

November 1, 2011

Roll Call

Finance – Senator Devivo excused, Chair Dougherty on his way.

Student Activities- Senator Chaouch unexcused.

Student Action- Senator Manago excused

Academic Affair-all present

COLA- Senator Nenopoulos excused

CODEE- Senator Talbot excused

Public Relations- Senator Kaufman excused

Public Forum

Speaker announces Jon Lott (1:44:34)

Jon Lott: Good evening. I'll make sure to talk extra loud for that recorder thing.

Today, in continuing with my series of defenses of Coco-Cola. Today, or last week, I gave kind of a brief overview of the general stuff that I'm trying to do, and the petition that I've got going around, and the movement that I am trying to start. I outlined briefly some of the arguments last week that I'm just going to kind of breakdown. Some people had some ethical problems with the Coke contract, some people have experimental, some people have nutritional, and some people have personal. And this week I'm going to be focusing on the environmental aspect of Coco-Cola, considering University of Vermont is supposed to be such a green university. All right, so first of all I'm going to say what the claim is against coke on this one. All right? Okay, that's great. V-step, not necessarily V-step, but environmental groups are saying that like coco-cola and the corporation like takes advantage of just the whole water supplies, and stuff like that. And another claim is that are not (inaudible), and that some of the things aren't 100% recyclable. Also, that, they're using too much energy to transport their products (inaudible mumble). Well I got a bunch of general facts for you just about coco-cola and the environment. Well coco-cola is involved in a number of river-based and conservation programs including one in the (inaudible name) river. They're actively helping to reduce their carbon emissions. They've invested over \$60 million in the world's largest bottle recycling plants, that's in Canada. By recycling the PET, which coke bottles are now 30% made of decomposable matter, they actually cut down their energy use by 70%. They have so many so many watershed conservatories globally. They're part of the world-wild life fund, the global water challenge the ocean (rest of the sentence inaudible). Even to reduce the need for some of the external water sources like ground water in certain areas, coco-cola has a corporation that invented the first-ever recyclable bottle, and this is fun fact of recycling aluminum. One can of recyclable aluminum saves enough power of TV for 3 hours. Inside here, I have 3 cool things. I've got a bottle of coke. I got a can of coke, and you're all wondering what this third one is. This is a glass bottle of coke, also. And think about what these 3 things have in common, besides they all used to contain a very nice beverage. They are all 100% recyclable. Glass is 100% recyclable, and you can use 70% of it for new glass. Aluminum is fully recyclable, like I said, if we recycle this one can, we're

powering someone's TV for 3 hours. And even plastic--100% recyclable. Now some of you might be thinking like, what about the cap or what about this stuff or what about this stupid thing that this cap pulls on to that you have to break the seal. Even the caps are recyclable. They are made from a different material, so they have to go to a separate plant. But most recycling plants do separate them. So you can maximize your recycling on that. Also I'm going to show you, kind of visually for the more visual people—that right there is 95 signatures, but there are 5 more inside my dorm. So the movement is about a 100 so far. Later today, or perhaps tomorrow, I will create a Facebook group, for keeping Coke on campus—that I will invite all of you, or my friends to. In closing, I've got a lot of support from certain people just in getting the petition started. Like for example, one day I was drinking a coke at the Davis Center, and a Davis Center employee actually came over to me and was like, "You know, I really appreciate what you're doing. Coco-Cola helps employ one of my best friends, and they help him support his family in Burlington. Another person on campus said to me that Coco-cola employed her grandfather for 20 years, and helped keep them financially afloat. And it's sort of cool, and kind of touching to hear some of the personal stories that some people have for supporting Coke. And it's also sort of cool that some people just sign and get dialogue moving at least even if you necessarily don't agree with my position. At least, hopefully I'm here convincing you all the more, of just what I'm here for. I'll take some questions, referring to only the specifics of my argument.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: I was wondering if, because you're sort of determined to prove sort of the recyclable nature of Coke, whether or not you're familiar with a lot of the processes that emit not just the fact that some of the bottles and cans are recyclable, but also the carbon emissions that occur in the production of coke. The wastes that even if 70%, that bottle is recyclable, are you aware of the fact that, that can does not turn back into another can? That bottle does not turn into another bottle. It can only be used to produce other—like ultimately, the statistics shows that most of that will end up being turned into carpet. And that's not a recyclable substance. And ultimately what coco-cola produces, by the way of what you're sort of producing here is ultimately a reproduction of their positive impact image campaign in terms of their recyclability, rather than the genuine fact of how we could improve their recyclability on this campus? Do you have anything that you would like to sort of propose as a way to improve their recyclability on this campus?

