

Tuesday, November 13th, 2012

FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE 2012-2013 SENATE

Roll Call (0:00:00) 7:00pm

Finance- Chair Dougherty excused

Public Relations- All present

Student Activities- Senators McNally, Hilzenger, Kelley excused. Senator Apisella unexcused

COLA- Senator Goodrich excused

Academic Affairs- Senator Sundstrom excused

Student Action- Chair Conlon excused

CODEEE- All present

--Approval of the Minutes from November 6th, 2012-- Approved

Public Forum (00:01:15)

Barbara Johnson- I want to start by thanking you all for the opportunity to be here, I think there has been some extensive conversations regarding the recent proposal of a tobacco free campus. I work with the University Benefit Advisory council which has SGA representation, and in fact, last Spring Connor was interested in the fact that we were looking into installing a smoke-free policy, which has now turned into tobacco free, because of what we're learning from other institutions. I think you have already heard the benefits. I wanted to have the opportunity to go over this proposed policy. It's important to note that this University Benefit Advisory Council will not be implementing this, and that nearly 800 campuses in the country are tobacco free or smoke free. University of Minnesota has implemented the rule- process similar to the one we are recommending. This would involve a process that takes time to hear everyone's voice. There is a wonderful approach on U Michigan website. This project could take 3 years, we hope that you'd be contributing your ideas. After all of the discussion, taking considerations from the President and Provost, several key factors will be considered to ensure success, one of which being student participation. Significant number of Freshmen come to UVM as non-smokers, during their time here at the school become smokers. This is not only a significant personal health concern, this is a campus-wide health concern. What kind of environment do we want to live/ study/ work in? I'm hoping that we can take our energy and start an awareness campaign, to have activities going over a period of time so that we remind each other if you see someone smoking on university property, that you speak to that person that you are concerned for their health. We recognize that none of this can go forward if we don't have a substantial program geared towards helping students quitting this habit through wellness programs. We are saying that this is on University property, which is public, but that we are genuinely concerned for these students' health. Most campuses have said you can go sit in your car and smoke. We're hoping to create enough of a buzz that we will be having an impact on the student climate here at the University. I am the chief of HR for the university, and so I get to talk to the VP's and I've told them that the students are way ahead of us. Tobacco free UVM started by Larry Bowden, who won't be here forever, but he decided that this was an issue that we wanted to contribute to while he was here. We need

creative ideas. We don't know the best approach. Tom Gustafson is VP for student life met with me last week, he told me to hand it off to the students and watch it grow. I've talked with Fletcher Allen, which has a tobacco free campus, and I think they will be happy to not have UVM as their ashtray. We have a good partner in Fletcher Allen, I would love to have a student intern to work on this. This isn't being delivered as a package. I would love to hear from you more after you've talked about it.

Senator Mathews- What's your reaction if the student body doesn't approve of this idea?

Barb Johnson- I want to hear from students across the spectrum on this issue. If we focus on caring about each other's health, and we're not infringing on other people's rights, than I think we could be successful. We are asking for input and support from the students.

Senator Cantell- I'm a supervisor at Redstone Market, How am I supposed to enforce a UVM policy banning tobacco on campus?

Barb Johnson- We're only hoping to promote health. Teaching people to interact socially to talk about health issues. My parents were chain smokers, I have experienced the effects of second-hand smoke. I certainly respect your right if you're a smoker and that's your choice. Even if I don't know you I'm going to talk to you and share my personal experience with tobacco products. The research cannot be denied. People will still make their own choices.

Chair Kaufman- What is your exact proposal as of right now?

Barb Johnson- We have proposed a steering committee of a multitude of reps from all aspects of life on campus with small working teams, so we can flush out everyone's ideas. 1st year will be research and education, in the second year teams will come up with their recommendations, university policy that needs to be written that can be done well. Michigan University had a lot of visual campaigns of people interacting around this issue. This needs to happen in terms of implementation. If there is some unhappiness of any of the constituents on campus then we take that into consideration. I would hopefully find a student to intern on this project with me and hopefully get the student to work on this with me.

Senator Edelman- I have three questions: It seems like you're talking about a PR campaign, what do you see as a realistic change to student's opinions regarding smoking on campus?

