



**2nd Meeting of the 2025-2026 Student Government Association Senate**  
**April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 7:00 PM | Livak Ballroom**

**Call to Order**

This meeting was called to order by Speaker Kennedy Connors.

**Roll Call**

Senators Forrest and Surak not present.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes approved unanimously.

**Public Forum**

**Kellie Campbell**, UVM's New Chief Information Officer & **Ian Davis**, Systems Engineer

- **Kellie:** Joined in early February from Vermont State College system where I was CIO and Vice President of Technology supporting the state and community colleges.
- **Ian:** I am a systems engineer on the systems architecture and administration team in the Division of Enterprise Technology Services. I started in ResLife doing IT support in 2012, then moved to CEMS where I became an IT manager before we got centralized in 2021. Now on a central team doing systems engineer work.

- **Kellie:** This position has been vacant for a few years so a lot of work has built up. One of my key priorities is talking to folks internally in ETS and externally on the academic and business side. ETS has existed for a long time, some know what we do and many don't.
- We have a strong desire to partner and understand how technology supports the experience of students, the business of the University, and the academics and research side.
- Specifically working on a plan for the next year. This is recognizing there has been a lot of change so this is almost a realignment to where the University is going.
- Four broad themes that are emerging:
  - Focus on service foundations. I've received feedback that people want to generally understand IT's operations well, services are fixed quickly and things generally work already. Foundations of a technology portfolio to build on and do innovative and exciting things.
  - Strengthening governance, partnerships, and engagement. Partnering with academic units, business partners, and students to understand what they need to be successful. Understanding how to partner across the university.
  - Strategic and digital transformation. There are so many systems across the University with a lot of different resources. People are interested in what a modernization looks like and improving the disparate services. Under that is a call for an AI strategy, putting structures and strategy in place to make sure we have an approach.
  - Security and research computing. Securing data and environment. Developing our research computing enterprise.

- Lots of input so far has been from faculty and staff but we are here to serve you and want to find ways to get continuous feedback from students. I have some questions and would love to have a dialogue and hear from you all.
- What services feel most critical to supporting your student experience? What services are working well that you don't want to see change? Where can we do better?

**Senator Esbin:** When the WiFi is not working, I don't know where to report that or get support. Having a general form to submit would be helpful.

**Chair Demeo:** Something that works well for me is Brightspace. I think that has been the best learning platform I've used and I would recommend renewing that contract.

**Senator York:** Relatedly, when switching infrastructure, try to make it as clear as possible. I have opened new websites and not known what to do with them.

**Senator Zubarev:** I was here with Blackboard too, thinking about continuity and the timing of changes is important. Having access to paid platforms like New York Times and other news sources as a student is very beneficial to students.

**Senator Oreck:** I am ambivalent about Brightspace, I have heard people having issues as well.

- **Response:** Do you feel that the issue is functionality of the system or training and use?

**Senator Oreck:** I think it is both. Personally I have had functional issues, but it also just takes some getting used to.

**Senator Jones:** As someone who works in the technological field and frequently with AI, I would like to see an approach to AI that is fully considered before being rolled out in classrooms. I know that AI flaggers can be inaccurate and discriminate against neurodivergent students

- **Response:** There is an AI taskforce that has been created but that isn't fully fleshed out yet. This has been around for a long time, the algorithms behind social media are already

AI, but the newer change is the access to generative AI. This impacts how we run business and do work. There is a lot of opportunity and a lot of ethical challenges to think through. The taskforce is interested in many things but is grounded in thinking about thoughtful experiences.

- What do you perceive as student interest in helping develop a strategy for the University? Are students thinking about this? Does it feel like it's top of mind?

**Senator Marchant:** There are some issues with professors thinking a student used AI, and a student has to do the brunt of the work to defend themselves. It is almost like they are guilty until proven innocent. Could there be more extended training with professors and graders?

**Chair Espejo:** I sit on the Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate with President Connors. There are lots of conversations about how this task force will tackle AI. For your next stop talking about AI, it would be good to talk to the Faculty Senate and bring our concerns to have that continuous conversation.

**Senator Zubarev:** I've noticed a lot of professors have different approaches and it very much depends on the subject. I would like to see a more uniform approach to how professors communicate what they allow.