Jon Lott- Wow! That's a load of questions. I'm not sure that I can be able to refute all of it, because I can't remember all of it. But, I do know that I'm familiar of some of the processes, but not all of them, on recycling and the processes of having to do that, because I pretty much just relied on Wikipedia for the internet website.

Actually, talking about distribution energy losses, and stuff, Coco-Cola is improving their packaging and their environmental footprints is getting better. We're cutting down on energy; we're saving energy. Not "we"—Coco-Cola is. I don't rep for Coco-Cola, believe it or not, As for promoting better recycling initiative on campus, I do think that everyone should recycle, and unfortunately only 30% of the bottles are recyclable. I think that a lot of that has to kind fall on our own chores—in promoting a better recycling culture. Like, to a certain extent, you can't blame Coke that you are

not recycling. You only have yourself to blame, or that there is no recyclable dispensary nearby.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett—Would you be open to substituting a more ecologically friendly company. Like Pepsi has a much better reputation for sort of sustainability than coke—and it's usually more ethical for the two. Would you be open to substituting one for the other?

Jon Lott: No.

Senator Mansfield: Hi Jon. So first question, there are a series of them. I'll let you answer them individually. Are you aware that we have the Great Pacific Garbage Patch—which is the larger than the size of Texas, which is composed of plastic?

Jon Lott: I have heard of that. I didn't know where it was. Well, I mean, plastic is something—we can say this is plastic. But that doesn't necessarily mean that everything in the whole wasteland is plastic bottles. And to that, I guess I have to say that everything that Coke makes/packages in is recyclable, and plastic bottles that end up in the wasteland were probably non-recyclable. They definitely weren't recyclable. And that is not necessarily Coke's fault. And also other plastic is, like this is plastic.

Senator Mansfield: Are you also aware that there are initiatives at least in the European Union, to (inaudible) and that those initiatives have led to more returns from individuals. And that this has the potential returns with money and also a culture of wanting to be more sustainable. And do you think that we as students and as people who support Coco-Cola, I'm sure that everyone here has had some coke product, should be supporting that, and that the business has been doing a sufficient job with that? Sorry, I'm going to move on to the next one. As well as, should they actually just simply wash out the glass bottles instead of down-cycling which Senator Lederer-Plaskett brought up—down-cycling of these materials, which they actually do in other countries. They reuse the exact same bottles sanitize them and then give them back to the public. .

Jon Lott: I do think that that would be a great idea. But then we would have to set up our own separate thing just for glass coke bottles, because otherwise people, who work at the Davis Center, have to pick through to find the glass coke bottles (rest of the sentence inaudible mumble). But what was the first part of your question?

Senator Mansfield: Are you aware that there are initiatives that—?

Jon Lott: Oh, right! You meant like the 5-cent bottle deposit—?

Senator Mansfield: Not just the deposit, but rather the culture surrounding this, promoting corporate sustainability.

Jon Lott: I definitely think that something like that should be a lot stronger in the United States. I'm not saying that, like obviously, like if that's your reason for being against coke—

Senator Mansfield: But as a large country—

Jon Lott: Yeah. I agree with that, but like (rest of sentence inaudible)

Senator Osef: Hi, Jon. Okie Dokey, so while this is all interesting, and I appreciate your information. I like that you put a lot of thought into this. I am just curious, kind of, of what do you want from us?

