

October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

ROLL CALL

Finance Committee- All present

Student Activities –All present

COLA – All present

Economic affairs – Senator Mansfield excused

CODEE – Senator Yuan, Namee, and Talbot excused.

Student Action—Senator Matthews excused, Senator Zhao unexcused.

Public Relations—Senator Siebert excused.

Public Forum (2:17:45)

Speaker announces Jon Lott

Jon Lott—Hey guys! How's it going? Okay, well, I am here to talk to you about 2 things today. The latter of which (rest of the sentence inaudible). The first one that I wanted to talk to you about is this new policy that they have at Harris Millis Dining Hall. You've probably heard about this from your friends, or experienced it first hand when you went down one day to Harris Millis with your backpack on. But right now, you can't bring your backpack into Harris Millis, and that really sucks. There are a lot of kids coming back from classes, or going to other place, you know, on traveling to other places on campus, to Redstone, if you want to eat something on the way, but I got my backpack, so I am kind of screwed. I got to put my backpack into one of those cubbies that they have. Unfortunately, you're not allowed any bring any backpacks in, and they just tell you to just put it in the cubby. But Sodexo doesn't want to take responsibility for anything that's lost, even though that's what they told you to do in the first place. So, it's kind of stupid in my opinion. I talked to James Taylor, the former SGA president, and he told me that they are expanding the policy to all dining halls next semester, and that's just not right. Am I right? Okay, anyways, I wanted to do, and I don't really have the time for this, but maybe I will someday, is to get some support from my peers to boycott Harris Millis. (Inaudible sentence) So now, I am just boycotting Harris Millis, and I would like everyone else to as well. If you can get your friends, and try to get some movement on this, then that'd be really cool. Because then maybe Sodexo would get rid of their evil policy and we can all just live a little happier.

Second, but more important issue that I wanted to talk to you about today is Coco-Cola. You probably read this on the Cynic on Thursday or Friday or something that that they are not renewing their contracting necessarily, and before people start lecturing at me, I do know the situation of the beverage contract, and yeah there's a very likely chance that Coke is still going to be on campus. And that's great. But I don't want to settle for just a chance. So what I am doing right now, I have a glorious three-subject notebook to petition to keep Coco-Cola on campus. And I have gotten some support right now, so if you could pass this around. You don't have to sign it if you don't want to. But if you will, then that would be cool because Coca-Cola is just

awesome. And for all of you coke haters out there; I have a list of some cool facts about coco-cola and about how great the corporation is. All right. A lot of people are claiming that Coke is just an evil corporation, and allegedly helped kill some union leaders in Columbia, or they're polluting ground water, or extorting country's water supplies, and stuff like that. First of all, there's not really any proof necessarily to any of the Columbian union things. Coco-Cola has been in Columbia for over 7 years, and they've got great business practices—highest standards. So first of all, let's talk about India. Coco-Cola India got a global award for corporate social responsibility for replenishing ground water in 2009. Isn't that cool? Coco-Cola was ranked this year #6 on *Fortune Magazine's* "Most Admired Companies," and #14 on *Corporate Responsibility Magazine's* "100 Best Corporate Citizens." They placed #12, in 2011, in the "Top 50 Companies for Diversity", and it's their 8th year in the top 20, according to Diversity Inc. Over 70 countries have community water parks because of Coco-Cola—that's from 2009. In 2010, the CEO, I can't pronounce his name, was named the #1 (by an inaudible magazine). That's pretty cool. In Nigeria, in 2008, they were the most *Socially Responsible Company* in that county. And in Mexico, 2007, they taught the corporate social responsibility study. Also Coco-Cola invented the first ever-recyclable PEP beverage bottle—30% made from plants. So, what do I want after this? I want to make sure that Coco-Cola stay on campus. Bottled water, okay I am willing to make that exception if you really want, but I still don't think we should be deprived of buying something on campus.

