

Tuesday, September 4th, 2012

FOURTH MEETING OF THE 2012-2013 SENATE

Roll Call

Finance- Senator Devivo excused

Student Activities- Senator Barley unexcused, Senator Heffrin excused

COLA- Senator Goodrich excused, Sen Hall unexcused

Academic Affairs- All present

CODEEE- Senator Burns unexcused, Senator Crane excused

Student Action- All present

Public Relations- All present

Public Forum

Celine Martinez- I wanted to come to see how the meetings go. I'll hopefully be here in the future. My name is Celine and I am running in the First-Year elections.

Gail- Thank you for suspending the rules allowing us to speak. We provide opportunities for UVM students to get involved with their communities off-campus. If you live off-campus and would like to volunteer as a liaison for the street you live on, we are having an open community BBQ. We are Welcome back Project- door to door- passing out City Market bag filled with off-campus living resources. Students have just moved in, and currently have many questions concerning their safety downtown, and this is an excellent way to pass out materials for those students.

Amanda Wong- So if whoever is interested could sign your name and e-mail address, I will e-mail you to figure out specific project times. How many of you go to parties and other events downtown. How many of you have maybe been a little bit louder than you should have? Have a Heart campaign is something that our office does with SGA, in collaboration with Burlington families concerning the noise violations downtown. The first Friday night of opening weekend, we passed out nearly 500 Lake Champlain chocolates encouraging students to be more aware of their impact regarding noise while downtown. Volunteers are needed for this project, and it is asked to be aware in general of your peers' actions downtown in residential areas.

Gail Shammonis- I really hope that COLA will soon find a new chair, as it has been very beneficial to our office and mission.

Amanda- If you're a babysitter and looking for a job, there will be a babysitter mingler.

Chair Alnamme- What safety information does your office offer? Often times First-year students are intimidated by the weekend reputation of the neighborhoods downtown.

Gail- We want to make sure our students understand that there are parts of Burlington that are quite dangerous at night. There are ways in which they can travel

Senator Goodrich- I was wondering about the noise violations, a police officer approached my house saying that each person whose name is on the lease will be fined \$350 for each violation.

Gail- If you aren't at the house at the time of the violation- you may dispute that at city hall. It is at the discretion of the officer at the time of the offense the discipline of the violation.

Jason Katz- Hi all, I am here tonight representing UVM Hillel here to talk to you all about Shabbat- open to everyone at Allen house every Friday night at 7pm. Friday Sept 21st, we are having a leadership shabbat- we are trying to get as many campus leaders that want to come to enjoy shabbat. If you know anyone who may be interested to joining us, please give them my e-mail. You all are welcome to attend.

Chair Keyes- Could that go out to the club presidents' list serve?

Jason- Yes, by all means.

Senator Lott- Did you know that activities' fest is tomorrow?

Jason- Yes, thank you.

Old Business

None

Emergency Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Reports

President Daley- I think I've seen or talked to most of you. Both VP Holland and I have been very busy this summer getting things ready for senate this year. I introduced the cabinet idea to you all, so that the cabinet would be helping me with that instead of

pushing that on you all, giving you more time to focus on your own individualized projects. Looking forward to the retreat- feel free to push me in the pool. I will be leading the hike on Sunday. Great agenda for the year- specifically student safety off-campus. We have been working on designing a program in which students purchase a \$20 cab card good for 7 rides- working towards getting students off the street walking back to campus. I will be in touch with COLA about more specifics. I had a one on one with President Sullivan about expectations for SGA- he will be attending our next meeting- so that if you have questions for him that would be a good time to ask them.

Vice President Holland- Hey everybody, a paper got sent out about activities fest, we are tabling from 10 -3 anyone who may be free and wants to help out- we'd like to spread the word about first-year elections. Even if its for 10 minutes- your presence would be appreciated. All of your chairs should've talked to you about the retreat this weekend. We are going to Smuggler's notch- leaving between 10 and 11. I'm handing out this paper so you all can inform me of any food allergies/ if your van certified. If you for some reason, let me know as soon as possible. The retreat is mandatory. We have 5 condos. There are pools and trails, hoping the weather is great- looking to do a hike on Sunday morning. Dinner we were thinking of doing a BBQ- any preferences let me know! We will have time for committee specific info, and new senators will be coming along. There are a few empty seats on senate, if you know anyone who is interested or would be beneficial to the body, please encourage them to apply for appointment.

Speaker Osef- Hopes you all had a wonderful Summer. Hoping to get to know you all much better at the Senate retreat. Starting constitution committee in early October. September 11- meeting is not starting until 7:30 to honor those whose lost their lives. November 6th we are starting at 7:30.

Treasurer Juairé- I will have an hour time at the retreat to orient you all on what I do, so I will keep it short. My goal this year is to become more of an advisor to clubs instead of babysitter. I have compiled a guide for each club to their finances- holding them more accountable. Monday and Tuesday there are mandatory info sessions for all club signers

Chair Alnamee- Are all club signers required to go? Or just one?

Juairé- It should be the treasurer for the club.

Committee Reports

Finance- One supplemental hearing. Looking forward to another great year.

Student Activities- Review recognition, derecognition requirements. Since we've been back, we've been planning the club workshops on September 29th. Many new club recognitions.

COLA- Joel- we still exist.

Academic Affairs- Faculty senate sent out a survey on whether or not final exam schedules are used, 43% of responses are not. Meeting with Provost Knodell on 13th. Looking for 100% enhanced course description this year.

CODEE- Started collaboration with living well center- great resources including massage chair that you can sign out. Trying to coordinate mental health awareness month- educating students on mental health. Working on international day. Working with pat brown regarding beverage contract. Will be tabling in DC sometime next week to get feedback from First Year students. Many complaints about cigarette butts around campus.

Student Action- Sen Cantell is working with dining services about getting a 'hot bar' at Simpson. Continuing with LL mural and Tix me off. Looking forward to retreat. trying to get hot chicken back on the hot bar.

Public Relations- Sent out three e-mails thus far. Good response- 3,000 opens on weekly e-mail.

Senatorial Forum

Senator Mathews- I cannot fulfill the time requirement that comes with being a chair.

Speaker Osef- Attendance policy will be very strict this year.

Senator Edelman- I spoke to President Daley- Im working on a initiative regarding veteran communications within the university. Lack of support from the university. How can we facilitate better relationships with veterans on campus? Please contact me if you're interested.

VP Holland- If you are interested in swapping committees, please send me an e-mail and we will make that change before we get into the swing of things. Also- if you are interested in chairing- please feel free to apply.

Senatorial Comments and Announcements

Chair Conlon- Come to Seth Meyers!

Senator Goodrich- Catamount classic- applications are due soon, if interested see Senator Goodrich.

Chair Keyes- VIA meeting will be

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