

Date: Tuesday, January 29th, 2013
Opening: 7:00 PM; recorder (00:10)

ROLL CALL

Finance - Senator Garau and Sinkula excused
PR - All present
SAC - Senator Hilzinger and Apicella unexcused
COLA - Senator Riley unexcused
AA - All present
SA - Senator Matthews excused
CODEEE - Senator Ghazey excused

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - Minutes for 1/22/13, approved

PUBLIC FORUM

Speaker Ducharme: Alright, moving along. We have this week on public forum, Max and Jack from UVM TV. Please give them a warm welcome.

UVM TV

Max, UVM TV: How's it going, folks? My name is Max Lenniman, I'm the president of UVM TV. This is Jack, he is the vice president of UVM TV. I'm here tonight just to talk to you a little bit about our situation and who we are. I'll have Jack start off while I setup the video just to show you guys

Jack, UVM TV: Sure. So, hi everyone. As he said I am Jack, I am the Vice President downstairs at UVM TV. For those of you who don't know, we are on the first floor of the Davis Center located right next to Living Well. And strategically between Living Well and Cat Pause. So, we are a student-run television station, all student run. We have five live shows that are going on every single week. I was actually just in a show called Dirty Pop, pop culture review show, that I do every week. We have a couple pre-recorded shows, and we are starting actually three new shows this semester. One that's actually being done for credit, through Chris Evans, who is our faculty advisor. We have about 50 members, as part of the studio, and their engagement ranges from behind the scenes stuff, meaning editing, pre-recorded content, learning how to do the Tri-Caster, cause we can go live to five channels on all of the TV's on our campus. Or they can be on screen talent. You know, shooting the shows, and going out and doing shoots.

Max, UVM TV: So, now I'd like to show you guys a little video made by us here at UVM TV, kinda just explaining what the pull of UVM TV is, and why we are who we are.

Video plays. Video is a testimonial of UVM students and their interests and activities with UVM TV.

Max, UVM TV: So, hope you all enjoyed that. Now, I'm just gonna talk to you a little bit more about what we've done, some accomplishments we've had, what we currently do and what we can do for you guys, as SGA, and kinda just in the future, in terms of our space here. So, stuff UVM has done in the past. We have had over 13 shows produced, 13 different programs produced for UVM TV over the last four

years. We have filmed over 30 events, just here on UVM campus alone, let alone stuff at Higher Ground, couple of things downtown. For example, we filmed a couple of months ago, a really well attended lecture by a philosopher, very famous philosopher. Also, some other things we've done, we in the studio have all sorts of equipment to produce anything we really want. It's a top of the line studio we have down there in Davis Center. We have a green screen, we have professional-level cameras, we have editing suites, that are among the top programs, and we have the staff to do it. We have a great group of people that come out everyday and give their hardest to the station down there. We train them, we teach others, and we produce this content. We are all really, really passionate about it. So, I know in the past, UVM TV and the SGA, has not had the greatest relationship. And I think it has been, you know, stupid blunders. It has been blunders on the parts of numerous people. And, I don't understand why it happened. I think UVM TV and SGA should have a great relationship. You guys are two floors away from us. We are so close to you guys, and we are so closely related, because we are a UVM SGA-sanctioned club. Why are we not doing our best to work with the SGA and to give your message to the rest of the student body? I mean you guys get, a solid number of votes, each year for Senate, but you do not get the whole student population. Something like having a weekly UVM TV address, that we actually use to have back in the fall of 2009. We had an SGA Senator, or actually we had the SGA President, Bryce Jones, come on every week for UVM Weekly, and that was a great segment! Everybody enjoyed it, and it's a great way to get your message out. Again, I invite you guys to come down and see our studio, but more importantly, we are a staple of this community, just like WRUV and the Senate, we provide a valuable resource to this campus. We provide entertainment, we provide the news. We provide content, and we provide the way for people to learn. Our Film and Television Studies Department has very few production classes, I think only one or two. And we come in, and say, "Hey! Do you wanna learn something extra? You wanna produce something that people on campus are gonna see, people all over the world are gonna see?". So far our videos have gotten over a couple hundred thousand views on Youtube. One video, over a couple hundred thousand views alone, let alone the whole rest of our library. What we do at UVM TV is we foster a learning environment. It's really amazing to me the first week of school, we have all these new people coming in, and they find their place, they're finding their place among the UVM clubs, activities, sports, anything, and they come to our very first initial meeting, which is always called the big meeting. And, they come in, and they have these wide-eyed looks, and they say, "Wow. I can really be a part of something. I've never really thought about being a part of production before". I came in during my orientation, and got involved in UVM TV, at one of the orientation fairs. I had no idea what I was gonna do at UVM, not a clue. And I found this community of people who were ridiculously welcoming, and ridiculously knowledgeable, about what they were doing. They taught me an industry-standard editing program, and none of them had taken production classes. They had been experienced for UVM TV only, and I just think it's a great place to have people come in and have people learn. And on the other end, it's a great place for people to produce, and for you guys to see what comes out of UVM TV. I hope that in the future, UVM TV and SGA can have a much better relationship than in the past. Thank you very much.

