

**Date: April 2, 2013**

**Session Opening:** Start time 7:00pm; start time with recorder (00:40)

## **ROLL CALL**

Finance – All Present

PR – Senator Maslow excused

SAC – All Present

COLA – All Present

AA – Senator Laliberte excused

SA – All Present

CODEEEE –Senators Ghazey and Gachette excused

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES-** March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Minutes approved.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Troy: “The first opportunity is the academic integrity council, this is something that has been around for a very long time. Anytime a professor submits a report to our office and suggests or alleges that a student has violated one of the four academic integrity standards a council convenes. That council is made up of both faculty members and students. I personally really enjoy being involved in the academic integrity council, I serve as an advisor just to make sure protocol is followed. Our office actually has nothing to say about how these cases are determined; it’s all determined by the councils. For those councils to work it needs both faculty and students. Every case is really different, it’s a very kind of interesting way to become involved with shaping the culture of your campus and having an impact on students who are challenged by those standards. It’s also a great way to interact with faculty members who serve on the council with you as peers. Often times faculty members from outside of your discipline and it’s just a really great way to have students impact the behavior of their peer students. That is the academic integrity council. I am going to pass this around, if you’re interested please sign up, and Lara Scott, the other assistant director who runs that will be in contact with you. The second opportunity is a relatively new opportunity, it hasn’t really taken off, it is just a peer educator opportunity. Another one of our assistant directors Laura Lee is the person who runs this, and we are just looking for students to become involved to help shape our peer educator program. Perhaps that’s visiting classrooms and talking a little bit about what the standards are and what the code of rights and responsibilities is. Any opportunity to involve yourself with educating, again, your peers in a variety of different ways, public speaking skills perhaps or just getting a culture of adherence to the code of rights and responsibilities out there. So that’s the peer educators, I’m going to circle this around as well. I’m happy to take some questions, we actually have a training coming up on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:30am. You don’t have to necessarily be there to become involved with these opportunities, but if you think you are going to become involved and that time is available for you, then you might want to put it on your calendar. I’m happy to take questions otherwise I’m going to collect the signup sheets.”

Speaker Ducharme: Are there any questions for Troy? Senator Matthews.

Senator Matthews: Are these semester or year long opportunities?

Troy: You know it's really, really flexible. Typically students that start with us stay with us for even a couple of years and students who are on the academic integrity council right now have been involved with us, some of them, for probably three years. So it's really up to you. If you want to start with us and then you have a particularly heavy semester or you're going abroad for the semester that is not really going to be a problem, there is no real expectation for how long you stay involved. If you want to just try it out and you find out it's not quite for you and you want to drop off then that's fine.

Speaker Ducharme: Are there any further questions for Troy? Senator Sikulo.

Senator Sikulo: Approximately how often does the academic integrity council meet?

Troy: The academic integrity councils meet when there is a need for it and that need kind of fluctuates throughout the year. As you can imagine we have more alleged violations in and around mid terms and in and around finals so there are heavy periods after those, but they really do kind of ebb and flow throughout the semester as a case comes forward Lara contacts council members and says 'is anyone available for this time.' The councils meet when it's convenient for the student who is answering the charges and then people respond and she puts together a council.

Speaker Ducharme: Are there any further questions for Troy? Seeing none I would like to thank him for his time. Would anyone else like to speak on public forum for five minutes? Seeing none, we will now move on to old business.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Bill Recognizing UVM CHEMCATS**

Goal to create environment where UVM students interested in chemistry can get involved and get to know each other as well as faculty. Create a forum for students interested in chemistry to ask upperclassmen for their advice on getting into research and taking classes. April will be pop cap drive with Ronald McDonald house, spring break camp for middle school kids to get them interested in chemistry, professor lecture on careers in chemistry.

Fall 2013: Trip to museum of science in Boston MA, perform demonstrations for local high schools.

Why recognition is needed? Funding for events, fundraisers and liquid nitrogen. Credibility for requesting seminar speakers.

Speaker Ducharme: Questions or comments about the bill starting with Chair Gordon.

Chair Dougherty: I am a science enthusiast and I was wondering what opportunities I would have as a business student coming to this club?

The club is open to all majors, you don't have to be a chemistry major to join, we have a biology major, There is no formal training to be able to use liquid nitrogen you just have to wear the proper equipment,

so if you were part of the club and wanted to demo something you are more than welcome to.

Speaker Ducharme: Further questions or comments about the bill? Seeing none the bill automatically be called into question.

Bill automatically called into question and approved.

