

November 29th, 2011

Roll Call

Finance –Senator Zurlo and Senator Neill excused

Student Activities-- Senator Chaoch excused

COLA—Senator Lederer-Plaskett and Wilich excused

Academic Affairs—all present

CODEEE—Senator Yuan excused, Senator Talbot unexcused

Student Action—Senator Matthews excused

Public Relations—Chair Kaufman excused.

No Public Forum (01:38:30)

-The rules suspended until Cynic comes to proceed with Old Business

Motion to suspend the rules to hold Old Business until the Cynic was present.

Motion approved!

No emergency Business (01:37:38)

New Business (01:37:20)

Resolution of all-inclusive AP score

Resolution to Electronic Dance Music Club

Rules reinstated to proceed to Old Business

Bill Passes!

Old Business (01:36:48)

Bill recognizing the Vermont Cynic as Club of the month!

Executive Reports

President Golfarini

Wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving again

Talks about the video he did in New York

Senator of the Week = Nick Monteforte

Talks about his meeting with Pat Brown and Speaker Dale Osef about the Naked Bike Ride

There's going to be a foodfest instead, on Dec. 7th

Lists off the vendors and contributors in the food fest

Chair Denton: What did Nick do to deserve Senator of the week?

President Golfarini: Since the past week was Thanksgiving Break, and there was no Senate activity, he only thought that it was right to honor Senator Monteforte for all his contributions to the SGA.

Chair Dougherty: What time is that event from?

President Golfarini: I believe that it is from 11pm-1am

Chair Burns: Do you know how much the university is spending on this event?

President Golfarini: I do not, but I can find out that information for you if you would like.

Senator Lederer-Plasket (point of information): the campus hop usually goes for \$10,000.

Senator Daley: Do you know if they will be having this event in the spring semester as well?

President Golfarini: I do not know, however Tom Gustafson already expressed interest in working with us (SGA) for planning whatever that next event is going to be.

Senator Manago: Would you mind sending us the email with the information about that event?

President Golfarini: Yeah! But you will get an email from President Brimley with all the information this Friday. But if you want, I'd be happy to send that to you.

Question #1: Working with Speaker Osef to see if everything is in order for December 7th. And if you have any questions for the next UVM president, please send that to me.

Vice President Vitagliano sent out his report via email.

Speaker Osef presents the SGA with his rules of order. Email or contact Speaker Osef for any information about his rules. After his PowerPoint presentation, Speaker Osef speaks about the Naked Bike Ride, and a volunteer coalition for the safety aspect for night of December 7th.

Senator Burns: I think that it's a great thing to limit it to just one thing on senatorial forum, but I feel like doing it in comments & announcements would just take longer. For points of clarification, I think that you should allow it during monologues and stuff. Senator Burns asks for clarification on the Speaker Osef's attendance policy. Burns further inquires about the safety aspects and the volunteers' involvement in the Naked Bike Ride. Burns advises that the volunteers be well notified of what they can and cannot do in terms of handling a situation. Speaker Osef agreed. President Golfarini clarifies that the issue of incidences has never been the Naked Bike Ride itself, but rather the before and the after of the event. Thus, President Golfarini says that more attention and security is going to be placed outside of campus when people are in smaller groups.

Chair Benner: For the attendance, I'm assuming that those take effect as of this meeting.

Senator Osef: Yes, they take effect this meeting, so you're following meeting...yeah...

Chair Goodnow: I had a quick question about "abstaining for a vote," I think it's kind of ridiculous that people are asked why they are abstaining, and if it is continuing, then I would like a good reason for why that rule is staying

Speaker Osef explains that when that rule was instated, it was because there were a lot of people who would abstain from a vote, therefore they were asked for the reasons for their choice to abstain. Nevertheless, Speaker Osef says that he will consider dropping that rule, because that problem is no longer relevant in Senate anymore.