I am going to tackle 4 quick arguments that those (inaudible) have about Coco-Cola. One of them is that they are unethical and immoral corporation for some of the reasons I mentioned earlier. Some of the facts I listed help disprove that notion a little bit or at least show that the rest of the world thinks otherwise. Some people want to claim that coke is unhealthy for you, and I am not going to argue that. Coco-Cola, the beverage that it is, is not really a great beverage for you, but that being said, it is still popular on campus and a lot of students on campus love Coco-Cola, and if you don't like Coco-Cola and you think that it's unhealthy, there are a wide variety of alternatives—which are healthier options than coke. Some people think that here are environmental concerns; I hope that some of the facts that I listed kind of proves otherwise. The last one, the last argument was that people just like Pepsi better. And if that's your stance, then I am not going to argue with that, because I can't change your taste buds. Whether it's Vitamin Water, Dr. Pepper, Fanta, Fresca, or Mello Yellow, Nestea, Honest Tea, or Minute Made, or Power Raid, or Sprite, Coco cola or Diet coco cola, or cherry coco cola (some were inaudible from the list), Coco cola has a wide variety of beverages for your to choose on campus. And if you don't like Coco-Cola, there's nothing wrong with that. Anyways, that pretty much concludes what I have to say about Coco Cola right now. Where's my petition? Oh, that got around pretty quick. I hope I got some signatures. But I'll be back in the future to keep updating you guys on how many students support my view-points.my So I guess, until then (inaudible). I will not be taking questions.

Speaker asks Aliza Ledere-Plaskett to do a dance to the Fresh Prince theme song, before she spoke, but she refused.

Aliza Ledere-Plasket—So as you can see I'm here to talk to you about something I've brought up before. Yes, I was going to talk to you about it inevitably, but Josh actually sat me down in the office the other day and said, "There's no culture behind rape." So it is his fault, by in large, that you will be hearing this lecture this particular evening. Okay, so the usual statistics that are thrown out. 1 in 4 college women are sexually assaulted—which is something that's been out for a while. You've heard the same statistics, freshman year, since high school, that 1 in 4 college women are sexually assaulted. However, the crazy thing about that statistic is that it has remained and it has been pulled every year, and the police reports have come out the same that has not changed in over 50 years. So, the fact that that's not moving, tells us that while things aren't getting worse, they are really really bad, and we're not doing anything to fix it. So, I'm here presenting to you this evening, because I'm proposing that we join on as a body to a program that is being presented nationwide that I will show you in a few minutes. By a show of hands, who is aware of a speech given last spring by Vice President Biden about rape culture on college campuses. Anybody familiar with that speech? Okay, there are few. (Inaudible murmur) Basically 43% of college-age men admit to using coercive behavior to have sex.

(Senator Lederer-Plaskett presents her slide show. Email her if you want to see the presentation. She compares the statistics about nation's rape culture vs. Burlington's statistics, and the statistics of Burlington is the same as the national statistic: that 1 in 4 college-age women get sexually-assaulted. She states that alcohol use is a big contribution to these assaults taking place.)

After the presentation, YouTube video entitled "Boys will be Boys" was shown.

Basically this is something we discussed in (inaudible words) last year, but didn't in the end because it didn't really seem to serve the right purpose here at UVM. But it should really make it clear that this is something that's as near by as Connecticut, in the east coast, in the upper east coast, someplace that usually not considered to be, you know, someplace that is generally ill-meaning towards or degrading towards women as routine matter, and it's happening here, and it's happening now. And so basically (inaudible words) this program put on by Cosmo. You are going to have to forgive the fact that it also links to—I mean it's Cosmo, so we're going to have to make a few acceptations. Basically, motivated by Biden's speech, *Cosmopolitan* is putting on a national request to all student governments, to all officiating bodies of major universities across the country—asking them to sign a pledge to start working with their—basically they put out an itinerary and an agenda outlining a time-frame by which they would like campuses to start working toward eradicating rape on campus. And it's really exciting because it's actual from the magazine that brings you articles like *Seduce Your Boyfriend with These New Beauty Moves*, comes a really actually quite progressive movement to end both male and female sexual assault on campus. But basically, I am going to present next week a resolution so that we all—actually, just by a show of hands, can you raise your hands whether you feel more comfortable signing on to a resolution support, or whether you would like the petition, individually, one at a time—if you were interested. Can you raise your hand for the petition? And verses raise your hand for

a resolution? Okay! I guess then I'll send an email. Basically (inaudible words) the things consist of something we already have on campus, which every spring we have a Dismantling Rape Culture Conference, which is widely attended (rest of the sentence inaudible due to coughs). We have different programs like that, but we also lack certain things that other campuses have that are very publicized. We lack a more active association for promoting what to do in these scenarios. We don't have an ally program. In the same way that our LGBTQA does have an ally program—where we train allies, because Burlington is alive and well with its statistics, they propose that we train an ally program and that we start working on consistent education in creating a class regarding rape culture within the Women and Genders Program which doesn't exist right now. So, I'm going to bring that up next week, but I sort of wanted to go over now what I will be bringing up and passing around to look at and consider signing. And so yeah, questions, okay!