**Senator Jones:** I think it is definitely on students' minds and it is a big debate. In my computer science courses, it is encouraged or understood that it can be used as a tool rather than a crutch. But in my political science courses it is a complete taboo. A school-wide policy would likely need to be mediated between different departments. I think one thing that frustrates students is that they can't use it but professors frequently do for creating lesson plans or grading.

**Senator Richardson:** I do think it's a hot topic and there is a lot of variety in how everyone tackles this. Working with professors to create policies with some sort of uniformity would be

good. It's important to remember that educators aren't always well educated on how to be educators, technology can be confusing and education in that realm would be important. Senator Zubarev made a great point about paid services like the New York Times, we could go even further with accessibility. I work in the Student Accessibility Services office, if we could offer some of those accommodations more broadly such as Grammarly Premium, that could provide good opportunities.

**Chair Grace:** I think standardizing the way professors use Brightspace would be good. Many different professors use it entirely differently and that puts a burden on students.

**Senator Paquette:** Related to education and seeing ourselves as an environmentally minded University, talking to students about how to use AI efficiently and effectively because it is so energy intensive and more education about that impact would be helpful.

**Senator Wheaton:** A recent promotional video for UVM was created with generative AI, and the reaction I heard was that it was off putting and seemed out of touch. It felt like too early of an adoption of this tool, so I wouldn't recommend using it in any sort of marketing due to the ethics issues with training data and environmental impact.

**Senator Alarafi:** Encouraging professors to put rules in their syllabus about AI would be good.

**Senator Camacho:** Improving the Brightspace app on smartphones, Pulse is not very good. It took me a long time to figure out that it was even an option, so improving the communication about that too. Also there are too many notifications, so changing that would be good.

**Senator Esbin:** I have a question to leave you with. With Orientation coming up soon, what do you plan on doing for new students?

- **Response:** We just talked about this earlier today. How can we better embed in onboarding and set students up for success. I hope we could be integrated with

Orientation, we are looking to connect about that and if anyone here can help connect those dots we would appreciate it.

- I don't want this to be a one-time thing, so let's continue engaging to get feedback from students. [www.uvm.edu/it](http://www.uvm.edu/it) is a good website and [uvmcio@uvm.edu](mailto:uvmcio@uvm.edu) email. I have a draft plan and survey that I will send to you all and would appreciate your feedback.

#### **Emeritus Senator Moody Aness – Pick Up & Pick Up**

- When I was on Senate for two years on COE, we ran an event last year called Pick Up and Pick Up partnered with Club Futsal. We are doing it again this year either two or three Sundays from now. There will be pizza, a community trash pickup, and pickup soccer on Virtue Field. We picked up a lot of trash and found some money. I wanted to plug this because I know with the new Senate Body people might be looking for things to get involved in. Feel free to contact me.

**Chair Espejo:** This is so exciting, when will the date be finalized? How will we get that info?

- **Response:** We will hopefully know tomorrow or the next day. We will be tabling next week with Club Futsal and it will be posted on social media.

#### **Old Business**

#### **Emergency Business**

Swearing in New Chairs

- Committee Chairs sworn in by Speaker Connors

## Swearing in New Treasurer

**Vice President Modun:** We nominate Eloise Murphy.

- **Passed** unanimously.
- Treasurer Elect Eloise Murphy sworn in by Treasurer Sorensen.

## SGA Speaker Elections

- **Chair Rice:** I nominate Senator Onorato.
- **Senator Onorato:** I accept.
- **Chair Laychak:** I nominate Senator Talhouk.
- **Senator Talhouk:** I accept.
- **Senator Alarafi:** I nominate Senator Paquette.
- **Senator Paquette:** I accept.
- **Senator Theroux:** I nominate Senator York.
- **Senator York:** I accept.

## Opening statements:

- **Senator Onorato:** My name is Lily Onorato. I am originally from Westchester, New York. A rising sophomore studying Psychology and Business with a minor in Childhood Studies. I began my SGA journey last fall as a first year Senator and am excited to continue this term.
  - When I took on this role, I was not sure what to expect and I was not familiar with the formality or structure. But I knew that I was surrounded by a group of student leaders who had dedicated their time to their University and I was excited to be part of change being made. I have served on CSAW, PR, SVAM ad hoc, and

worked on other initiatives surrounding sexual violence awareness and student wellness on campus.