Senator Mansfield: Could you clarify about whether it is midnight or noon for when people have to email you about speaking on Public Forum.

Speaker Osef: It's definitely 12pm (noon) the day of the meeting.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett asks Senator Osef about utilizing the police forces to correlate the volunteer efforts during the night of the food fest.

Senator Osef: We're going to be meeting with the police chief on Friday, and Pat Brown told us that we're going to be in contact with the Burlington police as well

Senator Ravach asks about the Speaker's computer rules during the SGA meeting.

Senator Osef: They're only allowed to have it when we're voting on legislation, and they need to fact check. And that includes Executives.

A senator (name inaudible) asks about the volunteer meeting for December 7th.

Senator Osef: After we talk to Pat and Tim on Friday, but since we're so crunch on time, we're trying to do something on Monday. I'm also looking for anyone who wants to be a point person for each section of the their designated spots to give their numbers out and lead people, so if anyone is interested in doing that, email him.

Senator Daley: Would you agree that it might make sense to contact those who work in UVM Rescue any maybe see if anyone from that group would be willing to volunteer also?

Senator Osef: Yes, that'd be a great idea.

Senator Zhao asks for a clarification in the attendance rules

Senator Osef: I came up with the fairest metric, and this is what I came up with, and this is what I am going to stick with.

Chair Goodnow: I heard rumors that there might be things happening on other nights as well, other than December 7th, and I was wondering if that was a concern for you guys at all?

Senator Osef expresses that, that was something that he was completely aware of. So if there were talk about event happening on other nights, then he would want to know more facts so that those events will be insured as well.

Chair Burns points out that this is an event that the UVM fire rescue will be on standby on.

Committee Reports (00:59:20)

Finance—had 8 supplemental meetings.

Budget emails are going out this Wednesday.

Student Activities—working on winter activities (from 23rd to the 26th)

Booked all the tables at the first day of the Davis Center for all the clubs.

Liaisons have to "turn up the heat" and he wants to have things done by the 25th.

COLA—talking about a time in the next week to sit down and talk to anyone interested in priority registration. Chair Rifken will send an email to everyone

Community Coalition is this Friday at 4pm, so she's looking for participation from the SGA.

Student Aid Alliance—students asking congress for get more aids for federal grants and work-study.

The petition is online for the alliance, and there's talk of maybe evaporating to neighboring colleges.

Also working on a survey for rented housing and questions to get an idea for what the housing situation really is for students in Burlington.

Academic Affairs—transitioning into the next semester and seeing past/potential accomplishments.

Talks about the faculty senate and how they will be transitioning to an online evaluation system

In January, Faculty Senate will be voting on whether a set of those online questions can be published.

They will be sending out an online letter, and making sure that faculty knows that we have our own ways of collecting data.

Academic Calendar—it's pretty difficult for something like that to pass through the Faculty Senate

Chair Benner: The online course evaluation system is across the board; for every class?

Chair Caster: I believe that that's what they're attempting.

Chair Benner: How's that going to be enforced?

Chair Caster: That's actually a very good question. They were thinking about schemes like give away an Ipad, and I think that that's really stupid. I think that that what they're going to do is withhold final grades until students complete the evaluation. I suggested that if they're going to withhold grades, then they should let us out 15 minutes early to give students the initiative. So if any one of you has any ideas on how an online system can be enforced, just let me know.

Chair Benner: It is going to be enforced right?

Chair Caster: I agree with you, and they're looking for 100% participation. Their goal is to make it no

Chair Rifken: For the faculty Senate meetings, is that something that students can come to?

Chair Caster: I encourage all of you to come to the faculty senate meeting, if you're interested.

Chair Rifken: Date time?

Chair Caster: Monday, December 12th, 4pm, Waterman Memorial Lounge!

Chair Dougherty: Maybe sending obnoxious emails to students as a way to enforce students' participation in the online evaluations?