### **Resolution Supporting the Collegiate Infrastructure and Housing Act**

**Sponsored by:** Chair Conlon **Introduced by:** Chair Conlon, Student Action Committee.

The Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act eliminates a distinction in existing tax law that would result in allowing tax-exempt charitable and educational organizations to make grants to non-University owned not-for-profit student housing entities that provide collegiate student housing

Speaker Ducharme: Questions and comments about the resolution starting with Chair Redell

Chair Redell: What are other not for profit student housing other than Greek life? Are there any types of housing that would fall under that category that are not Greek life?

Thank you for your question. I'm not sure if we have any here at UVM but I know that other universities have independent living groups that do have not for profit student housing. I'm not sure specifically what some of those examples may be, but I recently interviewed for a resident advisor position at MIT and they have a great independent living office that does facilitate housing like that. I don't think we have anything like that here at UVM but there are other options like that at other universities.

Speaker Ducharme: Senator Asher?

Senator Asher: I just wanted to know what tax policies are currently in place and what the biggest difference is.

That I am not specifically sure of, I haven't read the existing tax codes, but I know that there is that distinction that allows charitable deductions to go directly to charitable housing and infrastructure.

Speaker Ducharme: Further questions and comments about the resolution? Seeing none the resolution is automatically called into question.

Resolution automatically called into question and passes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Bill recognizing Affect as a new program under volunteers in action-** Chair Keyes

**Bill affirming the 2014 FY Chair budget-** Chair Dougherty

## **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

Speaker Ducharme: Thank you for coming, we had someone jump onto the public forum right before cut off. The year is coming to the close I know there are a few people interested in the speaker role but no one has approached me about it. If you are thinking about it, or on the fence, or don't even want to do it but would consider it please come and talk to me and I will be happy to cover the ins and outs and tell you about what I do now.

VP Holland – Making up a thank you note for banquet hosted by President Sullivan, will be in SGA with Sara. Congratulations to Senator Birmingham, he will be the VP next year. Reminder all chair reports due tomorrow, as well as all treasurer applications. Different spaces within the Davis Center still available for clubs, applications due by Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> 2013.

President Daley – Last week had meeting with Director of Athletics. The twelve provost candidates have been found. Any questions or concerns please email me. Congratulations to the Vice Presidential candidates. Chair applications due Sunday at noon, followed by interviews beginning at as early as 2pm with myself and VP elect senator Birmingham. I would like to recognize Senator Hilton for her work in getting a formally recognized complaint system for the college of nursing.

Speaker Ducharme: Questions for President Daley starting with Chair Keyes.

Chair Keyes: With the chair applications being due so early how are you communicating that to the people who are not on senate right now?

President Daley: I sent that list out including a rundown of all positions as well as their responsibilities to everyone on the ballot.

Speaker Ducharme: Further questions for President Daley? Seeing none we will move on to committee reports starting with the finance committee.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

FINANCE – Finance committee has not met yet this week due to tonight's dinner. We will be meeting tomorrow evening at 4pm.

PR – VSOP surveys are out, they have been sent out to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the student body. Tabling Friday, this is the last time I will be tabling or tomorrow please sign up for tabling 12-3pm Friday in the Davis Center.

SAC – Thank you for passing ChemCats bill. Affect will be joining VIA as a new program. They will be coming up as a bill so they will be able to obtain their own source number. They will not be an independent club but they will be a new program. We will be presenting the student government awards tomorrow. If anyone is interested in this position for next year, please contact Harrison Keyes.

COLA – This past Friday part of the committee went to the state house in Montpelier, and met with

representative Potter, they gave us a tour of the building. We were able to sit in on a senate meeting and watch them pass a bill which created a committee to discuss the cost of higher learning. Senator Frost is working with Jim Barr to negotiate a deal for rides at a discounted rate. We are very happy with how well the police luncheon went.

AA – We had meeting yesterday, in 2 years writing requirement will be changed for first years making it more dependent on major. We are inquiring about receiving credit for non-sport based clubs. Congratulations to Senator Hilton again for her work in creating an official complaint procedure now in the student handbook.

SA – Working on new possibilities for buses, including a daytime off campus bus. If you are interested in being SA chair please contact me Chair Conlon and congratulations to Senator Birmingham for being voted Vice President Elect.

CODEEE – I will be emailing out my report later tonight. If anyone is interested in becoming Chair of CODEE please email me.

### **SENATORIAL FORUM**

Chair Dougherty: Remember elections are tomorrow.

### **SENATORIAL COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Wilson: Sorry for putting this petition out during announcements. This petition goes to our state senators asking for more funding and opportunities for weatherization.

Senator Cantel: The week of April 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> will be Maple fest. Simpson will also be having a BBQ themed dinner on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April.

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