs. I think he is asking that we take a minute and think about what the executive board is doing to deserve getting paid. Now you look at other clubs, are they doing that. Now we have two options; if they are doing it, they

deserve to get paid. So what we should do is hold ourselves to a higher standard. My question is what does any of us do to deserve to get paid.

Mike White- that is a good point. I wish we could evaluate what it is that makes you all worth money. If you think that value is the same for other clubs, you have some work to do, because it is not equal.

Chair Caster- I would like to say that if you are committed to establishing credit for the executive board members, I will too if you will promise to keep with it.

Senator Ravech- I really like the sound of giving credit. Who would determine it?

Mike White- Academic affairs and a faculty senate thing. So it is on them. I think that is I would love love love to get this done, I am bringing this to you guys, my reps to help get this done.

Chair Goodnow- quick question, What is your opinion. What would you say if you tossed the student voice out of the window and gave credit to all Presidents. Compensation would bring better members?

Mike White- that is a good point. The idea is value. You are going to put forth value into this job. That is what we expect here. We should expect that from all clubs. What is it about them that they shouldnt be just as excellent as you guys.

OLD BUSINESS (00:37:42)

EMERGENCY BUSINESS

Vice President Vitagliano- I would like to bring up the appointment of new senators. (Reads the bill, reference bill for the names of the new senators). The senate votes in all of the new senators. Confirmation of the first year senators. All first year senators are approved by the senate. Confirmation of Chair Burns and Chair Goodnow. Approval by the senate.

NEW BUSINESS (00:48:43)

Chair Benner Motioned to open the operational documents so that he could change something referencing club policies with risk management. DOCUMENTS OPEN.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS (00:51:54)

Vice President Vitagliano- Talked mostly about the senate retreat. Meet at the DC at 9 am on Saturday and expect to return between 3 and 3:30pm on Sunday. The retreat is mandatory. The Provost and President will be there for a bit so come with questions for them.

Bring bedding, you can rent a sleeping bag from the OC. Bring your pillow. There is a full shower on site. We will be in the woods so bring bug spray. There is no electricity, bring a

flashlight. It is supposed to be cold. What not to bring- computers, cell phones. No alcohol or drugs. It's a UVM sponsored event. We are only there for one day.

There are USBs for everyone, they contain the constitution, the op docs, retreat info. Anything you need to be informed on senate.

Treasurer Juairé- If you are new, please come to my office, I don't know you all yet. I am not scary or mean. If you are a club signer or know them, update their stuff on the lynx. Please update your committee on the lynx. This past week I had two treasurers workshops, I am talking about them on the retreat. And to answer an earlier question, the stipends have been in place for about 10 years.

(Moving on to the fabulously looking speaker)

Speaker Monteforte- I might seem scary banging the gavel, I am a nice guy. Welcome to senate. I am proud of you all. I cannot read lips, I have no idea what you are saying. I can't read them I just kiss them. We have rules of order, I will explain them at the retreat. New senators can speak here.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (01:06:48)

Finance- we were busy this week. We had a few supps come in. A lot of good stuff going on. Slade wants a compost. Softball wants uniforms.

Student Activities- Club policy workshop is good to go.

Student Action- UVM redcross relations. I have been speaking to Slade students about their stuff. For students that cannot go away during break, we are looking to keep the dining halls open.

Senator Keenan- I spoke with a lot of people at Slade and I am willing to help you out with info.

COLA- We are looking into noise issues. Last weekend was really bad. It's hard to be a student among the upset neighbors. Community coalition; a group of diverse people meeting once a month about neighborhood relations and getting stuff done, if people want to be more involved. We want to also look at housing, especially rent. Veterans day is the other event Nov 11th. No new updates yet.

PR- I have a meeting about the library survey. Facebook and twitter is going really well. We are going to be giving away fall fest tickets for questions. The PR power point, the monitor has been fixed. Tomorrow we are meeting with interfraternity council. That is about it.

Senator- Neoanapolis- How are the youtube videos?

PR- We had a senator resign who was in charge so we are looking for another person for that.

President Golfarini- we are thinking about collaborating with uvmtv for it

Academic Affairs- Next Monday we will be doing outreach to find out what do you like the most? What do you like the least? As far as the ISBN and syllabi. The admin is now aware they are violating law, so they have to provide ISBN. They also might add the syllabi. I appreciated Whites comments about credit. UVM rose in national rankings, which is fantastic during times of recession.