Jon Lott: Okay, actually, that's a really good question, because I might not have made that clear. Basically, since you guys are supposed to be representatives of the

people, students, and since that, you all have some degree of power and some degree of personal sway pulling from the positions that you hold, (some inaudible words) this petition, and sort of come back now and again, and show you how many people are behind this, and how many people support this and how many people more personally that you would be basically betraying by voting against coke in any sort to measure that you would have. Basically, it's a way of reminding and informing senate of issues, and signatures to back them up.

Senator Osef: So, what's the next step? Like after the petition, where are you going to go after that?

Jon Lott: Also a good question. Well, right now, I'm still collecting a lot of them. And the ones I have are like 1,100 or something. A tenth of the student body, I can personally hold a referendum or some sort of a resolution, or a legal document, and I'll got thought that channel, probably if I can make it that far. Yeah! That's pretty much it.

Chair Caster: Hi Jon. How do you feel about the VSOP results, which indicated that, while there are percentages of students that want to get rid of coke, there are a percentage of students that don't, and the largest percent of students are completely indifferent. So what's your option on the significant amount of just general indifference to the removal of Coco-Cola.

Jon Lott: Okay that is actually a fantastic question. I would like to talk about the VSOP poll, or VSOP in more depth. Actually, it was something like 39% would like to keep coke on campus, and 37% were indifferent. So the majority, first of all, still is in that realm. 23% were against it.

Chair Caster: I think, can someone with a laptop pull up the results of VSOP?

Speaker Moneforte: I'm going to say no, we only have a minute left for this.

Jon Lott: Okay, well I can double-check that. But I think that a lot of that indifference is just that people don't know exactly one way or another, and that they just don't know that even coco-cola might be leaving campus. I don't think that a lot of the students are even aware that this is actually a bit issue. And the VSOP poll was like, as important as it was. Also, like even one of those statistics, like 606 or 609, like below 600s even answer the poll.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: Point of inquiry, can he put up a referendum if he only has the signatures, but the students didn't sign the referendum, and just signed without a referendum?

Speaker Moneforte: They have to know what they were signing up for.

Senator Caster: Point of information, while it was 600 students, it was a random sample.

Jon Lott: You're right. Yeah. But still, how accurate is that going to be? The point that I haven't made is that I actually am planning to get a computer petition printed out, and I'm going to put it in the dorms. So, even if this doesn't necessarily go to my official signature count, it will at least serve as a symbol if, if not, this technical, political (rest of the sentence inaudible).

Speaker thanks Jon Lott for coming in.

Al Turgeon—Hi, I'm Al Turgeon. I work for Richard Cate, our Vice-President of Finance & Administration. And I have the organizational chart for the division for finance and enterprise services up here. And it's probably an organization that you are not familiar with. That's a good thing actually. Our responsibilities on campus are sort of to do all of the things that are done in the background that don't get a lot of attention. And my purpose for being here today is to ask for your support. Our division is attempting to try and get a better understanding of what customers on campus are needing for support, and so we've been out talking to faculty and staff, talked to graduate students, and we would like to conduct a focus group with some other graduate students for the purpose of getting a sense of for potential support issues, that we could then do some more direct research in the form of surveys. So this is really an attempt on our part to get a little bit more familiar with all of the customer segments that we serve in some capacity or another. This organizational chart is fairly complex. I'm just going to highlight some important organizational elements, that is part of this division. We're about 650 people. There are 10 sections of human resources, and resource for those of you who are student employees, that's probably the closest connection you're going to make to that organization within our division. Administrative Facility Services as a (inaudible word) service, the computer store, the book store, bully services, information in parking—that's probably the organization that you're going to be touched by the most. And the organizations are Capital Planning and Management—these are the folks who design and supervise the building or the remodeling of major structures on campus. They also consider how the whole campus is laid out, and they try to pursue the implementation of the plan that harrows in the strategic sense of how the campus should look over a period of 10 to 20 years—so they have sort of a long-range job. Our controller handles the auditing of our financial statements, and those types of things. Our cashier's office is represented there, and the payroll function for all the constituent groups: the faculty staff, the student employees. The chief information officer, or our information technology folks work for Richard Cate. So anything related to technology; that is on the administrative side of the house—so academic technologies supported by the dean of the library. Then we have our budget office, the director of office sustainability works for Richard as well. We have someone who thinks about business (rest of sentence inaudible). A lot of these organizations are perhaps not as directly related to UVM. Most of these things are behind the scenes sort of things—So through this, focus group efforts. We would like, more or less, to get a sense of what it's like for you to be here—sort of a 24-hour period. And any kind of volunteer or participation for the focus group—that would give us sort of a sense of what life is like for undergraduate students. And then we would extract from that. You wouldn't have to try to tell us which organizational element we would like to (rest of sentence inaudible). Just tell us about your day—what that's like. And we'll try to figure out where the connections are between services that we provide, and what seem to be the pinpoints in your day-to-day experience. So that's sort of the idea of all of this.

