

Date: April 30, 2013

Session Opening: Start time 7:00 pm; start time with recorder (00:45)

ROLL CALL

Finance: Senator Crelly-Byers excused

PR: Senator Cruickshank unexcused

SAC: Senator Hershey unexcused

COLA: Senators Riley, Arguimbau excused

AA: All Present

SA: Senators Fisher and Beckett excused

CODEE: Senators Wilson, Krawczyk excused, Senator Ghazey unexcused

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: April 23rd, 2013 Minutes approved.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jay Taylor: My name is Jay. I graduated in 2010. I was the SGA president in 2008 and 2009. I just came back from 12,000 miles of driving around the country and meeting with former SGA presidents. Pat Brown kindly suggested that he had a list of SGA presidents and it might be fun to track them down. I pitched the idea to Vermont Porterly and there might be an article in this summer's Vermont Porterly. I met 15 former SGA presidents, met Pat Brown, and met this lady Lin Breelin who lives in Shelburne. She was one of the three original founders of SGA in 1943. She graduated 1944. SGA was founded at a time when the U.S. and allies were fighting for democracy overseas. They felt they had no rights on campus. They had really early curfew and everything was ruled by the Dean of Women or Dean of men. They wanted a voice. At this time, a lot of men were gone in the war, and women had an increased role on campus and on society. Three people founded SGA, two of them women, and that's definitely not insignificant given it was 1933. The history of this organization is closely interwoven with the history of civil rights in this country. It's not insignificant that the first black president was in 1958 before the majority of the civil rights era, or that the first Jewish president was the year after that when there was still a fair amount of anti-Semitism in the country, or that SGA lobbied in Montpelier during civil union debate for full gay marriage in the state. One of the individuals part of that effort later decided that he could come out at UVM. He took a leave of absence, dropped off senate, and travelled around the country visiting student governments and talking about how they could advocate for gay rights. When he came back, he ran for president and became the first openly gay president. I met the first female team president and VP, as well as Kashia Rom, the president of the first president VP team of color. She was the president before me so I knew her pretty well. I have three pieces of advice. The woman who graduated in 1944 is 90 years old. Her advice to you on senate was to be inclusive. The whole point of this organization is to give voice to people on campus who don't have a voice. The black man who graduated in 1958 told me to tell you not to forget who put you here. Sometimes this organization seems like it's only 42 people, but it's really the entire study body. Keep that in mind or you'll be voted out. Sara Poier, president in 2005/2006 advised you to be nice to everybody. She graduated with a ton of student loans, moved to Florida, and began waiting tables while

doing an unpaid internship. While waiting tables late one night, she was really pissed off at a table who came in late but she decided to be nice to them. They got to talking, and it turned out he was an executive for a company in a field she was interested in. He gave her a job, she moved up in that company, and she later used his house to get married in Florida. So be nice to everybody, it goes a long way. Look around the room. It may not seem it, but one of these people will hire you, or you will hire them, or you will work with them. Several of them will be really good friends of yours. I didn't think this was true until I spent time on this trip, catching up with SGA people I'd known, or hearing from other SGA's who'd done cool things about their connections from SGA. Keep that in mind. Thank you very much.

Question by Chair Redell: Could you give us advice about how to reach out to different groups on campus that may not be as well represented on this student body? When I bring up the fact that there are not many colored individuals on senate, the response is that 'senate is open to anyone and anyone can run'. Sometimes I feel like it's up to us to reach out, and make sure we're getting representation from all different identity groups without saying 'come to us'.

Jay Taylor: Good question. It's too easy for SGA to say that the meetings are public. Well yeah, no one comes. I think this organization feels like a black box that's not accessible. It's up to all of you to change that on an individual level. There are communities all over campus. Whether it's a formal student club, the ALANA center, or another community. These communities exist and if you reach out to them, you'll find they're very receptive to having someone come and listen to what you have to say.

Question by Senator Lott: Out of the people you interviewed, what did the most successful and least successful presidents go on to do?