Ducharme: Okay, questions for Max or for Jack, anything they've talked about, or in the video? Senator Martinez?

Martinez: I was wondering. I don't know what happened in the past, but I think it would be nice for UVM TV to collaborate with SGA, and I was just wondering, where do you guys show your programs? Youtube or?

Max: That's an excellent question. We show our channels in the dorms, excuse me residence halls, as well as channels 12, 13, 25, 33, and 65, and we also stream all of our content to the web at uvmmtv.org, and

we stream our live content through YouStream, and we also upload to blip.tv, which is a more advanced version of YouTube, it's more geared towards TV stations rather than just random videos, and we also add our stuff to YouTube.

Ducharme: Any further questions for Max or Jack? Chair Al-Namee?

Chair Al-Namee: Yes. I just wanted to ask how many people are involved with UV TV, how many people are on your staff?

Max, UVM TV: Well, at any given point, it's probably around 50 members. Just tonight we had on one show alone, we had somewhere around 10 people on one show and that's usually 5-10 different people on each show, and we have about 5 shows, so around 50 people usually.

Jack, UVM TV: And, six of those numbers are board members. We have elections each March. We have a President, a Vice President, Treasurer, Promotions Director, and Business Manager, and those are our elected positions we elect those every year.

Ducharme: Senator Foley.

Foley: Hi, I just wanted to thank you for coming in. My name's Rebecca, I do the videos if you've seen them for the Weekly Address that the President does. I was wondering if you would just share a little bit more about what Bryce Jones did with your interviews.

Max, UVM TV: Okay, awesome. So we have now actually resurrected that program that he was a part of, called UVM Weekly. And every Sunday after our meetings, our General Meetings are at 7pm on Sundays up here. After that meeting, all the members would now come down to the studio, and collaborate on a variety of news programs. They would create segments on news, entertainment, sports, and then during the latter half of the show, we would have a latter half of the show, we would have an interview portion with one of our anchors, and the president, and so he would come in and talk about issues, talk about what was going on in Senate meetings, talk about basically anything that was really going on on-campus. And it was a very well received piece.

Ducharme: Any further questions for UVM TV? Seen none, I'd like to thank them for their time. Would anyone else like to speak on public forum for 5 minutes? Seen no one else, we will now move on to old business.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill allocating funds to UVM Sailing Team.

Motion to table bill by Matthews seconded, vote to vote on tabling fails. Bill not tabled. Question raised by Chair Keyes, Al-Namee, Redell, and Conlon; Senators Cantell, Auchinclosse, and Heffrin.

Representative of Sailing Team comes up to answer questions: Money for boats put aside for past few years. Money is supplemented by Capital Fund. About 55 students in Fall, 30-35 during Spring. 18 boats kept on hand, all boats sold at same time. Current boats are 10 years old, falling apart, deteriorating. Goal is to keep new boats for 7 years, at which time boats can be switched out with little capital campaigning. Potentially lasting 10 years, however not ideal. Boats bought from Laser Performance, out of Rhode Island.

Bill automatically called into question. Bill passes. \$19,000 budgeted to UVM Sailing Team.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS

Motion to suspend rules, seconded. Vote to suspend rules passes. Rules suspended.

11 new Senators sworn in by Speaker Ducharme.