Barb- I'm interested in trying to do everything I can to support individuals to get involved with this, we call it smoke free because of other examples. Some called it tobacco free, because with smoke free cadets could still chew tobacco. It can be called whatever is going to create awareness around people's health.

Senator Edelman- Would you be able to have the same effect, but still have places to have campus where students can smoke?

Barb- People are going to smoke where they can smoke. As soon as you get to telling to people where they can't

Senator Edelman- Do you have any literature of campuses where smoking was restricting to only certain areas on campus?

Barb- I currently do not, but I can send you in the direction of those materials.

Chair Keyes- Thanks for coming in. Confusion on my part: What outcome do you see this campaign having? It seems like an outright ban, but it doesn't sound like that's what you're looking for.

Barb- I see a reduction in the amount of smoking on campus. I think if your going to call it a ban, your going to get people angry about taking rights away. every few years doing a survey seeing what people think. 26% of non smokers start smoking here at UVM. Medical school on campus we have a responsibility to each other. We will never have a campus.

Chair Redell- You talked about how there wouldn't be enforcement. What are some of the ways that we would be proactively decreases tobacco use on campus through this campaign?

Barb- I think having visuals that will remind us of whatever we come up with during this process. Awareness comes through repetition. We could hold open forums for the community, having members of the community sharing their experiences and distraught with tobacco use on campus. Physicians in Fletcher Allen are interested in whatever they can do to help this initiative. Burlington is excited to think that we are working towards this.

Chair Pasterkiewicz- 25 foot rule which is not enforced. How is this going to be any different that what we have now?

Barb- I think the awareness and encouragement of people. When I go over to the library and see folks smoking, if there is general awareness I would feel more comfortable approaching them, informing them that they're hurting their health and hurting my health. People are not going to respect a sign, particularly when they have an addictive habit. What is a way that would be effective.

Senator Lott- What percentage of students do you think don't know the adverse effects of smoking?

Barb- Most students think they're immortal. Probably going to quit when they're older and coughing. I think it's important to try and that someone cares that they're smoking.

Senator Lott- Students would simply talk to the

Barb- The difference is that your effecting

Senator Lott- Chewing tobacco doesn't affect anyone else

Senator Accardo- How are you saying that this is going to realistically going to impact students who do smoke?

Barb- I think by education and by offering smoking cessation programs.

Chair Pasterkiewicz- To have a correlation to Senator Lott- chewing tobacco is only effecting my health and not yours. Do you believe that a smoke free campus is more realistic than a tobacco? I also know that nicotine is in chewing tobacco, so If I'm really interested in your health, wouldn't I ban all forms of tobacco?

Chair Kaufman- Do you think that it is plausible that students who don't know each other will approach others and warn them of the harm of smoking?

Barb- I think that if 800 campuses have done this, then it is worth looking into.

Chair Kaufman- Those 800 campuses have policies where students approach other students?

Barb- Each campus has policies unique to those campuses. I believe that through student engagement, we could spread our message more widely.

Senator Foley- I think it's commonly accepted that smoking is more prevalent in foreign countries. Where UVM is appealing to foreign students who smoke, would a tobacco ban potentially turn off interested students coming from foreign countries?

Barb- It's not a ban, if we offer programs such as smoking cessation, we would be able to provide help for those individuals interested in quitting tobacco products. We have a very large percentage of smokers in our university of staff. They have had smoking cessation programs. They didn't know the adverse effects of tobacco products until they came to this country.

Senator Edelman- Where do you believe the line is between the university caring about our health, and infringing upon students' rights?

Barb- I think that at this point, we need to start the dialogue-- as I believe that the initiative is worth a try.

Senator Edelman- Awareness can be achieved without a university policy. Do you think that it's absolutely necessary to start a campaign that would end up costing the university a lot of money is worth the potential outcome?

Barb- It's a policy that makes a statement about valuing people's health.

Senator Pope-McGraw- Alcohol EDU, is it possible that tobacco could be added to that program?

Barb- Yes, we are in the works to figure out a way to integrate tobacco use into the pre-attendance Alcohol-EDU program.

Chair Redell- Where would this policy be outlined?

