

Date: April 16, 2013

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

ROLL CALL

Finance – Senator Beyer excused

PR – Senator Crookshank excused

SAC – Senator Kaiser excused

COLA – All present

AA - All present

SA – Senator Matthews excused

CODEEEE – Senator Wilson excused

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES April 9, 2013 Minutes approved

Motion to suspend the rules, 2nd, and passed. Rules suspended.

Senator Conlon sworn into office

Committee Chairs sworn into office

Josh Barry nominated for position of treasurer.

Speaker Ducharme: Are there any questions for Josh?

Senator Lott: Is it true that you are partially responsible for the SGA website?

Josh Barry: Yes, I have been working with SGA over the course of the last year helping to maintain and update the website as needed.

Chair Longyear: How do you plan on improving the senate as a body as treasurer?

Josh Barry: I would like to have more interaction with the senate as a whole. I know that it is required for me to attend a meeting once a month. I would like to be more active and attend more than that one mandatory meeting a month. I would like to hear what everyone has to say and advance the mission as a whole.

Speaker Ducharme: Any other questions for Josh Barry? Seeing none his election is automatically called into question.

Senate votes and elects Josh Barry as the treasurer of the Student Government Association

Senator Lott and Senator Conlon both nominated for position of Speaker of the Senate.

Senator Conlon elected Speaker of the Senate and sworn in.

Motion to reinstate the rules seconded and passed. Rules reinstated.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Speaker Conlon- Thank you everyone for electing me as speaker. I want to remind everyone of some of the rules of senate. You must have your name placard out in front of you during the meetings, when someone has the floor unless you are making a “point of” then you cannot speak. If you are going to make a point of then you may stand up and the speaker will recognize you. No cell phone use when someone is talking, no hats during the meetings as well as no sweat pants. If you have any questions or comments about my rules please come see me, I am in the office more than any man should be so please come see me.

VP Birmingham: Questions for Speaker Conlon? Chair Al Namee.

Chair Al Namee: Congratulations on your new role. Could you speak a little bit more on your plans for your new role?

Speaker Conlon: My real hopes to have the constitution committee assembled tonight. I think that is a little pushing it and the appointments come from the chairs and my job is to work as the chair for the constitution committee. So if I seem like a fabulous person to work with then please let me know of your interest and we can get started.

Chair Longyear: Can chairs be on the constitution committee or not?

Speaker Conlon: Yes there is nothing against chairs being on the constitution committee.

VP Birmingham - I wanted to give you a quick introduction to who I am. My name is Jack Birmingham I am a sophomore. I am new but I am excited to get over this learning curve and really get started. I’m going to look at the contract with sedexo in an attempt to see if we can improve the quality of food here on campus. Secondly I want to work with the UVM benefits and advisory console on the tobacco free initiative. I would like to protect smokers on campus by ensuring there are areas where they are allowed to smoke. Third I want to work with IRA and Res Life, to make a more comprehensive roommate pairing for first year students. Finally I am going to be working closely with Connor as well as the chair of PR Phoebe Fuchs to revamp the PR and improve public reception of SGA. Thank you for your patience and I look forward to working with all of you.

President Daley – I will be working with the registrar over the summer to add more content to the portal, particularly the advising page to make advising more easy for both faculty and students. Starting next year the space that is currently being used by the underground copy will be combined with the old bank space to make a more central area on campus for career advisement and I am currently looking for assistance with naming that space. I spent all day Thursday and Friday last week interviewing candidates for the position of provost. The provost basically manages the day to day functions of the university. After going through and interviewing for the chair positions I am very excited for this committee for next year. Every week I award a senator of the week award, I want to get to know all of you but every week there is usually one person that stands out and I want to acknowledge that.

Treasurer Barry: I would like to thank everyone tonight who came out to confirm me as treasurer. I am from Union New Jersey, I study computer science as my major and community and international development as my minor. I will be meeting with Blanca tomorrow to start getting myself acclimated with the role of treasurer. I have met with some of the finance committee already and we are trying to get the year started. Over the course of my term I plan to reinvent our budget process a little bit, the way we hand out money

right now, I feel could use a little tweaking so I plan on making it better for the students and better for SGA as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE – A large part of what we do is to meet with clubs and hear their requests for funding. Today we met with 4 different clubs, including the Equestrian club, the ski and snowboard club, the Cat's Meow and the ice hockey club.

PR – As VP Birmingham said we will be doing some revamping in PR this upcoming year. We will be reworking the website possibly working with stats majors to get some more information from our VSOP surveys. We do need people to sign up for tabling this week, in the past it has been on Fridays from 12 to 4 but now it is on Wednesdays from 12-3. Ideally we will have one or two people at the table at a time, so I will be passing around a form right now to sign up.

Senator Martinez: Would you consider working with UVM TV to make your weekly videos?

Senator Fuchs: I hadn't thought about that but I think that is a really good idea.

SAC – Our job is basically to work with clubs to help them get what they need out of SGA. Our goal this year is to work more closely with the finance committee to create a better relationship with them and make it easier for the clubs to get what they need.

COLA – This last weekend Senator Akkeh arranged a cleanup with woman's field hockey. This next weekend we have a downtown cleanup planned with a bunch of different groups around campus. We will be meeting in billings north lounge for bagels at 11. We ask that anyone who comes please wear UVM logos or their Greek letters so everyone knows we are from UVM.

AA – We will be focusing primarily on representation for students in the academic realm of UVM and picking up where we left off on enhancing course descriptions for students as well as improving the D1 and D2 text book reserve system. We are also looking into planting a bunch of new trees around campus this year.

SA – I am excited to work with all of the new senators, welcome. We will be working on a new joint committee idea with PR that will work on getting our ideas out there. If you don't know me I am in the office a lot and I'm very easy to talk to so come say hello. I am excited for the first executive meeting next Tuesday and to work with the board.

CODEEE – I am in the office a lot at the desk that says CODEEE, if I'm not there leave me a note and I will get back to you. We are starting a lot of new projects, including working with security on campus as well as starting a bike sale for next year. Next week will be earth week so on Monday we will be distributing T-shirts and taking a picture. I will be passing around a sign up to help out with the handing out of T-shirts and picture taking.

SENATORIAL FORUM

President Daley: I usually don't speak during senatorial forum or comments unless the floor is yielded to me. The executive committee will take place on Tuesday's at 4:30, and everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

Chair Redell: Only two people have signed up for the neighborhood cleanup this weekend, so let me urge everyone to give back to the community and do some community service.

Chair Bowen: I am looking for someone artistic to help me spice up the SA desk.

Senator Ducharme: Hi everyone I just wanted to congratulate Speaker Conlon on his new position. Thank you for considering and filling the position.

Chair Fuchs: Ideally I still need at least one person to table between 2 and 3 tomorrow.

SENATORIAL COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Martinez: This Wednesday is the final workshop. We will be closing with the very interesting topic of stress relief. We will be having therapy dogs so I'm sure all of you will want to be there. It will be Wednesday in the Rosa Parks room right next to Brennan's at noon.

FINAL ROLL CALL

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