

### Emergency Business (02:47:10)

#### Bill Allocating Funds to UVM Concerts Bureau.

There were questions about the budget, and how the Concert Bureau plans to cut down its costs this time around. Treasurer Juair expresses that there is \$14,000 each year set aside for errors, so there will not be any money coming out of clubs. Senators ask about potential talents, and how they plan to spend the \$10,000 that SGA provides. Amendments were made to the Bill. Senators ask about what changes in management and strategies that the club plans to do, so that history does not repeat itself. Senator Goodnow expresses students' concerns about the technical problems that occurred in Spring fest last year, and about the lack of student voice in choosing the artists. Some senators were concerned about how much better Springfest is going to be with the \$10,000. UVM Concerts Bureau expresses that these \$10,000 are vital for the Spring fest to run. Most senators were a support for the bill, but also a support for better management strategies and more student opinion to be included in the Spring fest planning process. Senate reinstates the rules.

### Old Business

Senate discusses the amendments made to The University of Vermont Student Government Constitution.

### New Business (00:43:29)

#### Resolution Supporting Veterans

#### Bill Allocating funds to the Triathlon

#### Bill Allocating funds to Hillel

### Executive Reports (00:42:57)

Speaker Osef: appreciates opinions at the constitution, and encourages senators to come to committee meetings or email him

Legislation (Chair Benner) should be on time

Everyone got a USB drive with legislation templates.

Valentines Day is next Tuesday, Speaker Osef suggests to not meet next Tuesday.

Vice President Vitagliano: working on internal issues

Board Of Trustees was last week. The BFI did approve the rule that tuitions with room and board and comprehensive fee should not exceed 3.5%.

Scarfs are here. He needs 3 more people to help pass them out at this week's hockey game at 7:30pm.

New Senators should be eventually plan on meeting with him

End of the year banquet is on the way

Exec: He's still looking for an agenda tomorrow's meeting

Comments on the information about Bill Ruprecht were inaccurate, so he urges everyone to get as much information online as possible.

Chair Dougherty: So you are considering vetoing the (inaudible) bill?

Vice President Vitagliano: I am going to be in touch with Julian, but that will be up to us. I am not saying that I am going to veto the bill, I am just saying that with the presidents' absence, I want to make sure that his vote is in accordance with both of our opinions about the bill.

Senator Nenopolous: Why did you think it is justified just because someone donates to a school, and provides jobs for our alumni that...like they could be doing something wrong. Why do you think that that's justified? Just because someone gives jobs to someone, but does something wrong, how's that okay?

Speaker Osef defers the question for senatorial forum as the question is not an appropriate question for the executive reports.

Vice President Vitagliano clarifies that he just wants people to research everything before they jump to conclusions.

Treasurer Juaire: he's going to email everyone his reports

Talks about budgets for clubs (some of them requesting over \$200,000 for funds)

He also talks about the types of work the finance committee has had to deal with in terms of club signers this past week. He concludes by saying that the committee has been working very hard thus far in satisfying clubs' needs.

#### Committee Reports (00:32:58)

Finance: They total amount requested was \$3.4 million from club signers, and they have about \$1.4 million. He explains that that is why clubs receive about 40% of their requested budget.

They have 23 hearings this weekend, from Thursday to Sunday

He also has 2 bills coming up.

Hillel is also bringing in a HIV Aids speaker

Public Relations: emailing their reports

Student Activities: emailing their reports

COLA: emailing their report

Academic Affair: emailing their report

Student Action: emailing their report

CODEEE: emailing their report

ALANA breakfast went really well.

Senatorial Forum (00:30:00)

Senator Chaouch: She has final dates for presidential election and she will not be at the next meeting of SGA. Packets are going to start going out on the 21<sup>st</sup> for those wishing to run for the position of SGA president or Vice President next year. The packets will be due on Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>. March 19<sup>th</sup> is the Brennans debate, and at the 21<sup>st</sup> or the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March is going to be the Mayoral debates.

Kyle Devivo: There were 2 undergraduate students who attended the Board of Trustees meeting this Friday. He says that he doesn't necessarily agree with what Bill is doing with his business in NY, but that does not have anything to do with his work at UVM. He has his opinions because he has had meetings with Bill in multiple occasions and listen to him not support any of the things that Nolan said that Bill had supported. He supports 0% tuition increase, and at no point did he ask to lock out UVM teachers.

Speaker Osef: mentions Bill's bomb and death threats in his NY house due to the protest against him

Chair Burns: He got over a 100 responses for the recent ads for the Water Tower.

Senator Campbell: is very disappointed at the fact that Senate couldn't get through more pages of the constitution.

Senator Mathews: talks about how they pushed through funds for Hillel even though they did not have any plans for funding while there is a concert bureau who actually has plans for the money. He inquires why so much effort was spent interrogating the concert bureau when they need the money and so little time with the Hillel group.

Tresurer Juaire points out the SGA protocol for reallocating money to a club that Senate has already allocated ~\$60,000 to. Also since Hillel is a SGA

recognized group, they are entitled to have some SGA funding. The reason why they have not had any in the past is because they have paid out of their own pockets. That is why there was so much more debate with the concert bureau than Hillel.

Senator Chaouch: agrees with Senator Campbell, because she will not be at the Senate meeting next week, and she wishes that Senate would have pulled through some more pages of the constitution.

Chair Caster: He talks about the amendment process, and how he wishes that senators could have done a better job addressing each other and the constitution.

Senator Etter: discusses his notion to table the constitution, and the fact that it is impractical to go through the constitution line by line once a year every senate. He thinks that the focus should be more on the student body than reassessing/readdressing the constitution that the Senate functions by.

Senator Devivo: talks about the budgeting with the concert bureau, and his discontent with the concert bureau and their past performances.

Senator Goodnow, Senator Ravach, and Chair Burns: talks about the redundancy in addressing the constitution this evening. They suggest communications via email to reduce repetition in senate.

Senator Keenan wants senators to be active and present during Senate, and that every issue with the constitution should be addressed with full attention as it affects more than the people in the room.

Senator Cofill: wants a better way to amend the constitution. Bringing up the congress when discussing the constitution is not relevant, because the U.S does not have a constitution committee. He suggests instead of re-amending the constitution every year, if people have problems with a specific area, then address that rather than reformatting the entire constitution all at one meeting, because that can get overwhelming.

Chair Burns: mentions the increasing number of bias incidences on campuses He asks senate on what to do to bringing students together to reduce biases on campus. If anyone has any ideas, let him know.

Senatorial Comments and Announcements (00:05:22)

Senator Devivo: displays the hat that will be given out if people raise \$100. Talks about raffling from the Feb 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> at the Davis Center the week before the "Sleep out with the Soldiers." Bernie Sanders will be there.

There is an A cappella show for charity this weekend at the Grand Maple Ballroom at 7pm.

Fashion Award: Robert Benner

Senator Mathews talks about his group, "Bros against Cancer"

Senator Keyes: UVM Adaptive Sports has been put forward as UVM finalists in Newman's Own Foundation Community Service Campus Challenge. That means they get \$5,000 for adaptive sports equipment, and they could get a \$25,000 Newman's Own foundation at a championship in March.

Roll Call (00:00:55)

Finance—Senator Hope He excused

Student Activities – Senator Allston and Senator Bates excused

Public Relations—Chair Denton excused

COLA—Senator Wilich excused

Academic Affairs: Senator Mansfield and Senator Carita Rivero excused

Student Action: Senator Kaznets excused

(7:00pm-10:32pm)