- Allured by the structure of SGA, I read prior years' legislation and was continuously impressed by the power we as a body hold. We possess a unique opportunity to raise student voices. As Speaker, I will continue to uphold the values we represent and support you all in voicing your own opinions and beliefs on the many topics discussed throughout the year.
- I intend on acting as a productive Speaker through a few different means: well-organized productivity, student-prioritized communication, and equitable neutrality.
- Organized productivity looks like effective meetings which allow for an environment that will promote rich and respectful dialogue. This will also allow us to learn from our guests while continuing to succeed within projects and work. I hope to encourage this ideal within meetings and the implementation of this mindset to promote active listening.
- Student-prioritized communication looks like investing in the issues that the student body has and bringing those concerns to SGA. This can be done by increasing intentional interactions with students and encouraging a variety of different perspectives to reach out to us and speak on Public Forum. This also includes efficient communication with you all, I will make myself accessible as a resource for whatever you may need.
- Finally, equitable neutrality. The role of Speaker is not to impose my own values or allow personal activism to cloud unbiased judgement. Rather, it is built on the

understanding that we are a voice for all students. My job is to facilitate conversation that fairly represents all students where all perspectives can be equally heard. In the Speaker position, I will treat all concerns that come my way with respect. Whether leading the Judicial Committee or presenting new legislation, I understand that my role is to come without prior allegiance or bias.

- Ultimately, my top priority would be to act as a present, professional, and personable leader who works to uplift your voices and continue to promote the amazing work that is done here. I don't take lightly the role that I am running for and the responsibility it entails. Through my plan of organization, communication, and neutrality I am confident that with me in the position of Speaker we will continue to grow and make change for the better.
- Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy, I look forward to an amazing year!

- **Senator Talhouk:** My name is Omar Talhouk. I am a rising junior originally from Lebanon studying Political Science. I want to start by congratulating our new Chairs and saying how excited I am to see new and returning faces.

- I want to highlight a few things I have done as part of SGA. My first project related to concerns over CO2 levels in Lafayette Hall, I worked to lower those levels. As part of COLCA, I contacted Champlain College's SGA to build a rapport between our organizations so we can compare notes on similar situations. I served on the Week of Kindness ad hoc, where we did some amazing work. Lastly, I worked with the Office of International Education on a hand-me-down program.

- I think I would be a good Speaker as I worked on the Judicial Committee for a year working on the Constitutional Review. I know the Constitution in and out, what to expect of it, and how it all works. I believe that I can stay objective through hard conversations as I proved through many conversations last year. I have good experience as a speaker, having given speeches at Model UN, in Lebanon, and as an OL. I am confident I can represent our Senate efficiently and importantly each of you individually. I know this can be intimidating for newcomers, so I will do everything in my power to ensure an easy transition.
- Thank you all.
- **Senator Paquette:** My name is Peyton Paquette. I am in my second year at UVM, majoring in Political Science and minoring in History. I have lived in Vermont my entire life, I grew up in Vergennes, one of the smallest cities in America. I wish to be a representative and leader of this body through the role of SGA Speaker, leading us into the next academic year with a tone of progress and change.
  - For my proudest academic achievement, I have recently been selected to be a member of the Vermont Legislative Research Service. This consists of myself and other students who have shown academic excellence and dedication in the field of Political Science meeting with state legislators to discuss, research, and form laws and solutions to issues that everyday Vermonters face. This opportunity will expand on my experience in the political world. I worked with CityCouncilors in Burlington to pass a cross-committee resolution showing SGA's support for a city-wide bill meant to reduce carbon emissions across campus and Burlington.

- I am currently a part of seven different organizations, some student-led and some faculty-led, including the Cynic, Climate Action Collective, Sexual Violence Prevention Committee, and as student representative for the Davis Center Advisory Board. These have been a pillar of my time here, allowing me to express my interests and see the creativity and dedication of a wide array of students. I see that we face many issues and many areas go unexplored but there is always someone willing to expand the boundaries of what is possible at UVM.
- My academics and time in these organizations have been priceless to me and reaffirmed the importance of collaboration, commitment, and compromise in my mind. But I believe my most important experience is as a part of SGA, specifically on the Club Affairs Committee. This has taught me many skills and instilled values that I cherish deeply, but the one quintessential trait which demonstrates the roles, responsibilities, and values of the Speaker is neutrality. Working with clubs involves countless meetings and emails to ensure that voices of students are heard. This process is lengthy and confusing, but it has taught me that when you are a representative of a diverse body such as ours you can't let your own opinions get in the way. That is a fundamental pillar of what neutrality means to me and what it must mean to the Speaker of the Senate. It is not sitting down and doing nothing or having no opinion, but rather realizing you are a leader and must empower and support every voice that you represent. My Club Affairs experience has given me the skillset that I believe will allow me to effectively manage the roles and responsibilities of Speaker, to encourage and

foster an environment on this SGA that values diversity of opinion and maintains our effectiveness and productivity.