Barb- I don't know, it depends on how our dialogue goes. We've got a lot of other examples from a lot of other institutions. What's important is that this would be more about people's health. I don't know the outcome, of these dialogues, I just feel that they must be had in order to move forward.

Senator Apisella- Do you have the statistics of the number of UVM graduates who go on to quit tobacco products after graduation?

Barb- That I do not have.

Senator Apisella- Most students start smoking because of stress, why not focus on de-stressing student life here at UVM.

Barb- I would expect stress to be a major part. These are all components that need to be considered.

Chair Kaufman- Regarding the custodial staff, what percent of them that have come here smoking? And how many of them succeed with the smoking cessation program offered by the University.

Barb- I'm not entirely sure.

Chair Kaufman- Estimates?

Barb- I haven't heard what the results were. I could get that info.

Senator Foley- To reference what you stated earlier: European students are aware of the harm of tobacco use, however, it seems to me that we have so many cigarette butts on the ground. Instead of banning smoking through getting rid of receptacles, why aren't we taking note of the amount of trash as a result?

Barb- There are receptacles at Fletcher Allen, however even these don't get used all the time.

Senator Foley- We've moved the containers and people just throw them on the ground.

Barb- The 25 foot rule, specifically by the library, has seemed to encourage students to litter, instead of disposing of their butts in the receptacle, which has been placed 25 feet away, this is a logistical problem that we must seek to find a solution.

Senator Edelman- Do you think that this initiative would lead to other drugs and eating habits as well?

Barb- This is a starting point. I know that at this point in time, I cannot make the decisions, nor do I have all the answers. This is why we need to be having this dialogue, so that the initiative can be more student driven.

Selene Colburn- I am here to speak specifically about the smoking outside of Bailey Howe, which is a big problem. A bunch of people have mentioned that this is a problem, and we get complaints very often about people worried about second hand smoke. UVM has a 25 feet rule, which is somewhere about halfway down the steps. This year we tried putting a sign on the front entrance. So, now, as the cold weather is coming back, more people are encroaching on that to stay warm. We hear a lot of complaints from students, complaints are getting more more vociferous, they're asthmatic, susceptible to second hand smoke. We're hearing more and more from faculty and staff working in the library. So, I'm coming to you without a fully formed policy or plan. I'm hoping to get some feedback. We're interested in the tobacco free campus and initiative. None of this is set in stone, I'm here to get feedback. So, we would like to do is, the policy says 25 from the entrance way, except in cases where there is significant traffic, we need those laws. Waiting from feedback from the administration, we're hoping to extend the no smoking policy to the end of the steps of Bailey-Howe. There would be less gray area, working with a sign design, and not relying on the no-smoking signs. We do have a varying degrees of comfort around enforcement, other policies, people are enforcing policies in the library, this is the hardest one. People will say: F- you. and keep on smoking. Not everyone will react this way. Partly because it isn't clear where they can go to smoke. Once we have a policy set in place, we would be doing some internal training within the faculty and staff, talking to people and having more skills on how to deal with these situations. There isn't a ton that we can do, we've tried with police services, the answer is always no. This is one of the challenges that we are facing. One of our ideas is working with police services and picking a week at the beginning of the semester, when police services to come and ticket people during finals, etc. I have no idea whether or not they will be saying yes or not. I would do a marketing campaign, outlining what the boundaries are. We have had plenty of students coming to tell us their problems with second-hand smoke. Let students be the voice of the campaign. That's basically what we're thinking in a nutshell, I'd love to receive feedback to bring back feedback.

Senator Foley- The library is the main problem area. Have you thought about placing screens dividing the traffic area from a smoking area?

Selene- We've thought about that. We've talked about placing a smoking hut by the library, possibly utilizing the unused bus terminal outside of Royal Tyler. It honestly depends on how quickly the initiative moves forward.

Senator Edelman- I have two questions or suggestions: You tried to contact police services. Is there anything this body could do to help you out in that regard? If there is a combination of a physical marker and signs, I believe that to have the police selectively enforce

that would be the best solution. I don't know what the punishments would be to curb it. If someone violates library policy, can you ask them to leave the library?