Chair Benner- what national rankings?

AA- The rankings are for us news and world report, it is something worth looking up. We are in the top 100. I believe it is a sign that we are part of an institution in these tough times.

CODEEEE- We haven't actually met the committee yet. "But huts." We are looking into those. I see some problems. Late night grundle only has disposable items, marche now has no compost.

Chair Goodnow- is spray painting bad for the environment?

Chair Caster- are you committed to the continued popular eco products?

Chair Burns- I am in full support, I am not the best to talk about it though

Chair Caster- Can you talk about how you see codeees role in the coke thing.

Chair Burns- I think getting rid of corporate sponsors is not good. But bringing in competition would be great. I am very much in support of no water bottles and local companies.

President Golfarini- Executive report.

Me and Senator Allston were at the Alana meeting, we will both be peer mentors for that. I went to the feel good meeting. I am trying to go to as many club meetings as I can.

Senator of the week- its my thing. You get a prize. This week, our new chair Burns!

Welcome to all of the new people. I need two off campus senators to participate in student trustee committee. It's a huge deal. Last week I talked about the South African exchange. It is limited to about 5 people. The people who volunteer to be hosts will have first refusal on going to South Africa in the summer. I still have all of those beautiful Brazilian souvenirs for all of you. Come meet me!

SENATORIAL FORUM (01:31:23)

Senator Lederer-Plaskett- I was disappointed with the sign-ups for Have a heart last week. In the last two weeks I have been the only member of senate to show up on time. It reflects badly on

senate when we don't show up or don't even sign up. You should sign up! It's a really great thing! If you sign up and don't show up, we are going to call you out on it.

Voter registration! We have registered over 350 people already! That is really exciting! We have tons of forms, take them to your class. We have booked the vans for election day!

Senator Daley- (His new tradition) Question #1 (What is the main goal for senate)

President Golfarini- Getting two of you to volunteer to be on the committee. I want to get it together by the end of this month.

Chair Dougherty- Finance has decided that if clubs want to help with the relief effort, they can rent the vans for free!

Senator Osef- we had success with the cupcake tabling and registration. Would we be interested in tabling again.

Senator Lederer- Plaskett- Yeah, that was great!

VP Vitagliano- I want to reiterate what Aliza had to say about have a heart. Alos, paper will not be provided at the retreat, but we will have pens.

Senaotr Neoanapolis- I agree with Aliza, if you sign up, go there. We have to be responsible with what you are doing downtown. I am interested in bridging the gap between the student committee and the sga. Last year I was pres of uvm tv. I am good with ideas and helping people with projects

Chair Denton- We are taking stock photos!

Senator Matthews- Can you talk about the vans

Treasurer Juaire- We were approached by a couple of clubs to use the vans to go help the relief free of charge.

Senator Matthews- What about non-sga recognized clubs like IFC?

Treasurer Juaire- I cannot make the decision but if you talk to Andrew we can talk about that.

President Golfarini- We are looking to do some creative things with our weekly videos. Let us know if you have ideas. Every student gets to see that video, it is a lot of opportunity. The Cynic is going to be talking about the extended dining hall hours. I hear people talking about how awesome it is. Let everyone know sga did that.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett- Stipends pertaining to clubs. Athletic clubs get gym credit for attending. We could create a merit system for deciding how and who to give credit to. I don't think we should give out money we don't have. I am looking forward to working on this.

Chair Goodnow- Could we have our committee meetings at the retreat?

President Golfarini- There is time allotted.

Senator Osef- I might have sent back a hasty response to Lederer-Plaskett, I sort of want to recant that. I don't think it is fair to say our chairs don't deserve their stipend. To say that the money is wasted, I don't think it is fair.

SENATORIAL COMMENTS (01:53:13)

Chair Rifken- Next week the student neighbor liason thing starts. Students meet their neighbors. It's a potluck, it's fun! Monday at 6pm at the pearl house right next to Dewey.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett- Sorority Formal Recruitment starts Thursday. Go do it! Slut walk is on the 24th. It starts on a café on maple st. It's going to be a lot of fun!

Senator Matthews- If anyone wants to buy a (?) tickets hit me up.

Chair Denton- Market club is still looking for members!

Senator Osef- The 9/11 vigil was beautiful, Senator DeVivo did a beautiful job! It was a perf

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9:00