- I promise all of you that my leadership would embody these values and I would be a base of support and foundation for every Senator in this room.
- **Senator York:** My name is Hannah York. I am honored to be speaking to you all tonight as a candidate for Speaker of the Senate. I am a rising junior studying English and Political Science with a minor in ASL.
  - I spent my freshman year at Kenyon College where I served on the Finance Committee of the Student Senate before transferring to UVM. That experience introduced me to the complexities of student government and showed me how much thought and care goes into making responsible decisions. I learned that effective leadership often means making difficult calls even when they may not be popular, and keeping the needs of students front and center always.
  - I knew that I wanted to continue work in student government because at Kenyon helping others make the most of their college experience was one of the most fulfilling parts of mine. Whether supporting fellow Senators with their projects or solving problems to help our tiny clubs go to Nationals, I saw firsthand how meaningful even the most behind-the-scenes work can truly be.
  - Since being sworn in to this body last September, I've done my best to remember that representing students is a privilege. I am especially proud of collaborating with Senators Laychak and Theroux to talk about how we can support students academically and holistically in the upcoming year. I also advocated for greater

financial transparency through publication of the general budget on the SGA website, a change that is currently underway.

- What I've most appreciated is supporting each of you, being someone others can rely on is the most rewarding part of this role. Leadership isn't just about making decisions, it's about listening, working together, and doing what's needed to help the group succeed in its entirety.
- Outside of SGA, I am helping to pilot a program that increases resources to support transfer students in CAS. I also serve as the Academic Director of my sorority. As part of this role, I work with members who fall below the GPA threshold to create academic success plans and find on-campus resources. This role uniquely prepared me for the role of Speaker by teaching me to be approachable and supportive, while also having the responsibility of being a disciplinary figure. It has given me valuable experience in how to balance empathy and accountability which I believe is essential in leadership generally, but especially as the Speaker.
- If elected Speaker, my top priority would be working with the President and Vice President on their goal of increasing transparency. Too often the work we do goes unnoticed because it's inaccessible to the students we serve. Students deserve easy access to our legislation, budgets, and constitution and they deserve to know how they can get involved. Through more regular updates, town halls, and a more transparent online presence I will work to ensure that students know what is happening, why it matters, and how their voices can shape our process.

- As a Deaf person, I bring a perspective that is underrepresented. I have experienced firsthand what it means to navigate spaces that were not built with accessibility and inclusion in mind. My lived experiences have fueled my drive to make student government a space where all students are seen, heard, and valued.

Questions:

- **Speaker Connors:** One of the most important responsibilities of the Speaker of the Senate is to remain impartial. How would you ensure neutrality, especially pertaining to topics that resonate closely to you?
  - **Senator Talhouk:** Being neutral is a huge part of being the Speaker, and it might seem impossible at times. But whenever I am faced with this situation I remember I am not myself in the situation. I am not Omar Talhouk, I am Senator Omar Talhouk. I am not talking for myself, I am representing the entire student body so even if something might be difficult to me personally, it is still important and needs to be discussed. I have to see an issue objectively and search for the best results possible for everyone involved.
  - **Senator Paquette:** When it comes to neutrality, the thing that keeps me neutral is the fact that as Speaker you represent every person on this body. There is more impact when you empower every single voice around you than when you only empower your own voice. My voice is important and my opinion is important, but how far can I get with just my voice and my opinion? How far can I get with everyone's voice together? That allows me to remain neutral and empower and support every voice in this body.