Chair Caster: He thinks that holding back the grades is a more simple and effective approach.

CODEEE

Chair Burns: there might be a vacancy for CODEEE's group, but Chair Burns has an idea of who can fill that spot.

Meeting with Jess Kraus this Thursday

They're working with cigarette butts issue and working with the president of EcoReps.

For the Naked Bike Ride there was an idea for those who are doing body paint like "Slut Walk" and saying, "we're against rape culture." So CODEE is looking more into that.

Student Action

They had a conversation about Naked Bike Ride and evaluating what their role as Student Action and as a Student Body is, which was a difficult question to answer.

Working with EcoReps, and looking at the future of N

Having a designated area away from the library for cigarette smokers.

Dining Halls open for Spring Break?

Senator Kasnetz's technology meeting for Trinity Campus was cancelled, but he's waiting for a follow up from that.

Senator Ravach's design for water bottles were in the Macs that were stolen, so that's going to be delayed for a little bit. But they're hoping to have it in after we get back in school.

Trying to get a meeting to get numbers/data from the Red Cross Blood Drive
Chair Benner: appreciates the movement to having the dining halls be open for Spring Break. Have there been any complaints about the fact that to stay over break, you're going to have to stay in a certain dorm?

Chair Goodnow: I have not received any "ticks-me-off." Because it's a complex situation, but he's sure one of his committee members has information about that...but he doesn't have enough information to yield to a question like that.

Chair Burns asks about international students

Senator Zhao: got an email from the international students (there was conflict about whether a committee member can speak during Committee Reports)

Chair Goodnow yields the floor to Senator Zhao

Senator Zhao: there's talk about opening up Harris Millis during Winter Break. But we need more time to solve this problem. But there's going to be less students staying over Winter Break, so they need to focus more on Spring Break and Thanksgiving break and keeping at least one dining hall open during those breaks.

Senator Daley: A student came up to me and suggested a text, like blurp, for when a spot opens up for a class

Chair Goodnow says that his committee will be happy to look into that.

Chair Caster: Are international students who are staying during break okay with paying extra money for dining halls to stay over break?

Senator Zhao: I feel like there's no reason to ask for money from international students for such small breaks. So I don't think that international students will feel comfortable with spending more money.

Public Relations

Mishap in the email this week: video and text weren't synced up.

Working with academic affairs for the VSOP: in the process of coming up with questions

Wants to gather more opinions about student's opinions on why the naked bike ride was cancelled from students on campus?

Chair Benner: What was the video about

Public Relations: It was like a welcome back, happy thanksgiving, talk about the Naked Break and there's another one of me in New York at the 9/11 memorial

Chair Benner: How are you planning on promoting the extra library hours?

Chair Denton: Next week's video will be about the extended library hours?

Chair Benner: Anything in the meantime?

President Golfarini: Special video going out this Friday, so possibly

Senator Pasterkeiwicz: (point of information): a lot of students feel that the SGA voted for the cancellation of the Naked Bike Ride. So is there any way that Public relations can fix that presumption?

Chair Denton: PR is going to provide the right information. So they are going to take a poll, and then follow that up with emails saying that the SGA had nothing to do with that.

Chair Caster: how many people watch the videos that President Golfarini does?

Chair Denton: About 300 to 400 students on average.

Chair Goodnow: suggest information that President Golfarini had nothing to do with the decision over the Naked Bike Ride

Chair Denton: I will definitely include that.

Senatorial Forum (00:30:18)

Senator Devivo: The Naked Bike Ride is not/cannot be cancelled, because it is completely legal in the State of Vermont to run around naked.

Senator Holland: The money that we normally do give to Naked Bike Ride, is there anything that we're doing with that now?

President Golfarini (point of information): We're in discussion with Chris to see what exactly to do with that money, but there are no definite plans as of yet

Senator Holland: Would it have anything to do with Sudo Green Hat Naked Bike Ride thing?