Jay Taylor: I preface this question by saying I didn't interview people blindly. I had a decent idea of what they were doing and where they would be, and the fact that they'd be interesting for my story. It's possible that there are people that have been in and out of prison that I don't know about. There were a couple people who'd gone on to do really cool things in business. One guy is now really high up in the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Before that, he was the political director for Ted Kennedy. Before that, he was one of the core staff for Bill Clinton's office. He was such a part of key staff that he would go on vacation with Bill and Hillary Clinton. On a material basis, Alex Wilcox, president in 92 or 93, was probably most successful. A few years after graduation he got a job at the Miami airport, where he moved his way up through Virgin and became the third employee of Jet Blue. He is the one we have to thank for leather seats, live TV in coach, and the UVM Jet Blue partnership that funds inner city recruiting efforts. He is now the CEO of a private jet company in California. He has aspirations for political office. Every single person I talked to reached success and happiness on some level. Some went straight to a serious job, while some took a year off and did fun things. It all turned out okay either way.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chair Kauffman: Bill to derecognize Band.

Chair Kauffman presents bill.

Motion to call the bill to question, motion seconded. Bill called to question.
Vote on bill. Bill passes.

Chair Kauffman: Bill derecognizing Urban Flava Step Club.
Chair Kauffman presents bill.

Senator Lott: When was the club recognized?

Chair Kauffman: I was not in this position at the time, so I am not sure.

Motion to call the bill to question, motion seconded. Bill called to question.
Vote on bill. Bill passes.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Speaker Conlon: I met with a portion of the constitution committee last week after the meeting, and then did some work of my own. I've made it through all 19 pages of the constitution and written some of my personal comments. I also received the Oasive Monteforte constitution committee edits, so I have the comments they made on the constitution and operational documents, which then got tabled some point in 2011 or 2012. I look forward to working on that this summer. For those of you who want to be involved, I will still take participation in constitution committee. Chairs if you have not got me your official appointment, I would enjoy if you got that to me. We do need a constitution committee. My goal for the summer is to come back with a lot of comments and to have something drafted to present and edit come fall. If you have your name card out, wait for me to recognize you before you put your card down.

VP Birmingham: Since we had to postpone Exec. this week I don't have any further information about retreat. After we finalize what we're going to do after Exec. meeting, Senator Dolph and I, as well as anyone else that's interested in working on retreat, will be finalizing and working on some plans. This week I made two appointments, the first two I made. Today, we did some tabling outside with PR. We were standing up outside in the nice weather, and people were engaged and very responsive and willing to talk. For the most part, people were happy that SGA was reaching out to them. Common suggestions included getting professors to fill out more thorough course descriptions, having old syllabus up if they taught the course before, and having students able to access course evaluations, at least the multiple choice section, because we fill them out. Many students, especially women, felt a lot safer during the naked bike ride when we had Green Hats. I know there's a lot of liability involved with endorsing this, so maybe if we could organize something without tagging our name directly to it, it'd be worthwhile for the upcoming semester. Other comments included the library not feeling welcoming, so maybe if we could paint it. Rape my landlord was also a suggestion but apparently we

can get sued so we will not be doing that. The new tabling style was a great success, and the more people we have, the better.

Question by Chair Redell: Who is taking over the open office space, galaxy space, and Growing Vermont space?

VP Birmingham: I do not have that information on hand

Follow up requested. Follow up granted.

Chair Redell: Does it fall under your purview as VP to appoint people to those spaces, and to know who is in those spaces?

VP Birmingham: Yes, and I do not have that information on hand.

Question by Senator Hershey: Are those spaces going to be occupied by outside businesses or student groups?

VP Birmingham: As far as the galaxy space goes, that is definitely going to be student groups. Growing Vermont, not sure. Yield floor to Pat Brown.

Pat Brown: The Ski and Snowboard Club will be moving into the Growing Vermont space. They have a vision of opening online retail operation. We put a call out to all student organizations and got requests for the office space. IFC and Panhellenic will be moving into them.

Question by Chair Redell: Do you think your time as VP might be better spent knowing what your tasks are as presented in the constitution, rather than doing town hall meeting, which is something not under purview of your job constitutionally?

VP Birmingham: It's definitely on my agenda to do my job as well as I can. I was doing appointments, and I wasn't in the loop with some of these things. I'm going to do my best to work on that.