Chair Benner: what exactly is the Ally Program?

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: An Ally Program, I mean, if you've take one through the LGBTQA program, basically what it is, is it's a program where learn specific to the LGBTQA issues you learn how to sort of be more supportive. Sort of, not what to say, but what to sort of not to say; how to work towards ending sort of the vicious cycle of abuse and bullying and work on ending gay bashing within your community, and the same thing exists in this program—because it's something that you might not hear a lot from, from your friends in your circle, but you've probably heard a lot of rape jokes, or just the use of, "Hey yeah, we raped them on the soccer field the other day." And like, it flies out, and it's something that you don't consider, but it's something that they want to start ending because it's in the same way that we use the F-word, in regards to we used to say the work without thinking about it, or, "That's so gay" would come out. It's about making people more aware of language-wise of what to do and say.

Chair Denton Denton – Is the Woman's Center doing anything with this?

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: Uh, we're working on it. I'm part leader of the collaboration, so yeah.

Speaker announces Gered Williams

Gered Williams: Okay, well, so in the meantime, I guess I will just begin. So, there were two major points that I wanted to talk about from 2 weeks ago when Bill (last name inaudible) came to speak. And the first thing that we keep hearing (inaudible murmur of the speaker) is that we're being reassured that—the IFA is part of this Triple-A LAC—which is the voluntary community animal care credited. And so we go above and beyond because we're a part of this agency And so I was looking it up, and I was looking at the list of organizations accredited by Triple-A LAC and this name rang a bell called Huntington Life Sciences. And I just thought that I remembered seeing a video in class of Huntington Life Sciences and this is an

organization that is accredited by Triple-A LAC—and they say the exact same thing, that we go above and beyond the national norm for humane—so just judge for yourselves how substantial of an issue it really is. I'll just note that the first half is shot in laboratory in Great Britain, and they a stricter law than the U.S (rest of the sentence inaudible due to the video sound overlapping the speaker)  
SGA screened a YouTube video about the Huntington Life Science.

So I think that you get the idea. And I think that the point is clear. So Huntington Life Sciences is one of the most controversial and notoriously cruel organizations—animal-testing organizations in the world. This video in international protests let them be kicked off the New York Stock Exchanges, and that's something that almost never happens. And all the while, even though these animal technicians were put in jail for animal cruelty, Huntington Life Sciences maintained its depredations by triple-A LAC. So I, for one, am not reassured at all by that agency. And so, I was thinking maybe there are other ways that we go above and beyond in terms of humane animal care, but that seemed to me also not to be true, when I was considering that 6 out of 154 accredited medical schools in the country still use live animals in surgical training. UVM is one of the 6. So that doesn't seem to me to be above and beyond. That's a very, very lower tier. And second of all, 42 out of 50 states already make public information that we want to be making transparent in the recognition that will be brought up tonight. So that again puts UVM, the state of Vermont in the vast minority, again not above and beyond, but below and behind. And the last thing that I wanted to talk about was intellectual property—which people keep bringing up, and I don't understand why we keep talking about it, because I thought that we added something to the resolution which was supposed to address that. And so I just wanted to remind people, that what you're voting on isn't a policy or legislation. It's a statement from the students that says, "When there will be a policy or a legislation, which fulfill our given condition, then the students will support it." And a part of those conditions is that (inaudible word) cannot compromise intellectual property. So if there ever were this type of legislation or policy, our resolution would to support it. So I guess that's it. Oh, and sorry, between 4 people, we collected a little over 700 signatures in support of the resolution. So that's just something to consider.

No questions. Speaker announces Ray Zevin.

