



7th Meeting of the 2024-2025 Student Government Association Senate
September 24th, 2024 | 7:00 PM | Livak Ballroom

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Speaker Kennedy Connors.

Roll Call

Senators Talhouk, Halvorson, Toomey, Richardson, and Zubarev not present.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved unanimously.

Public Forum

Danielle Gallant & Kat Collins – Sharing Information About The Career Center

- **Danielle:** Assistant Director for Networking.
- **Kat:** Curriculum and Assessment Specialist.
- Our mission at the Career Center is to empower students and alumni to explore careers, gain experience, and make informed decision about their career
 - Connecting students and alumni to people, opportunities, and resources.

Emphasizing the people section today. Happy to follow up with resources and opportunities after.

- **Danielle:** One way to work with people is through Career Interest Groups, a newer student delivery model that started in 2019. It is a way to reach more students, especially helping connect to people.
 - We invite students to connect to Career Interest Groups to meet people who help see potential connections with career paths.
 - Receive monthly newsletter with spotlights, career tips and resources, and connect people with opportunities through our Handshake portal tied to the Interest Groups.
 - Voluntary, can join one or multiple. Help students understand what networking is and break down barriers to bring access to all students.
- **Kat:** Drop-in hours are Monday-Thursday from 10-2 during the academic year, 11-1 in the summer. This is the core of what we do on a weekly basis.
- Strong peer leader program with 17 or 18 students trained on a variety of career related topics. Resume, career exploration, strategies on finding jobs, and any resources based on the student's needs.
- One-on-one in depth coaching for 30 minutes to provide more support than drop-in.
- Brightspace page called Career Resources General. Broken down based on topic to easily find what you are looking for.
- Working on collaborations to be more engaged with the wider campus. Other centers, faculty, student organizations, and more.
- What skills are you all working to develop or would like to strengthen, either through SGA or other organizations?

Chair Garcia: One of the best things we get from SGA is reaching out to people through email and introducing yourself well to state what you need.

Chair Jones: As a Computer Science student who finished an internship recently, I would love to see more opportunities to experience what tools are involved in different industries.

Chair Knopp: Something I see specifically with STEM students is interview skills. Being able to communicate what you can do is important and everyone should strengthen.

Senator Paquette: Being able to write in a way that is concise but also powerful.

- **Danielle:** This is great to hear because this is how our office can support you. We want to identify topics that students need. You all have direct experience and connection to what peers are looking for. We can work together to provide workshops or sessions for clubs.
 - We are always willing to connect with students for projects if it's around the career process. Connecting with campus partners and employers or alumni.
 - UVM Connect can be a great way to mobilize the process of connection.
- We know you get so many emails and that might not be the best way to communicate with you. We want to think about ways we can evolve and build that partnership.
- **Kat:** Last year, we had two SGA members partner with us on a Career Fair Prep Day. One was in a class presentation I was in and said they wish more students had access to what we do.
 - The first evolution was not a great success, but after reviewing and revisiting in the spring we had more than 40 students come.
 - You don't have to come with a full fledged idea, just come and talk and we will run with it.
- Things are always evolving with the workforce, we try to mimic to adapt.

- **Danielle:** You can connect with our office over email, we try to respond within 24 hours. Our drop in hours are in the Davis Center on the 2nd floor past the Marketplace. If you want to collaborate we have a one-pager, Speaker Connors has the link to the digital copy so feel free to reach out to us through that.

President Teferra: I worked for Orientation and saw first years fill out the survey to be in a Career Interest Group, but I feel like after that point it isn't reintroduced until later. Increased consistency and engagement with that would be great. Getting in touch with clubs could be cool to do a Career Interest Day with clubs relating to each interest coming in.

- **Response (Danielle):** Each of our Career Interest Groups have a spotlight month. September was for the Business and Entrepreneurship Group.
 - There is a group of staff that execute a signature event which is an opportunity to tie in a connection. Certain interest groups are further ahead with the execution and planning of these events. For example, the STEM Networking Night has been going on in collaboration with CEMS for a long time.
 - There are so many clubs, how do we connect and market the program and invite people to the space, sometimes there is a direct connection and sometimes not. Students also have their own agenda and interests, these models might not tie into where they are at the moment.

President Teferra: That's awesome, the marketing is important because I didn't know about this. What does your engagement with classes and faculty look like?

- **Response (Kat):** That is my role as part of the Integration Team. We reach out to faculty for opportunities to come in for a tailored request. It is very customized and it is on the faculty to make that request, we can't mandate a Career Readiness class.

- We try to build relationships with faculty and lean into the Career Interest Group model.
- It is a struggle to serve all students because some departments request us a lot and some don't.