Chair Rifken: Yeah. Hi, thanks for coming in. I was just wondering for focus group, are you looking for just general students, or just SGA members?

Al Turgeon - The better pole would be just a general group of undergraduate students, but it wouldn't be (inaudible word) if it were to be a group of SGA students as well. Either, or.

Vice President Vitagliano- I just wanted to everyone that if you are interested in doing this, please send your name, or other students that are interested, to me, and then I'll be forwarding those names to Al. Then there will be a (indistinguishable word) that will be formulated that everyone can pick a common time that works best for Al and his team, and everyone too.

Chair Caster: Can we get this information sent to the senate list serve? Or can you make this available to one of the general public?

Al Turgeon—We'll send you the link the divisional website in a couple other potential useful pieces of information.

Chair Caster: Thank you

Al Turgeon- Sure

President Golfarini: Are you looking for more on-campus students or off-campus students? Or does it not matter? Or do you want both?

Al Turgeon—It doesn't matter. We're trying to get a representative of the undergraduate student population.

Senator Holland -Are you looking for people who are in all of the college. Like does it not matter where they are from?

Al Turgeon: It doesn't.

Speaker: I suggest talking about your day or anything while he's here—if you have any comments about that? Do you want the comments too or...?

Al Turgeon: Not necessarily today. But we're trying to keep it—this is a scientific inflection of...

Speaker: Gotcha. Are there any other questions or comments?

Chair Caster: I guess I would just be curious like could you give us an example of say what experiences you're looking for, and how you would connect those experiences with the questions that you— (question interrupted by Al Turgeon)

Al Turgeon: Absolutely! So, it's January 28th. There's a snowstorm, and you are walking out of the dorm and you hit a 3 to 4ft. snowdrift on a sidewalk. That experience would tell us that our custodian staff is responsible for cleaning off sidewalks, and that the residence halls need to do a better job. But you don't have to worry about drawing those connections. We'll figure that out. You just need to tell us about your day.

Old Business (01:20:04)

Bill Recognizing UVM Club Football as Club of the Month

Bill Passes!

No Emergency Business

New Business

Bill allocating funds to UVM Cynic

Resolution supporting queer initiative.

Bill allocating funds to Alpine Ski Club

Executive Reports (01:13:15)

President Golfarini – Haunted Halls was great!

- Video: about being a student trustee
- Special video, because there are more clean up Vermont days. More than 70% of the applicants for Vermont Clean Up did it because of the SGA video.
- This weeks video will possibly be on top of IRA Allen Chapel
- Senator of the Week—Connor Daley.
- This Thursday Nov. 3rd, there's Sodexo meeting that includes free Lunch at 2:30p. He asked if anyone wanted to join him.
- Shumlin is going to be giving an address specifically about UVM Nov. 8th. There are limited seats so email him.
- Question #1: No comment
- Chair Rifken: Is there also a way to give information about the SGA in the emails or videos—like weekly updates?
 - Answer: They're trying to keep the videos short, but in addition to the video, an email notifying the students about SGA activities is being kept under consideration.
- Senator Keenan wants to be in the video.
- Chair Caster recommends Senator Keenan to be in the video.
 - Answer: President Golfarini will think about that.

Treasurer Juare—gives the treasures report about supplemental accounts. Email treasurer if you want the PowerPoint presentation.