Ray Zevin: Hi, everyone. This is my first time, speaking in front of the SGA. And I am a freshman here. I was always encouraged that if I have a problem, go to the SGA, and talk about it. And I have a problem, so I am going to talk about it in front of the SGA. Basically, every week I have, the Rubenstein Students, first years have one class NR1, which ends at about 11:15, and then we have our next class NR006, which goes through lunchtime. So we all stop at "to-go" to get lunch obviously, because we're hungry. And we're Rubenstein Students, and obviously we're not pleased because the "to-go" is extremely wasteful. And since we're eating this everyday, we feel extremely guilty about this, and we're like we need to eat, so what are we going to do? So our problems with "to-go", is that it produces a lot of waste. Everything is

individually packaged; everything has a ton of wrapping paper. There are some good things. Like one of the packaging for some sandwiches has 35% of recyclable materials, but like we can do better than that. This is UVM. We're obviously a green campus. So we came up with a few options in my class. Thing that we thought were possible. Starting from like the really amazing choices like to make everything kind of like Buffet style like it is on unlimited. And have one person—like you just pick out a certain things, you fill up one Tupper wear and you take that, and that way, less plastic. I mean there's already someone watching us when we take food, so it wouldn't be like they would have to monitor us, and make sure we didn't take five sandwiches. Even if that's too much of health concerns, let us bring our own bottles in. They won't let us. They keep saying that it is a big problem. We have to take those plastic bottles, and it's just ridiculous that we have to do that. Because we can drink from the tap in the cafeterias. Or if none of that is even possible, for some crazy reason that I don't know of yet, just like, reduce the packaging. I mean we don't need this wrapping around one sandwich. Like, there's ways that we can cut down. Like we would gladly work with these people. We are really easy-going about this. We want to help and we want to fix this problem. We're not saying that they're evil people or anything. We just want it to be green, and we want everyone to be happy. So, that's our presentation. I'm sure that we can come to an agreement about this. And if anyone has any questions, please ask!

Senator Daley: Hi! Thanks very much for coming in. We very rarely have people just coming in because they have a problem. So, this is very cool, because you thought this through. So, I'm really excited about this. I think, and we can talk more to student action about this about possibly utilizing Ecowear

Ray Zevin: Yeah! That was one of our ideas. Because I think that you can only use Ecowear in Brennans and Marshé, and also ecowear is really confusing. You need to figure out whether you need to bring it back, or wash it ourselves. And we were just talking about why, we just can't ourselves, take an ecowear and wash it ourselves. Apparently that's a new concept of washing your own dishes in college, but I don't really understand. But if we could just talk about it then I'm sure that we can come to terms on something. I think that we can only.

Daley: I think Sedexo would be, with the success of the Ecowear, be interested to the idea of using Ecowear. But again, thank you for coming.

Senator Etter: Hi, thanks for coming in. I was just wondering, which places in particular about using the Ecowear were you most concerned about?

Ray Zevin: Well, often we use Cook, because it's around our classes. But I have used the Harris Millis "to-go", and it's basically the same, I think, in all of them. It's the same process, and the same kind of packaging. You can compare the different ones, but they are pretty much all the same. But yeah, mostly cook.

Chair Burns: Since I am only allowed to ask questions, we should meet later?

President Golfarini: I just want to reiterate what Connor Daley said. Thank you so much for coming. And tell your friends, if they have problems, to come too. This is the kind of stuff that we love. So again, thank you!

Senator Daley: Would the house join me in congratulating her for being able to come up here and speak with us. Thank you! (Stand-up ovation)

Anonymous student letter to the SGA read by President about the concern faculty salary increasing at the cost of students' tuition increasing. Email President about a copy of the letter, if wanted. (No questions asked)

Emma Ussat: Hi, my name is Emma Ussat. I am sophomore and a pre-med at the University of Vermont. And I would just like to say that I support the reservation on transparency of animal testing in this university.

Yolanda Ngarambe: Hi, my name is Yolanda Ngarambe, and I am a sophomore here at UVM, and I also want to say that I support the resolution in transparency in Animal Testing.

Rapper: If you're a film major, web designer, graphic designer, call me with your ideas. My number is (802) 338-5050. Money negotiable. Thank you very much.

#### OLD BUISNESS

- Resolution in Support of Transparence in the IACUC by senator Campbell. The bill passes.

#### EMERGENCY BUSINESS

- No emergency Business

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- **President**: had a meeting with Joe Speidel—who works in federal community relations. If you're interested, there's a lieutenant governor internship.
- Open to suggestions for videos.
- Announces senator of the week.
- Senior class gift—he doesn't know if he could share that.
- With Jayden O'Dell about administrator animal.
- Changes to the add/drop policy. He asks Gavin to send emails to better explain the new add-drop changes.
- Question #1: looking to set up a focus group (of about 8-12 people for making a plan for 15 years out) for the housing master plan. Emailing about questions for future president.
- Was asked to join the haunted hallway contest.
- Connor: What animal are you?