Motion to reinstate rules, seconded. Vote to reinstate rules passes. Rules reinstated.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Dougherty, Finance Committee- Bills allocating funds to Club Gymnastics.

Senator Ghazey, CODEE - Bill for resolution to Board of Trustees: Divestment from Fossil Fuels.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Speaker Ducharme - Overview and summary of SGA Rules & Etiquette, via Prezy, for new senators. No changes made. Etiquette/Dress Code, Roll Call/Attendance, Point-Of's, Procedures, discussed.

Question by Senator Edelman. Rules and Prezy available from Speaker Ducharme.

VP Holland - Congratulations to new senators. This week meeting with Dining personnel about changes in the dining plan. Upcoming anti-hazing meeting. Potential UVM textbooks policy discussed. Hockey penny giveaway discussed: \$10-12 dollars cost per penny, upcoming giveaway at hockey game against UNH. Questions by Senator McGraw, Edelman, Foley. Response: Last UVM Hockey game of season. Extra penny's could be given at other sports events, as well as during tabling. Other giveaways could happen pending balance in giveaway fund.

President Daley - Meetings with college personnel throughout week. Congratulations to new senators. Good launch for UVM-Voice. Protocol for responding to UVM-Voice comments will be sent out. Met with Faculty Senate about semester relations. Saturday, 6 candidates will be interviewed for the Board of Trustees, Student Trustee position. Selection expected Saturday evening. UVM media/textbook policy for students discussed. Senator of the Week award given to Senator Foley.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE - 4 clubs in for supplemental funding. Fashion club requesting \$700 - \$900, pending more documentation. Club Gymnastics going to nationals in Minnesota in April, requesting \$9400. Vantage Point, Buckham Fund from English Department cut, requesting \$5000. Volleyball Club requesting \$875. Budgets due Friday. Over next 2 weeks, 27 hours dedicated to Budget Hearings, for requested budgets over \$15,000. Each line of budget to be discussed in hearings.

PR - Video about UVM-Voice released. Committee Liaison program to come. New committee member, Senator Carrie. VSOP last semester, focus groups to go more in depth tentatively scheduled for next Monday, to last 25 minutes each. Request for help finding students to take survey.

SAC - Club Fair went well, very busy. Biggest event in winter yet. PBS came and filmed, documentary about Student Life to come out in Fall 2013. Program being offered to student club signers to help with Club Budget procedures.

COLA - 2 new subcommittees formed. Recent City Council meeting attended. Trip to state government

planned to represent student body.

AA - First committee meeting Monday night. Textbook issues to be discussed. UVM-Voice submissions to be followed up on. Neighborhood cleanup scheduled for following weekend.

SA - Sodexo complaints to UVM-Voice discussed. Student-Athletic statistics to come. 3 new senators. Meeting on mural to be scheduled. UVM-Voice video sent out, in cooperation with PR. Discretion discussing UVM-Voice comments requested. Questions by Senators Edelman, Foley. Answer: Confidentiality important with UVM-Voice. New ideas about talking with students about their comments discussed.

CODEEE - New project, Community Week, in progress. Goal of bringing 2-3 speakers to event. Advertisements to be sent through listservs. Senator Auchinclosse working on Mental Health Awareness Week events. Question by Senator Heffrin.

SENATORIAL FORUM

Chair Keyes - Activities Fair past Thursday. Increase in SGA presence needed. 42 senators after election. Chair Conlon - New senators welcomed and those who helped in elections/tallying.

SENATORIAL COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Cantell - Wednesday is themed USA dinner at dining facilities.

Chair Conlon - DJ to come for event. Free food and games. Student Events is hiring students.

Chair Al-Naymee - Debate team looking for new members. General meeting Mondays at 6pm, in Asian Languages Department building on Main Street.

Chair Keyes - Penguin Plunge fundraiser Saturday. Special Olympics looking for volunteers.

Chair Redell - Guest Speaker Kimell coming and giving speech about campus climate and gender violence to students on Tuesday, February 4th. Workshop happening as well specific to student leaders as well as individuals.

VP Holland - First Saturday of Spring Break: Mardi Gras parade. Hope Works contacted SGA for student volunteers at parade. Contact VP Holland if interested in volunteering.

FINAL ROLL CALL

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ADJOURNMENT: 8:10 PM, recorder (1:10:00)