- Chair Rifken shows appreciation for the presentation
- Speaker: Why does COLA get money for Veterans Day?
- Answer: The money is for flags for national roll call.

Vice President Vitagliano—shares information about the meeting with David Shiman about faculty salary increases.

- Benefit towards faculty members –Vice President Vitagliano was asked to serve on the University Benefits Advisory Board that will be looking at benefits of faculty in the future, so any questions about that, the Vice President and Senator Daley will be answering emails.
- Found 1 student for Davis Center Advisory Committee, but he still needs one more.
- 2 off-campus students are still available.
- Question #1: continue to advertise the Board of Trustees, and making sure all the application is printed and ready.
- President Golfarini points out an article regarding the life of a professor.
- Senator Osef –who is Mr. Shiman and his role of at the University and the UA?
 - Answer: he is the president of the United Academics, an association that 78% percent of UVM faculty choose to be a member of, so he is the head negotiator. He is also a faculty member here at UVM.

Speaker Monteforte: has been setting up resolutions to the administration.

- Constitution Committee has been working very hard “spring cleaning”—getting rid of old stuff that doesn’t make sense, but it might take a little bit of more time than anticipated, since the committee is reading every article very carefully. Meeting at 6:30 Wednesday, people are invited.
- He is going to be looking at attendance and sending out emails to those who have been missing meetings.
- Chair Caster asks no snapping not in public forum, as it can be confusing to speakers, who are not familiar with the SGA customs.
 - Answer: Speaker notifies that people should not be snapping in the first place, and it is something that he is against.
- Chair Benner asks when chairs are allowed to use laptops during senate.
 - Answer: If people ask him before the meeting about the purpose for the laptop then that’s fine. And laptops are allowed during when the SGA is discussing business, and looking at legislation purposes. And the reason why he denied Chair Benner the access of laptop tonight was because there was a minute left to the first presentation, and it would not have made a difference.
 - Chair Benner: What is the attendance policy?
- Speaker: 5 excused absences, 2 unexcused absence
 - Chair Rifken clarifies that it’s actually 10 or more absences that people on senate get into trouble, which she feels is way too much, and a policy that should be changed.

Committee Reports (00:46:47)

Finance –Busy night tonight with 8 supplemental.

Running club going to nationals

Field Hockey is going to Virginia Beach—a long drive.

Student Activities—met with a lot of clubs.

Sent out emails about credits, and got back about 40 replies

Senator Daley: (mockingly) Thank you Rob. I’m wondering what the status is of derecognizing clubs?

Chair Benner: I’m sending out emails out to those clubs.

Chair Rifken asks if he has considered talking to the registrar’s office about possibility of credit for clubs.

Chair Benner thinks that’s a very good idea, and that he will look into it.

Senator Osef asks about when the new Lynx is going up—when they’re going to change the format

Chair Benner, over the summer, and couple other SGA members were looking for alternative to the Lynx, and found that the Lynx was the best option UVM has.

COLA—gives appreciation for the people who showed up to the *Have a Heart* and the Neighborhood cleanup.

Showed concern for the number of smashed pumpkins in the neighborhoods.

Start Team—a group of police officers against teen drinking, was out this weekend.

As a committee, COLA wants to hear feedback about off-campus living and interaction.

Looking into priority registration again.

For Veterans Day—the funding given was to supply drinks and food.

No information about the display case on Veterans Day.

Chair Denton: how are the PSA's coming?

Answer: Having trouble getting in contact with the guy they're working with, but she will keep people updated.

Academic Affairs—Course evaluations, faculty senate will have an emergency meeting about that.

Chair Benner is working on academic credit for club signers.

There will be an 11/17 meeting on the faculty senate, which Chair Benner will be attending.

There is a meeting with Provost with Jane on Nov. 7th about enhanced section description.

Curious to see what will be a unique proposal on the comprehensive campaign and the Diversity requirement—senator Mansfield is introducing the resolution, who has been working hard on it.

Senator Pasterkiewicz will be meeting with individuals within the College of Arts and Sciences as a follow up.

Senator Daley and Chair Caster will be meeting with Brian Reed on student advocacy for the strategic investment project.