- President: ***"I am a frickin unicorn."*** (Said with pride by the president)
- **Vice President:** finalized the Board of trustee matters. For students interested to come to the meeting the first meeting is November. 3<sup>rd</sup> at Lafayette 311.
  - There are open forums—dates and times will be emailed.
  - 2 students for off-campus positions still available.
  - Campus Master Planning.
  - Office of transportation. Appeal any fees.
  - Meeting with David Sciman –about faculty salary? And open questions for the meeting through email.
  - Questions #1: Advertising the board of trustees.
  - Chair Burns: Davis Center Advisory—what is that?
    - Answer: It's a meeting to discuss any improvements to the Davis Center.
    - Recommendations for each floor of the DC.
    - Usually meets 2 to 3 times a semester for hour or hour and a half
  - Speaker asks who is moving in?
    - Health and well-being center.
- Speaker: mandatory to sign the legislation after the meeting.
  - Computers are only used for discussion of the legislation.
  - Constitution committee meeting at 8:30pm on Thursday.
  - Anyone who is interested in speaker position to come talk to him.

SENATOR OF THE WEEK—David Monego.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS (01:17:00)

- Public Relations –emailed report already.
- CODEE –set up a meeting with someone named Jess and Dave and going to talk until the problem is solved
  - Making survey for international students staying over breaks → expecting to be done with the survey this week.
  - Kristen is doing with sustainability.
  - Will be at the Farmers Market for Clean Energy Fund at 11-3pm
  - Spoke about legislation.
- Finance—two meetings tonight.
- Student Activity—excited to work for credits for student signers with Chair Caster.
  - Going to be meeting with the deans to work out the details about possibly getting credits for student organization members.
  - Club football is #1 in the country.
  - Personally met with Old Time Music Club—most exciting time.
- COLA –be aware of the students this weekend (Halloween Weekend)



- Halloween neighborhood cleanup with free breakfast from Sunday 11am-1pm.
- Make sure to keep the office clean.
- People who are living next year. Off-campus living workshop. And you get a preferred renters card. November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8pm with free dinner.
- In the tunnel, with Veterans memorabilia were vandalized and stolen. So if anyone has information, please tell Chair Rifken. Veterans are well respected and disrespected
  - Questions: was that the only case vandalized?
  - Answer: She doesn't think so. She doesn't know if that was anything to do with the veterans.
- Academic Affairs—has an opportunity to work with Chair Benner to work for academic credit for club signers. 1 credit for 45 hours.
  - Tabling tomorrow from 2-3pm asking students what has made their UVM experience special?
  - Potential endorsement for publication of certain course evaluation questions on the 16th?
    - Releasing 3 to 4 questions that they wrote as a committee, and those questions will be available when students sign up for classes.
  - Senator Carter suggests SGA members to shoot an email if teachers do not have an enhanced section description, and include the name of the teacher.
  - Chair Burns: Is there any chance for SGA senators and chairs to get potential credit for this?
    - Answer: It's completely feasible.
  - Add/Drop: It's a policy that you cannot join the class after a week unless speaking to the teacher first.
  - It is only the Add part that is changing. Not the Drop.
  - Enhanced section description was something that teachers were required to do before Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Chair Goodnow suggest a survey about what students would like to read in an enhanced section description.
    - Senator Carter thought that, that would be a great idea.
  - Senator Chaouch points out that almost no upper level courses (especially political science majors) have an enhanced section/course description. Senator Carter promises that, that will change.
  - Senator O'Neal suggests template to give to teachers through the results of the survey, so that they have no reason to not write the enhanced section descriptions.
- Student Action—slower week for Student Actions.
  - Ecowear → trying to improve the types of Ecoware on campus.

- We're only halfway to breakeven, and before we breakeven they are not willing to fund Ecowear. But it gives Student Action a chance to promote the purchase of Ecowear.
- An email concerning the late night dining hall—which has no legitimacy behind the threat.
- Commend Kevin about taking initiative
- Senator Zhao → culture cats.
- Student email about as an openly gay man couldn't give blood, and offended about the 101 things to do in UVM.
- Student Action will start to share stories/emails about student concerns such as these to SGA meetings
- Commends Public Relations for their work
- Working on getting unlimited meal students for using Ecowear.