President Golfarini: I specifically said no, because I thought that the administration handled it really poorly. They never got in touch with us. They told me a week before Thanksgiving. President Golfarini goes on to say that he thought that the administration had really little foresight with their decision. But with the event in the spring, he said that he'd be more than willing to help them out with that.

Senator Daley will be sending out a survey that he's going to do with the 2020 initiative to the Senate list serve. He asks people to partake in the survey. He also has permission from the each dean to send it to every department of the university.

Senator Coffill has been working with the ad hoc committee, and he finally formed a survey to figure out the new theme for the L/L mural

Senator Lederer-Plaskett commends President Golfarini for how he has handled the Naked Bike Ride cancellation. She also talks about her resolution for a new policy with the AP credits.

Senator Daley: talks about the dean search committee for the College of Arts and Sciences, so if anyone has any questions they would like to ask to the new dean then please email him

Senator Benner and Senator Lederer-Plaskett discuss some of the issues relating to the qualifications in accepting AP credits.

Chair Rifken: Talks about her meeting with the Veterans Club, and ideas about future ideas, so if anyone wants to get involved or ask questions, she asks the people to email her

Chair Caster asks for clarification about the state rules concerning the AP credits issue. He makes it clear that he disagrees with the government and feels that a decision like that should be left to universities.

President Golfarini asks for a round of applause to former speaker Monteforte

Senator Nenopoulos: over the break, he had the opportunity to spend time with MIT students, and shares ideas about how UVM can better as a university such as changing the academic calendar, working with other colleges around the area, and finding ways for the state of Vermont to fund UVM more.

Senator Devivo: Board of Trustees is already working with other Vermont State Colleges and are already working together to address higher education in the state.

Senator Mansfield: asks the SGA to inquire students from outside universities and college of how their colleges are evaluating their diversity courses. She asks people to show up to the faculty senate make it, because online evaluation would really be an efficient way to get a sense of how students feel about their courses, because often times, it is hard to read people's handwritings, and it takes a long time to process them.

Senatorial Comments and Announcements (00:12:09)

Senator Bates speaks about how the death of her high school friend's great grandfather and suggests writing a letter or a card for those who knew/met the family.

Chair Benner wants to be addressed as Bobby informally

Senator Lederer-Plaskett is fundraising for the 9/11 families, thus donations are appreciated. She is starting an SGA Broomball Team. She encourages the SGA to join the Relay For Life team, because so far she is the only member for that. She expresses that if a nondenominational "Secret Santa" were to happen, then she would be more than happy to coordinate it.

Senator Nenopoulos announces that he has started a show on UVMtv every Thursday at 9pm, except for this Thursday at 9:30pm.

Senator Daley gives the fashion award to Chair Rifken

Senator Devivo announces the 4th annual Kappa Sigma's Sleep out for the Soldiers, which supports the Fisher house foundation on February 24th and 25th

Senator Daley will be attending the Vermont Christmas Orchestra, join him!

Senator Keenan talks about the man who recently passed away that Senator Bates talked about. He advises people to take care of your mental well-being especially during Final's Week. Because in the long term, the stress will build up and cause damage to your health.

Senator Rifken asks if there's something going to happen this week.

President Golfarini says to talk later.

Senator Campbell talks about the Top Cats Performance at Ira Allen.

Senator Lederer-Plaskett asks for SGA to be cautious of her peanut allergy around the office

Speaker Osef says that if anyone wants to further discuss the Naked Bike Ride, he will be in his office.

Senator Burns agrees with the fact that Senator Campell does an excellent rendition of "Sex on Fire."

Roll Call (00:01:07)

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Student Activities--Senator Etter and Senator Chaoch excused

COLA—Senator Wilich excused

Academic Affairs—all present

CODEEE—Senator Yuan excused, Senator Talbot unexcused

Student Action—Senator Matthews excused

Public Relations—Chair Denton excused.