Chair Caster emailed Jane O'Dell about the undergraduate research opportunities of the trans-disciplinary research initiative, and her answer was vague, so he will continue that conversation with some of the individual chairs.

Senator Matthews asks about blackboard grades?

Chair Caster tells him that he will mention the policy of teachers putting up grades on blackboard on the Provost.

Chair Dougherty thinks that by professors not being required to use blackboard for grades gives students and professors a chance to converse on a personal level.

Answer: It is more helpful, and it gives students more of an incentive to know their status in the class ahead of time.

Chair Benner points out that according to the rules, a professor is inclined to use blackboard for grades. He asks whether or not that rule should be enforced even more so?

Answer: Chair Caster does not feel that coercing teachers is the right way to go about it, but he encourages lobbying and suggestions about grading on Blackboard.

Senator Chaouch suggests an enforcement for emails from teachers during mid-semester about student's stance, if teachers are not willing to put up all the grades.

Chair Caster agrees with that suggestion, and says that, that is a good communication route.

CODEEE (1:19:08)

Daniel's survey is finished and should be going out in the week to the international student community.

Working with Dave.

Chair Burns is getting bounced around from Gary Derr and Jes Kraus, and he is frustrated that he is not getting the answer he wants.

The Veteran group on campus, which recognized the Diversity Group, Chair Burns is going to be talking to Jes Kraus to recognize the Diversity Group, to gain access.

Student Action emailed the report

Public Relations: email issue.

Talked about the successful views of videos.

VSOF- return rate is low

Senator Spotlights are going very smoothly.

Respond to emails sent by Senator Osef.

Entering a race with the University of Hartford's SGA for activity on Facebook

Appreciation for passing Club Football Bill

T-Shirts are in!

President Golfarini suggests Cynic for Club of the Month

Senator Chaouch suggests giving out pizza for every "like" on Facebook.

Chair Osef points out that the money for pizza would have to come out of their pocket.

Senatorial Forum

Senator Lederer-Plaskett: Mayoral Debates are coming up in the 2nd week of February → she is in need a really good moderator. She passed around a paper for question suggestions.

Response to email: estimated value is not representative of the norm.

She also asks to keep in mind that the professors have obligations with their family members, and to keep an open mind when reading that article.

Feminist club is meeting with the Catholic Student Association on Thursday at 4pm.

Senator Wilich—Senator Sanders, Senator Lahey, and Representative Peter Welch to talk about access affordability to higher education for Vermonters. She is hoping to get a proposal together, and sent out. So email her if you have any ideas.

Senator Ledere-Plaskett: Actual Mayoral elections takes place over spring break, so she is thinking of running a follow up.

Senator Daley: Capital Campaign Committee meeting at 6pm tomorrow. You don't have to be a member of the senate.

Senator Mansfield—passing around a petition about getting the Queer Initiative as a diversity requirement.
Chair Rifken talked about the off-campus living workshop.
Senator Osef: Respond to the email that he sent out, about your major, minor and something you like.
Senator Daley gave a 20/20 initiatives update
Senator Pasterkiewicz asks any ideas for the Educational Research Technologies Committee about blackboard.
Chair Denton: passing out t-shirts.
President Golfarnini: thinks that Haley's proposal is a good idea.
Chair Caster talks about extended library hours and about proposal for more library hours.
Senator Mansfield asks that if anyone has any ideas about diversity requirement, so email her.

Senatorial Comments and Announcements

Senator Lederer-Plaskett's announcement is on Senator Forum, and a documentary is going to be played the following Tuesday in the Feminist Club called, "Misrepresentation" during Senate's meeting, but it's in the library.
Senator Daley advises not to leave things unattended in the library.
Chair Denton announces that tomorrow is Speaker Moneforte's Birthday.
President Golfarini: DREAM is having a chili cook-off this Friday for \$3.
Treasurer: there's going to be a bouncy house at DREAM, and there is a play this weekend at the Royal Theater.
Chair Benner asks Senator Mansfield to talk to him after the meeting for some questions he has.

ROLL CALL (00:01:00)

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(7pm-8:45pm)