

**Date:** April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

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

### **ROLL CALL**

Finance – Senator Sinkula excused

PR – Senator Maslow and Senator Crookshank excused.

SAC – Senator Hershey unexcused

COLA – Senator Frost Excused

AA –All present

SA – Senator Fisher excused

CODEEEE – Senator Gachette, Chair Al Namee Excused

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – April 16<sup>th</sup> 2013 minutes approved

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Bill derecognizing Club Urban Flava

Bill derecognizing Band Club

Bill recognizing Anime Club

### **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

Speaker Conlon – I just want to go over my rules of order, I will be providing a document to every senator or at very least the chairs so that my rules will be clearly laid out. Senators may only speak when recognized by the speaker of the senate and you must stand while you are speaking. You should show your respect for your colleagues by referring to them using their official title. No laptop or cell phone use during meetings. If you need to use your laptop during the meetings for any reason please run it by me before the meeting begins. No hats or sweatpants should be worn during the meetings. Public forum is mainly reserved for those outside of the body who would like to speak to the body. If you violate the rules of order I will yell “order” and gavel you down. I have begun to assemble a constitution committee so thank you for your help with that.

Senator Wilson: When you are talking about a bill being called to question the rules state that no one who has spoken on the bill can call it into question. So if anyone has asked a question about the bill can they call it to question?

Speaker Conlon: No. So you have to have the floor directly from the speaker and you have to have not spoken on the bill.

Senator Wilson: So if they ask a question at all about the bill they cannot call it to question.

Speaker Conlon: That is correct.

VP Birmingham – Hello everyone, I finished settling in this week and have begun reading the constitution preparing for what will hopefully be an effective reform. This week I have had several meetings with Pat Brown, during which we talked about climate in senate, financial policies and the role of senate. I

attended meetings with PR and Student action this week and I'm very excited for the work we will do. I have also begun work on the retreat which will be on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Look out for an email this next week, there is some talk about having our last week of tabling outside weather permitting. Finally if you guys are not sold on SGA yet please come meet with Connor or me because we would love to talk to you about what you are interested in and I think we could help you find something to do that interests you.

Chair Kaufman: Is the retreat mandatory?

VP Birmingham: Yes the retreat is mandatory if you miss it, it will count as two unexcused absences and you only have 3.

Senator Arginbeau: Would it be over night and where would it be?

VP Birmingham: That is still in the discussion process. It will be an overnight retreat, and we are currently debating between suite style housing at Smuggs or more of an outdoor cabin style housing.

President Daley – Over the past week I have had a number of meetings. On Wednesday morning I had another provost search meeting just getting set up for next week when the candidates will be here on campus for interviews. Friday I had a meeting with senior leaders along with VP Birmingham to have a conversation about this next year and the some of the projects we will be working on. Over the past few years it has been indicated that our financial processes are not as clear as they should be so I will be forming the financial reform committee which will be chaired by treasurer Barry and co chaired by chair Asher. The honorary degree advisor committee also met today to discuss who could potentially receive and honorary degree at commencement this year. Finally I do want to recognize Senator Wilson as senator of the week for her work in kicking off Earth Week.

Treasurer Barry – As Connor touched upon this week we reviewed the results of a financial review that was sent out to all the club signers and chairs that are actively involved in the budgeting process. We reviewed these results and they were not what we thought they would be. We know we have a lot of room for improvement and many let us know what we could improve upon. A big thing we will be working on is clarity specifically for our financial policies. Over the summer part of our committee will be clarifying our policies. We would like to bring various club signers and treasurers in on this process to make sure we end up with a process we are proud of and so we can benefit the student body as a whole.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

FINANCE – Part of what I want to do on his committee is revamp the budgeting process. I would also like to reword the financing documents to make it more clear what we have control over. Today we met with UVM TV; they requested \$2,200 dollars for an HD video camera. They plan on working with the film department to help them learn how to use the new camera.

Chair Longyear: Was the request approved or denied?

Chair Asher: They did receive partial funding but not for the full amount they requested.

Chair Redell: Did that money come out of the 2012-2013 budget or the 2013-2014 budget?

Chair Asher: We are still operating on the 2012-2013 budget.

PR – We have more or less determined two primary objectives. We would like to get as many likes as possible on the UVM SGA senate page we only have about 700 right now. We plan to start targeting the class of 2017. The second thing we are working on is trying to have tabling outside for the last week of classes. We are looking to have a town hall style forum with senators with microphones.

Senator Martinez: About how much new content does the UVM SGA facebook page get every week?

President Daley: The past few weeks it has been about 2-3 posts per week.

Senator Kayser: Are there currently any incentives to like the facebook groups?

Chair Fuchs: Yes we are working on having a raffle for people who have liked the Facebook page.

SAC – As I mentioned before next week we will probably have 2 bills derecognizing clubs and one bill recognizing a club. For those of you who are unfamiliar with this process SGA is in charge of recognize UVM's 160 or so student clubs. The clubs have to fulfill a number of requirements at which point they are eligible to become a club. They will then likely come to one of our meetings to give a presentation to us about why they should be recognized as a club after which we take a vote.

COLA – On Sunday we had a neighborhood clean up, I want to thank the senators who participated in that. We are having a community coalition celebration on Friday so if you are interested in community coalition come on down. We have planned our trip to Washington DC, we have a number of meetings lined up to talk about student financial aid, and student loan interest rates.

AA – On Monday I met with President Daley, we did a walking tour of all of the important academic buildings on campus. We've been researching friendly apple trees to grow on campus next year. Our general goals for the upcoming academic year is to focus on better advising and a more integrated advising relationship.

Senator Hershey: Do we know who will be in charge of maintenance and budgeting costs for the proposed trees?

Chair Longyear: We haven't gotten that far yet but we will share that information when we get it.

SA – We have a lot of ideas to work on for next year and we are excited to get feedback from all of you. Senator Matthews is having a meeting with the gender based sexual violence task force and he will be doing some work with that.

CODEEE – Earth day was yesterday and SGA's involvement worked out great so thank you for that. There is going to be the diversity open forum taking student input on D1 and D2 classes so if you have any feedback I encourage you to go out and tell them.

## **SENATORIAL FORUM**

Senator Lott: I am not on the SGA list serve yet, and secondly I just wanted to make it known that I

disapprove of this need to address people by their official title. It seems to have already become a problem.

### **SENATORIAL COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Kaufman: There is cake next door. If you want to go after the meeting do it.

Senator Kayser: This Sunday sorority life is having candle light preview. So if you or anyone you know is interested its in the Davis Center from 5 to 7.

### **FINAL ROLL CALL**

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PR – Senators Crookshank and Maslow Excused

SAC – All Present

COLA – Senator Frost Excuse

AA – All present

SA – Senator Fisher Excused

CODEEE – Chair Al Namee, Senator Gachette Excused