



13th Meeting of the 2024-2025 Student Government Association Senate
November 5th, 2024 | 7:00 PM | Livak Ballroom

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Speaker Kennedy Connors.

Roll Call

Senators Forrest, Denny, Purple, Keppel, Ranallo, and President Teferra not present.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved unanimously.

Public Forum

Old Business

Bill Recognizing F-Word Club, sponsored by Chair Halvorson

Senator Arnone: What is the F-Word?

- **Response:** It's a club about feminism, not any derogatory F-Word.

BILL: Passed unanimously, Chair Halvorson abstained

Bill Recognizing Real Estate Club, sponsored by Senator Demeo

BILL: Passed unanimously, Senator Demeo abstained

Bill Recognizing UVM Lifting Club, sponsored by Senator Torres

BILL: **Passed** unanimously, Senator Torres abstained

Emergency Business

New Business

Bill Recognizing The Vermont Undergraduate Law Review

Bill Recognizing Fitness Club

Bill Recognizing UVM Pokémon Go

Bill Recognizing Aging in Place with Pets

Bill Recognizing Buffalo Fan Club

Senatorial Forum

Executive Reports

Speaker Connors

- I'm glad this is a speedy meeting because it is election day. Let me know if I can support you in any way.
- The reason we won't have Senate next week is because the mandatory Sexual Violence Prevention Training is next Tuesday 6-8pm and that conflicts with our meeting time.

Senator Talhouk: Is the training in person or online?

- **Response:** In person.

Vice President Bednarik

- I attended the governance meeting yesterday, led by President Prelock. This is a meeting of all shared governance leaders on campus.
 - We talked about food insecurity and transportation. Especially affecting graduate students not living in Burlington because GMT is cutting two of their routes.
- We have the first RA Support Group meeting tomorrow 5-6:30 in the Davis Center.
- I am scheduling the chair one-on-ones next week.
- I am meeting with Chair Espejo about off-campus housing later this week.
- I am planning on working on a project to get a faculty or staff member onto the Board of Trustees. If you would like to help, please reach out.
- I am here to support you all in any way possible, thanks to anyone who helped set up the Zen Den today.

President Teferra

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer Sorensen

- The budget workshop is next week on the 13th. It is required for any clubs requesting a budget for next fiscal year.
- Senators Forrest and Zubarev were chosen for the SpringFest Committee.
- Thank you for celebrating the Student Activity Fee with me last week.

Committee Reports

Public Relations Committee

- Nothing to report.

Committee on the Environment

- Senators Arnone, Gottfurcht, and Lynch are meeting and working to get projects running.
- I had my first meeting with the Landscape, Mobility, and Sustainability Advisory Group.

President Teferra was a part of this last year and asked me to take over.

- We talked about ideas for construction on campus and Sustainable Campus Fund ideas.
- There is a Sustainable Campus Fund forum this Thursday at 1pm where all the people who are in the running for a grant are presenting their ideas.
- I have a meeting with Caylin about a project idea for the Sustainable Campus Fund.

Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity

- Remember to take care of yourselves, each of the Identity Centers is holding something to support everyone.

Committee on Legislative and Community Affairs

- Community Cleanup is this Saturday, civic engagement is a great way to recover from a stressful week.

Committee on Student Action and Well-Being

- Senator Purple is meeting with Jay Dickinson.
- Senator Steele is meeting with the Religion Department and Interfaith Center.
- Good things are coming on food justice work with Blake Reilly.
- Be kind to yourselves and each other.

Club Affairs Committee

- Sexual Violence Prevention Training next Tuesday 6-8 in the Grand Maple Ballroom.

Academic Affairs Committee

- We are planning to send out letters concerning the extended section descriptions to Department Chairs.
- Senator Chapman is looking at adding a Korean language option with Chair Jones.
- Senator Toomey is exploring extending the dining hall hours.
- Senator Carroll-Millins visited Merrimack and came back with ideas about adding whiteboards in common spaces and study areas and signage ideas for clubs.
- Senator Richardson is working with representatives from GEAR UP to talk about curriculum development.
- Make sure you take care of yourselves and get a lot of rest and self care.

Finance Committee

- Nothing to report.

Senatorial Comments/Announcements

Senator Esbin: SignUpGenius is active for Cage Cleanup. Please sign up if you can.

Senator Laychak: I was put on a search committee for the Assistant Dean of Students. The outcome of this election will impact the people we represent, so let's think about ways to best support students through resolutions and action.

Adjournment