Selene- Yes, if someone is in violation of our policies, and police services will come and back us up. If you feel like you're seeing people in violation of policies, yes they can be removed. Enforcement of smoking, we recognize that this is a place on campus where it is widely violated due to the popularity, and natural flow of traffic.

Senator Lott- I think it would be useful.. I have two suggestions: Paint a line, not encompassing the general space, but two the benches, with a sign that they are in violation of the law. My real question is how many years have you worked at Bailey Howe?

Selene- 8 Years

Chair Keyes- One of things that has come up, it lack of space to sit and smoke with any coverage during harsh weather. How could we find an alternative to this? Rather than handing out tickets.

Selene- There is a side area with benches where some of our staff goes to smoke. I agree with you that you need to proceed to search for alternatives.

Chair Keyes- In the meantime, would you consider making that a designated smoking area?

Selene- We've talked about that. It's pretty close to the entrance. There is usually a bunch of people smoking there. It may be worth trying

Chair Pasterkiewicz- What is Bailey Howe Beach?

Selene- When I refer to the Bailey Howe Beach I mean the elevated flat at the library's entrance.

Chair Pasterkiewicz- The University should invest in an awning off the line of traffic by Bailey Howe, and have police coming in occasionally to give citations to those who are on the Bailey Howe Beach.

Selene- Do you feel like if that was to become a designated area, is it removed far enough?

Chair Pasterkiewicz- Generally, the traffic of people flows from South to the North, combination of those things, for me that would be enough.

Senator Accardo- How often do you have staff members going out talking to people in violation of the 25 foot ban.

Selene- Members that do this most regularly would be the ones working at the main desk. They're not going out there on a regular schedule. There are faculty and staff members coming and going throughout the building.. some people will say something, some won't. So, we don't have an official consequence for those in violation. That is one thing that we're talking about: How can we internalize enforcement and how to train people on how to be comfortable on enforcing these policies.

Chair Redell- Do you think there might be a reason why people are smoking outside of the library?

Selene- I think the way we use the Davis Center is much different from the way we use the library. You might pass through the Davis Center on your way to class you might even eat your lunch there. People might come to the library for longer periods of time, being spent studying. That's just one hypothesis.. At some point you're going to want to break the tedium

with a cigarette break. I think that it's just a gathering place, maybe a historical component of the library, which is much older than the Davis Center. I think that there is a social aspect that space for people. I would say that smoking is used to relax, and stress is related to the library.

Chair Redell- I was also thinking with your 8 years at Bailey howe, have there been any changes?

Selene- That's pretty anecdotal. Anecdotally, no, we've seen that it's been the same.. What has changed is the amount of people vocalizing their concerns.

Senator Foley- We've pulled a lot of student opinions. You mentioned that there are staff members that smoke, how do they feel about the notion of a smoke free staff?

Selene- They are in support of valuing the health of our working environment, however they do not wish to infringe upon the rights of others.

Chair AlNamee- Do you have a time frame for this kind of conversation for this project?

Selene- We'd like to get the initiative rolling as soon as possible.

Chair AlNamee- Who are the people involved in the process?

Selene- this has been an ongoing conversation that has been in non-formal groups for many years. We have constituted a group that consists of myself, and the assistant Dean for student affairs. The Dean attends the meeting, President Daley has attended meetings. Faculty member and staff member have been involved.

Senator Macias- One solution I was thinking of the implementation of an exhaust fan?

Senator Crane- Would it be beneficial to offer smoking cessation programs at the library? Would it be possible to offer nicotine gum or smoking patches at the Cyber cafe.

Selene- We had a great conversation regarding smoking cessation for students. I will be looking into the cessation programs further, as far as nicotine gum being offered in the cyber cafe, I don't think it will be likely.

Senator Wooley- Would you expect the students to pay for the nicotine gum or patches?

Selene- I don't have an answer to that as of now. My gut instinct that the library would not fund nicotine gum.

Selene- Please get in touch with me if you have any other questions.