#### SENATORAL FORUM (00:48:12)

- Senator Keenan—18+ nights still has a lot of contradiction. But he's going to meet with the City Council of Burlington to work that out. Volunteer this weekend.
- Senator Ledder-Plaskett—talked about the abortion issue this morning from Catholic Students in between the Davis Center and the library.
- Senator Devivo –Julian's presentation was phenomenal.
  - The board of trustees support the 0% student tuition increase
  - Extended the USPP contract for another year with Northeastern
  - Spoke about the protestors in the meeting this weekend, and discussed some of the misinformed signs.
  - Showed Professor McLaughlin's email about not attending class to join a protest concerning professor's salaries.
  - Vice President Vitagliano pointed out the cancellation of a class is about \$150-\$250, that students are not getting back.
    - Increase in salaries pay is increase in tuition, and getting students to advocate to increase their salaries = shows the flow of misinformation.
- Senator Daley: add/drop period concern, better education for students.
  - Capital Campaign Committee which was renamed to the Comprehensive Campaign Committee is meeting tomorrow at 6pm.
- Senator Osef: The letter (shown by Senator Devivo) is embarrassing to him. And that it shows an awful reflection of the faculty in UVM.
  - Commend the SGA that Ray came to address and issue shows that they are all doing their jobs well.
- Senator Chaouch –needs 2 more students for a full election committee chair.
  - Talked about the teacher's email and how she would cancel class a lot last year when she had that particular teacher.
  - Says that presidential elections are going to be more intense next semester with 3-4 week election campaigning and 2 presidential debates.

- Adds later on: She thinks that the second week is valuable for the two-week add-drop policy. So if they are going to be implementing the new rule about the add-drop policy, then they should also implement a harsher rule about faculty checking their emails for students to get access to them.
- Senator Benner –wanted to make clear about the abortion protest that morning that just because it was students from a particular club (not sure which club just yet) participating, does not mean that they were representing the entire club.
  - Thought that the video about the Huntington Animal center video was appropriate to show.
- Chair Caster –not comfortable Anti-Christian comments.
  - Agrees with the disinformation about students with their tuition. Feels that we have responsibility to approach and answer questions.
  - Feels that Vitagliano’s comment was compromising to Chair Caster’s work.
  - Feels that Board of Trustee is doing an excellent job.
- Chair Rifken—education protest.
  - Look at the long-term financial contribution for internationalization.
  - Senator Devivo says that they are still analyzing costs.
- Senaor Campbell --feels that the video was relevant to his argument.
  - The \$250 per class is to attend a university that is landscape, buildings, professors, staff, advisors, etc.. and the faculty/professor is only seeing a low present of that \$250. The tuition increase would only be for faculty, but he does not think that that is what they are advocating for, he thinks that they are advocating smarter spending for the money that we already give them.
  - Reminding students that it is bad that there hasn’t been a salary increase for staff, because it shows how bad the economy is. And no matter how fancy a lab is, the course is only going to be good and UVM is only going to be competitive, if the teacher feels that he or she is getting what they deserve for the work they are putting in.
- Chair Goodnow –incredible about students coming in and telling the SGA what they want to see in UVM. Wants to make it a permanent weekly thing where all the committees table and open up to students’ questions/concerns.
- Chair Burns—in certain situations, it’s not necessary for the SGA to support all of the UVM students’ opinions.
- Senator Devivo –shares the questions that he is going to ask Senator Richard Gate.
  - Going to be meeting with David Shimon—president of the United Academics and a faculty at UVM.
  - Feels that both sides about the faculty salary increase are going to get argued, and is not sure as to which side to take.

- Senator Pasterkiewicz: For the Education, Research, and Technology group, there is a technology innovation fund (TIF) going on. If there are any ideas, send him an email.

#### SENATORIAL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (00:10:15)

- Senator Lederer-Plaskett –continuing to collect a lot of questions/input
  - Feels strongly against the abortion protest that happened today, especially during the Breast Cancer Awareness month. She feels that it was a violation of school property.
- Conner Daley—50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Prime Ministers Questions in the UK.
  - 2020 Initiative presentation Inner Residence Association tomorrow night.
- Senator Campbell – see the UVM Top Cats this Friday at the Recital Hall.
- Senator Osef –see officer sanders on Thursday night.
- Senator Devivo—next Thursday for UVM Founders Day, hot apple cider is going to be given out next to the catamount statue from 10-2pm.
- Chair Benner – spoke about the abortion issue this morning, and how they have the right to exercise free speech.
- Senator Daley commends Public Relations.

#### ROLL CALL

Finance—all present

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Remaining: (00:01:05)

(7pm-9:17pm)