- **Senator York:** The most important thing for me is understanding that I have one perspective, and there are another 45 perspectives in this room. Ironically, the most important thing for a Speaker to do is to listen. I would make sure that everyone's opinion comes from their personal background and represents a subset of the students we represent. Within my sorority position, I have to handle conflicts with people that are my friends and I need to be the Academic Director rather than their friend in that scenario.
- **Senator Onorato:** One of my other roles on campus is as an RA. We learn how to tackle roommate conflicts with neutrality. We must ensure that both sides can calmly and clearly express their positions and that in the process both sides feel that they have been equally validated and heard. This is the same approach that I would like to take to the Speaker position, understanding that the Speaker is representing all of us as Senators and all of the student body so it's important to take into consideration all perspectives. Remember that you are not the only person who is important to hear.
- **Speaker Connors:** Seeing as we have many competitive candidates, what makes you uniquely qualified for this role?
  - **Senator Paquette:** I see the leadership potential of each candidate up here today, but I believe my Club Affairs experience sets me apart from the rest. It is not monthly or weekly work but a daily around-the-clock job. We are consistently discussing and in contact with student leaders around campus. This is proof that I have the dedication to be Speaker of this Senate. Some might call it busy work and it may be at times but I have the experience to do it and it is fundamental to

the operation of SGA. I know I could do it effectively, efficiently, and productively.

- **Senator York:** We have many competitive candidates and whoever wins this deserves it and is fantastic. I have such diverse sets of leadership experience. I have worked in high school in leadership roles, as the student trustee of a Girl Scout Council representing 110,000 Girl Scouts of the Chicago area, in student government at a different college with different administrators, and on SGA here. I know how to work with diverse sets of people, I know how to work with new people, I know how to interact and communicate effectively outside of this room with a wide array of people.
- **Senator Onorato:** What makes me uniquely qualified are the diverse perspectives that I bring from other roles on campus. In addition to being an RA, I am an AdvoCat, one of the campus tour guides. These jobs allow me to work with a wide array of students, faculty, staff, and families. Seeing different perspectives and getting the opportunity to speak with them, conversing back and forth about questions relating to the University or anything allows me to understand what it takes to communicate with outside perspectives.
- **Senator Talhouk:** I have experience in both speaker and leadership roles since I was 16. It started when I gave a speech to politicians and military generals during the opening of a library in Lebanon. I led a committee in the Model United Nations Association at Oxford. Being an Orientation Leader and Class President in high school are other examples.

- **Speaker Connors:** As chair of the Judicial Committee, you may often find yourself responding to conflicts. How do you approach conflict, and can you provide us with an example?
  - **Senator York:** I don't go in with an opinion or prior thoughts. I listen to evidence from both sides, make sure they feel calm and everyone's voice is heard in the matter, and look at the circumstances of the situation. Then I would consult other members of Exec and get feedback when neutrality is so important because no person can be truly neutral. Then I would look for the fairest compromise and solution. As the Academic Chair of my sorority, I have had to make uncomfortable choices which I hate but I have to come into that knowing that I am applying the rules and not a friend at that moment.
  - **Senator Onorato:** Leading the Judicial Committee, there is an inherent chance of working through difficult situations. This is something that I am extremely prepared for. I am professionally trained in conflict resolution as an RA. I know and have already practiced appropriate confidentiality and understanding of the protocols for leading the Judicial Committee. I am ready to handle any conflicts with a professional attitude that allows me to remain composed and make level-headed decisions without any bias or previous notions.
  - **Senator Talhouk:** With conflict, the most important part is to approach it cautiously and with an objective view. I don't care who it is, I listen to what is being told to me and hear their whole point before jumping in. It is also important to realize that there will be bias in what you are told, leaving things out or exaggerating either purposefully or by accident. That is why it is important to hear

from others who were present to get a full grasp on the situation. Most importantly, we listen and don't judge. Many of my friends have come to me for conflict resolution whenever they have a fight or squabble.

- **Senator Paquette:** One of my favorite highschool teachers taught me that when it comes to conflict resolution, you must focus on three specific things: separation, discussion, and compromise. In the heat of the moment when people are passionate about something, they can say things that they don't mean so it is beneficial to have that separation to cool down. Having an efficient and effective discussion is important secondly. Allowing different groups to get what they want and coming up with a solution that everyone can agree on is compromise. The best example I can give is when I was Student Council President in high school, I had to resolve a conflict over representation on the School Board. It was extremely difficult and time-consuming and I worked diligently to resolve that conflict and create a more productive environment with more student representation on our School Board.