Old Business (01:12:12)

None

Emergency Business (01:12:15)

Bill Supporting the Confirmation of Joshua Gachette to the SGA Senate -- Passes

**Appointed Senator Gachette is sworn into the senate body.

New Business (01:16:00)

Resolution opposing Smoke free campus

Bill recognizing Linguistics Club

Executive Reports (01:16:41)

Speaker Ducharme- There is no snapping or note passing during public forum. In the interest of making the conversation as organic as possible, I am going to allow comments to be made during public forum.

President Daley- Last week I gave my report at the board of trustees. Student climate culture being examined. Trustees talked about how they'd like to achieve divestment. I met with Career services about VSOP about career development. I'll be asking PR and SA to form focus groups to go over results. If you saw my email that went out, it was 25 minutes long, it is the undergraduate university address to announce what we've been working on. Thanks for having a constructive conversation regarding the tobacco ban. We in exec were divided on whether or not the VSOP should go out the sample, or the entire university. I met with Action, Interim Chair Mathews will talk more about that. Senator of the Week: Senator Wooley.

Chair AlNamee- What do you think we should do next as a body?

President Daley- I think an education campaign geared around the health benefits of a tobacco free campus. We should use a VSOP, and group on campus to see what their plan is. While we're waiting to send out that VSOP, we should get as much input as possible.

Chair AlNamee- What kind of response have you received regarding this proposed initiative?

President Daley- I've gotten a lot of e-mails. I don't think we're ready, I think it's too early to tell.

Vice President Holland- We had 1 on campus spot to fill, and three off campus, last round of appointments. before winter break. It will be easier to send those interested to elections. I'm looking to have elections committee done before we get back from Thanksgiving. AA Chair is going abroad, we put of application on Lynx, will be open until Friday 23rd. We will hold interviews during that first week of the when we're back.

Committee Reports (01:26:52)

Finance- 4 Supplementals, 1 for nationals... The video is at 113 views.

Senator Lott-Which clubs and for how much?

Chair Dougherty- Sass(1300), Tennis (1800),

Senator Mathews- Do you think you could just incorporate this into your report?

Chair Dougherty- Um, no.

Chair Redell- Why not?

Chair Dougherty- Because I said so.

Chair Redell- If you are going to be asked every week, why not?

Public Relations- Tabled last friday talking about tobacco ban- made new posters going up outside of marketplace. We have a few responses- mixed results. We have been filming us asking student their opinions of the potential smoking ban on campus.

**Video is played

-Senator Cantell- Where is these texting things going?

-Senator Edelman- *are

-Chair Kaufman- Texts go to the PR's gmail account.

-Senator Edelman- I think the video was wonderful. Could we get more

-Senator Redell- How were students chosen to be in the video?

-Senator Foley- I accosted anyone who came within the vicinity of me. We took whoever would talk to us.

Student Activities- Slow week in SA, finally bringing up linguistics club. They'll be coming in to talk to us after break. We have a few more that are almost ready. Haven't gotten back to us from risk management. At the request of president Daley, we will be assessing how our Liaison program has been working.

Senator Macias- How do clubs find out who their liaison is?

Chair Keyes- They should've received an e-mail, and if they haven't please e-mail me.

Senator Macias- Could we get a list on the lynx?

Chair Keyes- I have a list that I can post. Whether or not they paid attention to this, I don't know.

COLA- We wrapped up our veterans day week events. Yesterday we planned a national role-call. It was really successful. Because we have wrapped up neighborhood and veterans day, COLA sat down to outline some things that we want to move forward with. We want to look into party registration with the police services. The idea is that the person that registered the party would receive 20 minutes to clear everyone upon receiving a call from the police regarding a noise complaint. Looking into how we might mandate an off-campus living workshop that would happen for a duration of 2-3 hours. Students would take an on-line course. Students would only be released from their res life contracts if they complete this. Senator Akkeh and I have been talking to Panhellenic council about wrapping gifts for the holidays. People would pay volunteers to wrap gifts. If you're interested, please sign up.

Academic Affairs- Faculty senate, writing information and literacy- looking into expanding Gen. ed. Envisioning environment advisory board. What is UVM doing in the environment, what do we do well, what can we improve? Discussed at Faculty senate was president Sullivan's strategic plan. 4 year grad rate up to 70% Talked about advising. Meeting with Kim Howard got pushed back until after break. SA working on streamline Cats Audit system.