PRESIDENT DALEY: Delivered by VP Birmingham. This past week I've had meetings with university colleagues and others. In addition to my duties in this body, I will have further such meetings later in the week. Provost candidates are on campus. Interviews have begun. I'm looking forward to continue meeting with the candidates with the provost search committee and the SGA executive committee. On behalf of UVM, I participated Saturday in the walk for MS Burlington and afterward enjoyed an awesome spring fest, many thanks to UBP and, specifically, our Speaker Conlon for all the work they put in to having MGMT and others attend this year. This morning, I met with Career and Experiential Space Group, and after my discussions with Abu Rivze, the Dean of Honors College, have prospectively decided on the name, the Career Hub, or UVM Career Hub, emphasizing the Career Hub will be central, but that other departments contributing to the space will be the spokes in the wheel of a successful and engaged experience at UVM. Constitutionally, I am obligated to announce my intentions for the semester. I will be planning on collaborating with the Registrar's Office to develop the portal, helping Treasurer Barry and Chair Asher in their work performing finances, working with faculty senate on the certificate and experiential learning, aiding in orientation days, and helping to welcome in/orientate the new provost. For Senator of the week, I would like to recognize the Senator who's been on SGA only a few months, but has already displayed a clear, consistent commitment to making student lives better. This

week's senator of the week is Jackson Maslow. In conclusion, I would like to welcome back to the U.S. Chow Namee.

TREASURER BARRY: Blanka and I are winding down our purchasing for the end of fiscal year. All PO's for clubs are due tomorrow, so they'll give us a good idea of what's left for us to spend as we try to wind down club's budgets for the remainder of the semester and fiscal year. Chair Asher and I are working on the financial reform committee. Anyone who would like to participate, email me. We will be working on that over the summer with President Daley. I am also constitutionally obligated to reveal my summer plans. I will be in Honduras for the end of May and the beginning of June, so don't try to contact me because I will have no internet or cell phone or anything. I will be back in Burlington for the remainder of June and all of July and all of August. I'll be working at Green Mountain Coffee during the day, and I'll be here during the afternoons and evenings, getting some office work down with Blanka.

Question by Senator Matthews: Can we involve former Treasurer Juare in these discussions?

Treasurer Barry: Yes. He has tried to work towards financial reform in his two years here and he would like to have a voice, as well, in our reform procedures. We also plan on bringing in some club leaders who have expressed interest in budget reform, who have an understanding on how our budget works and the needs of clubs. We also plan on bringing in a representative from club sports to represent the sports teams who present budgets to us each year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Today we had two supplement hearings. UVMTV was back again; they want to do a documentary and need \$200 to do that. Ice Skating Club needs new uniform. They requested \$1,800, \$100 per uniform.

Question by Senator Lott: It is my understanding that UVMTV already has a documentary. Is this \$200 for a future one or is this for paying the one that's already made?

Chair Asher: They've already produced the documentary. They need the rights.

Follow up requested. Follow up granted.

Senator Lott: I'm not sure what you mean by rights?

Point of information: UVMTV has already shown the documentary and is now trying to pay off an invoice in regards to that said documentary that you were speaking of.

PR: We had a really good work. We did our town hall tabling today, as VP Birmingham said. We asked people about Career Services and the Tobacco Free initiative. We didn't really get a lot of feedback that we hadn't gotten before. We got a lot of feedback about D1 and D2 courses. Many agree that D2's are more valuable than D1's. Many think if UVM requires these classes, they should be smaller and higher quality, which played into professor evaluations. We're not doing tabling tomorrow since we did it today.

SAC: Thanks for passing those two bills. Those clubs didn't need to be clubs anymore. We have a few in the recognition process so those will be coming up in the fall.

Question by Senator Lott: Can you quickly list the clubs you're considering recognizing for the fall?

Chair Kauffman: Club Anime, is close to being ready. A few others have expressed interest, but that's it.

Follow up requested. Follow up granted.

Senator Lott: Can you give us some hints of what those might be?

Chair Kauffman: I'm not actually sure what they are, so no.

Question by Senator Matthews: Will we be seeing more derecognizations next semester?

Chair Kauffman: Last week we sent out a club update form, so that's one thing clubs must do to stay with us. The clubs that don't do that, or go to the Treasurers workshop in the fall, are considered not in good standing with us, which is the first step in the derecognition process.