Closing statements:

- **Senator Onorato:** I would like to thank my fellow Senators that I am running against. I know we all put in a lot of work and I feel privileged to be running against such a devoted group of individuals. No matter the outcome of tonight's election, I strongly believe that a title does not define a leader. I am proud of what I have accomplished and look forward to continuing my work with SGA. I hope that I have adequately expressed the passion, drive, and enthusiasm for the Speaker position and SGA as a whole. I take tremendous pride in the work that we do here and continue to look forward to being part

of the many positive changes we will make together. I am confident in my ability, if elected, to enact my plan of organized productivity, student-prioritized communication, and equitable neutrality in a way that allows everyone to grow in our positions and keep up the progress that is being made to have a successful year. I hope you see the potential for growth with me as your Speaker and that I have gained your support of my candidacy. I know this group will accomplish some amazing things and I look forward to continuing to work with you all. Thank you for your time and consideration.

- **Senator Talhouk:** Thank you all for taking the time to consider my candidacy. I have cherished every Tuesday night here in Livak with all of you. I am honored to have the opportunity to run for this position. To Senators Onorato, York, and Paquette: it pains me to run against all of you because I see the amazing work that you have done. May the best candidate win.
- **Senator Paquette:** When I first came to UVM, I saw it only as an educational institution, an individual experience. SGA has opened my eyes to the fact that UVM is so much more than that through the ideas of comradery and community which is ever-present in Our Common Ground Values. We value respect in the form of encouraging a welcoming environment and preventing the oppression of student voice. We value integrity by keeping an honest record and promoting fairness. We value innovation to progress our campus further into the future. We value openness to ensure the broad interests of our student body and the well-being of our campus is upheld. We value justice from bigotry and oppression that limits our community's impact. We value responsibility in fighting for and protecting Our Common Ground. SGA embodies all of these values, it is our job and responsibility to ensure that each student we represent can become the best possible

version of themselves with the resources and opportunities that we can provide. At the end of the day we may be the bridge between Administration and the undergraduate population but we are first and foremost students who represent the student body. This is my community and something more. I view you as family and home that embodies the perseverance, excellence, and dedication of this campus. I would love to lead all of you into the next academic year full of success, achievement, and pride.

- **Senator York:** I am honored to be up here with these passionate and driven candidates. Thank all of you for your time and consideration. I am excited for the opportunity to work to create a stronger, more inclusive, and more transparent SGA. I'm not running because I think I have all the answers, but because I care deeply about this organization, the work we do, and the community at large. I'm ready to continue showing up and doing the hard work with all of you. My diverse leadership experience taught me how to navigate complex decisions, collaborate across different groups, and always remain accountable to those I represent. I believe in the power of student voices, the importance of transparency, and building a Senate that authentically reflects the student body we represent. I'm proud of all that we've accomplished and even more excited for what lies ahead. Thank you again for your time and support.

**Speakers Connors:** I hope you are all proud of the effort and time you put into this. Shortly, we will move into Executive Session and deliberate for up to 45 minutes in the first round. All candidates will wait outside and at the end we will introduce the new Speaker.

**Senator Esbin:** Motion for a quick recess before entering Executive Session.

- Motion **passed**.

**Senator Esbin:** Motion to enter Executive Session.

- Motion **passed**.

Swearing in New Speaker

- Speaker Elect York sworn in by Speaker Connors

### **New Business**

### **Senatorial Forum**

**Senator Ranallo:** Motion for paper reports.

- Motion **passed**.

### **Executive Reports**

**Speaker York**

- Nothing to report.

**Vice President Modun**

- Nothing to report.

**President Connors**

- Nothing to report.

**Treasurer Murphy**

- Nothing to report.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Public Relations Committee – Chair Denny**

- Hey everyone! Not much to report on yet. I am very excited to be your new PR Chair for the 2025-2026 term! I would like to, however, commend all of the amazing candidates that ran for speaker; all of you are truly amazing and so talented! See you all next Tuesday.

### **Committee on the Environment – Chair Arnone**

- Nothing to report.