Student Action- Chair Conlon will be e-mailing out his report.

CODEEE- Thanks for great conversation with barb. I am a part of the process that is happening to the lib. If you would like to be a part of the process as well, please contact me. I'm meeting

with Barb later in the week to review what happened today. As for the SGA, we will be remaining neutral until we receive results from the VSOP. If you have question that you think should go on the VSOP, please e-mail them to me.

****Motion to take an informal poll****

--If you are in favor in sending the VSOP to every undergraduate student at UVM--

Sample(9) Entire Body(19)

We have successfully submitted an idea to the clean energy fund. We are waiting to hear back whether or not they approve of the proposal. Trying to table this week. Check your e-mail if you want to be a part of this process. Having Earth day in the 2nd week of february.

Senatorial Forum (01:57:17)

Chair Redell- FIJI prepared a video, when I saw the video I have remarked that the women to men ratio in the video was really off, and I wish that we had a more accurate representation on the video. Regarding the PR video about smoking on campus, there were also no people of color, I would hope that we would have more drive to diversify our student opinions. Oh, and passive aggressive attacks are not cool.

Chair Keyes- .. There were asian students in the video.

Chair Redell- Josh Gachette ill-informed me.

Chair Keyes- Smoking issue- this is not a ban. A campaign to promote knowledge about smoking isn't something that I don't think we can oppose.

Senator Cantell- Taking a lot of time a resources, I think this issue is greater than a sample size.

To avoid extremes and outliers from the sample, we should send it out to everyone.

Senator Mathews- Diversity is not just racial diversity.

Senator Foley- In the interest of serving people, we used our resources. The camera scares people. I stood there with the camera, I feel like I talked to every single person to those who did talk on camera. It was an attempt, however it does not by any means suggest that we received an accurate representation of the diverse identities or opinions on campus.

-VP Holland- I'm putting a thing on the lynx, like an evaluation of SGA.

Chair Dougherty- I would suggest to outsource and not waste my time to perform this campus wide poll.

Senator Crane- Smoking issue was proposed to be an initiative, not as a ban. It would be better to address it is a smoking free initiative.

Senator Gachette- The overall goal is to clear the air for others, I would suggest a product such as a smoke buddy, 13\$ is a personal carbon filter, by exhaling smoke into it, irradiates the smell.

Could this be something that is sold in the Davis center?

Chair Redell- I by no means do I think it was your intention.. but that doesn't mean we shouldn't be making a deliberate attempt to seek out diversity on our campus for opinions.

Chair AlNamee- Barb stressed the idea of us not using the word ban. I think it changes the the idea of the initiative to a more positive light.

Senator Macias- The video was awesome, it kicked ass. There isn't much racial diversity on this campus anyway. If you go on my UVM there is a poll right there of who is you favorite UVM persona, you should all vote!

Chair Keyes- I don't want to be in the position where we are not in support, so, why won't we just ask everyone?

Senator Lott- I think we shouldn't let students know what the survey was. I got over 230 students to respond to a blind survey by using Facebook.

Senator Cantell- I'm in statistics, when you put a poll on FB, Facebook is considered a volunteer response. I clicked on your survey, but I immediately closed out of it. Any results that you pick are not accurate.

Senator Foley- People can always click out of the survey. Not everyone has to respond.

Senator Lott- People can click onto a VSOP poll, the idea is that there are student moderators the manage the individuals on the Facebook group.

Chair Kaufman- We should be using live survey, senator Lott's survey was not endorsed by PR.

Chair Keyes- I don't think this conversation is going anywhere.

Senatorial Comments and Announcements (02:20:10)

Senator Cantell- Chicago Night at Cook Commons tomorrow night

Chair Keyes- Tabling space 12-3 on Friday.

VP Holland- UVM orientation came to me so I could send out info for.. UVM orientation is having an info session Tuesday at 7pm after break.

Final Roll Call (02:22:30)

Finance- All present

Public Relations- All present

Student Activities- Senators McNally, Hilzenger, Kelley excused

COLA- All present

Academic Affairs- Senator Sundstrom excused

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CODEEEE-All present

Motion to Adjourn -- (02:22:45)