COLA: On Friday, we had our last Community Coalition meeting and talked about some initiatives for next year and things that did and didn't work this past year. The Spring Move Out Project is on May 23rd. There are two locations for that, the Ethan Allen parking lot on Bradley Street, and on Loomis Street because North Willard and Isham Street. There will be two garbage companies there with dumpsters and you can drop off trash for the same price as you'd pay at the dumpster location. There will also be an area you can drop off gently used furniture that anyone can pick up for free. If you're interested in volunteering at that event, contact me. This past weekend, OSCR's office got an email from reenvisioning the neighborhood watch. They were concerned that Spring Fest activities had an impact on those living downtown, specifically non students. They said people were partying all day and all night. They were also concerned about beer tent, which they believed set a precedent that you need alcohol in order to have fun. Our D.C. trip is on May 13th so if there's any information you want for us going on that trip please contact me. Our summer plans are to start taking videos to include in our online off campus living workshop and to continue going to neighborhood planning seminars.

Question by Senator Lott: At spring fest there was a Big Daddy's truck. Do you think students need pizza to have fun?

Chair Redell: If you are familiar with alcohol at all you would know it's a mind altering drug, unlike pizza. While people may believe that pizza has a negative impact on someone's health, people living downtown were concerned that large consumption of alcohol and the precedent that people need to consume alcohol to have fun was creating a significant negative impact downtown.

Question by Senator Ghazey: How would the people downtown respond to the fact that half of our student population is under the age of 21 and had tons of fun at spring fest, I being one of them, without alcohol.

Chair Redell: I am a student that lives downtown. If you would like to come to a reenvisioning neighborhood watch meeting to send that message, I would welcome you to. As I'm not part of that constituent, I am unable to respond.

AA: This week, I had a meeting with Pat Brown about goals for AA for this coming year. We loosely decided that I'm going to pursue pressuring faculty senate and the union on lengthening course descriptions. We're going to compile a list of our expectations for the faculty that revolve around course descriptions and what they're responsibility is. The rewrite of the union contract is coming up because it's expiring soon. We're going to try to facilitate that. I'm attending a curricular affairs meeting on Thursday with President Daley. Senator Ducharme is making progress on finishing the advising documents and revisions.

SA: We're always taking ideas from everyone. Next week, I'm having a meeting with a professor in the nursing department. She has a project that she runs with her class in the fall where they work with a student organization to accomplish some goal in their interest, usually health related. After that meeting, if that's something that pertains to a certain committee, I'll pass that along to your chairs. Senator Matthews has finished the event center project. Yield floor to Senator Matthews.

Senator Matthews: I met with the gender race and sexual violence task force. They're the ones who made the recommendations after Sig Ep. Right now, Sullivan needs a business plan, which is budgeting stuff. We have a whole task force. There's going to be three more meetings over the summer, but I will not be here. They will deliver the business plan to Sullivan. I want to thank everyone for the support that I've had over the last year with this.

CODEE: I finally back it back to the U.S. safely. I had a great time abroad. I will also be meeting with the same professor that Chair Bowen talked about, over the summer. We talked about the possibility of involving her students in our mental health awareness month. I think it'd be a good project for them to work on. It's health related. We just started this, so I think we'll be able to expand it and take it to another level. Earth week was last week. Thank you for helping. It was great, a lot of people participated. For the summer, I will be working on the bike sale that we're trying to organize for next year, and working more with that professor on involving her students with SGA.

SENATORIAL FORUM

None

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Matthews: Instead of going to the naked bike ride, you should come to a benefit party at LIFT that SHORE is putting on tomorrow night. They're selling tickets for \$5. Proceeds go to the Boston 1 fund. I'll be here for 5-10 minutes afterwards.

Senator Lott: I still have Barack Obama tapestries, if anyone's interested.

Chair Asher: Happy Birthday

FINAL ROLL CALL

Finance: Senators Sinkula, Crelly-Byers, Garau excused

PR: Senator Cruickshank unexcused

SAC: All Present

COLA: Senators Riley, Arguimbau excused

AA: All Present

SA: Senators Fisher, Beckett excused

CODEE: Senators Wilson and Krawczyk excused, Senator Ghazey unexcused

ADJOURNMENT: 7:46 PM, recorder (46:52)