### **Committee on Our Common Ground Values – Chair Espejo**

- Hi everyone! I hope we are all doing well and we are well rested after our long meeting. To introduce myself, my name is Rubi Espejo and I am a rising Junior majoring in Political Science and Religion. I was born in Miami, FL and grew up in Guilford, CT so I am very prideful of both places! I was the Chair of the Committee on Our Common Ground Values last year, and I am very excited to continue my work with this committee and our greater senate body! As for some stuff coming out of our committee, we are very very busy with Sexual Violence Awareness Month!
  - Table, table, table!!!! Please check the Teams for any times you can table. Any help is a huge help! All of the tabling materials are in the cart near Meg's desk.
  - Check out the Tunnel Takeover! (huge shoutout to the folks on our ad hoc committee who put that together and to those who helped install)
- Looking to tabling for next week:
  - Monday 4/21, Davis Center, 10-2
  - Tuesday 4/22, Davis Center, 1-3

- Wednesday 4/23, Davis Center, 10-2
- Thursday 4/24, Davis Center 10-1
- Games for Change with SGA, SGA Galaxy Space, Thursday 4/24 5-7 PM
- Saturday there is Springfest tabling!! (will get more details to all of you) and a Redstone event! (more details to come)
- Thank you all for your hard work, and please sign up for tabling as well as come to the events!! All help is so appreciated!!

#### **Committee on Legislative and Community Affairs – Chair Laychak**

- Nothing to report.

#### **Committee on Student Action and Well-Being – Chair Steele**

- Nothing to report.

#### **Club Affairs Committee – Chairs Demeo and Grace**

- **Chair Demeo:** Good evening everyone, my name is Robert Demeo and it is an honor to have been selected as one of the co-chairs of the Club Affairs Committee for the upcoming Senate session. My spectacular co-chair, Chair Grace, and I are excited to pilot this new model and to continue being able to work with our committee to ensure clubs stay in student hands. We are fortunate to have kept the same amazing, hardworking committee we have been working with the past year, and excited to see what we can get done together this year! We will alternate reports from here on out, but for now I'd like to pass it to Chair Grace!
- **Chair Grace:** Hey everybody, it's great to be back with everyone in this new senate session. Echoing Chair Demeo, the co-chair position might be new, but I'm excited to continue the same hard work with Chair Demeo and the rest of the spectacular Club

Affairs Committee to support the clubs we all love so much. Speaking of those clubs, we're doing a new thing here with our first Featured Club Event of the Week:

- International Students Club is hosting their Global Fusion Fest this Saturday at 6:30 PM! It's in the Sugar Maple half of the Grand Maple Ballroom, featuring West African Drumming and Dance, Peruvian Dance, & two Jazzbaa Dances. The goal is to teach people about what dancing looks like around the world, so come check it out if you're interested!

#### **Academic Affairs Committee – Chair Carroll-Millins**

- Hi guys! I am so excited for the next year on senate with you all! Academic Affairs is currently working with CSAW to create a week of events during finals week to support students in both their academics and mental health! Please reach out if you are interested in working with us or have any suggestions! I've been very excited about this project and it is coming along well. Hope everyone has a good week!!

#### **Finance Committee – Chair Rice**

- Nothing to report.

#### **Senatorial Comments/Announcements**

**Chair Arnone:** We're having the swap shop for COE this week. Today was the first day, it will also happen on Thursday and Friday as well as next Tuesday. We would appreciate help, the signup sheet is in the GroupMe and Teams. We sold over 160 items for a profit of around \$400, only putting out half of our inventory.

**Senator Jones:** As someone who has been on the other end of the Speaker election, I want to reinforce that what was said today in Executive Session does not leave this room. It is tempting to know, but it is not helpful to tell someone even if they ask.

**Chair Laychak:** Community Coalition is happening this Friday 3-4:30pm, this is the first one that I am chairing.

**Senator Lee:** A bunch of us are trying to start projects relating to athletics and thinking about starting an ad hoc committee. Also, Dogs and Dawgs at Tri-Delta, Saturday 2-6pm, all you can eat hot dogs and the UPRAWR dogs will be there.

**Vice President Modun:** Also SGA will be tabling at two more Admitted Student Visit Days this Friday and next Monday and Friday 12-2pm.

**Chair Espejo:** Tabling for SVAM tomorrow 10-2, still looking for people to sign up. The alumni panel is Thursday, President Connors will be speaking. Tomorrow there is a healing workshop for survivors, facilitated by one of the alumni from the panel.

**Senator Esbin:** Echoing what Chair Espejo said, SVAM efforts are very much under way. The Davis Tunnel has a display and many Senators worked to put up the flags outside. The Clubbies were a great success also.

### **Adjournment**