Chair Knopp: The Career Center is probably one of the best resources you can have at UVM when thinking about what your major means, internship opportunities, and starting a job search. I see a disconnect with engagement from the STEM Career Group which was great and others. Would it be possible to engage similarly in different colleges at the first year and senior level when people are undecided in majors or exploring jobs and permanent places? There are lots of senior and first year seminars, how does your engagement look across colleges and Career Groups?

- **Response (Danielle):** Sometimes we have better partnerships with certain faculty and colleges than others. Our Career Coaches advocate to build relationships with faculty and host drop in hours which can open doors to meet other faculty. There is no one size fits all approach. We have a good relationship with CEMS who hire Career Readiness Coaches and professionals in their college.

Chair Knopp: I would love to chat about how the approach could differ because I love how it was approached in my college especially early on.

- **Response (Kat):** Our Director is also working at the top level with administration because there are so many processes at work which can be barriers for getting career readiness in the classroom. We encourage you to speak up in your departments and ask for us to come in because your voice means a lot to faculty.

Vice President Bednarik: I want to mention that Political Science does a great job of bringing first year students into the physical space and giving a tour. Course evaluations are meant to evaluate professors, bringing resources to you is part of their job too so adding that in your evaluation encourages them to do it again.

Chair Jones: What do you do to change curriculum to keep up with industries?

- **Response (Kat):** We subscribe to NACE, the National Association of Colleges and Employers, which provides professional development, conferences, and opportunities to connect with career professionals in the field for collaboration. Lean on them heavily for current trending information.
- **Response (Danielle):** There are employers in that organization too. It's a mixture of professionals bringing in knowledge, experience, and updates. We have seen the most change in the last 5 years compared to the last 50 years. We try to keep up through professional development.

Senator Steele: Do you offer career counseling for students looking to work abroad?

- **Response (Danielle):** We subscribe to Going Global in our Handshake Resources section which has information for students looking to go internationally.
 - How to prepare documents, learn about culture, cities, and information on major cities in the US as well.
 - That is our go to resource. It feels like they are doing a good job of keeping up with current trends using staff from each country.

Aurora Hurd – Representing The Women & Gender Equity Center

- Coordinator of Programming and Leadership Development at WAGE Center. Getting events to run with colleagues and helping with student leadership opportunities.
- Our purpose is to cultivate joyful community while advancing gender equity across identities. We emphasize that everyone is welcome and welcome feedback on how to do that better.
- We strive to provide programming, education, and events that ask our community to explore intersections of their gender and other identities. That means creating fun community events and thinking about how to advance gender equity on campus as a whole.
 - Civics and Empowerment Event coming up on October 4th.
- We are off campus, kind of behind Waterman. Because we are a house we have many resources and try to be a homey environment where people can do homework or do a telehealth appointment.
- Some programming work:
 - Cookies and Cussing.
 - My Meaning of Masculinity, an ongoing program open to all identities focusing on different aspects of what masculinity means.
 - Cooking skills, trying to provide real world skills for students. There is a food pantry in our space and a full kitchen, so you can make food there too.
 - Let's Talk with CAPS every Tuesday as drop in.
 - Career Coaching.
 - Civic Engagement coming up.

- Arts and Crafts.
- Writing group.
- D&D character work,
- Offering meals and community, food insecurity is very real and we try to offer resources to help,
- Free menstrual cups, other products, and sanitizing equipment.
- Space for clubs to host a meeting.
- Free safer sex products.
- Work study jobs.
- Signature Events:
 - We had a Welcome Back Party which was well attended and fun.
 - Next up is Beverly Belisle Empowerment Retreat. The application is going out toward the end of the week on Instagram.
 - MARCH! A Celebration of Leaders in Gender Equity held on April 1st.
- This week:
 - Questions for Pub Quiz tomorrow.
 - Intersectional Writers Group, open to all levels to engage with anti-racist and feminist best practices that don't silence writers.
- Ongoing things:
 - Young Men of Talent.
 - Career Center Coaching on the third Wednesday of the month.
 - Let's Talk, drop in counseling every Tuesday.

- Private space for interviews, telehealth, counseling, or anything like that.
- There is also free printing, fully stocked arts and craft room, gender neutral shower, and free laundry. We are trying to meet needs and be a space to hang out or do homework to engage in gender equity and community.
- Our team is the biggest we've ever been.
 - Evan Cuttittais our Coordinator of Men & Masculinities Programs.
 - Michele Guyette is our Coordinator of Community Engagement.
 - Alex Fruge is our Grad Student who will be leading MARCH! as well as craft sessions and food pantry.
 - Kay Franks is our Office Manager who makes sure everything is running.
- Our Instagram has the most up to date information about programming and possible changes. We have an email (WAGE@uvm.edu) that comes to all of us, the best person will get back to you.
- Michele coordinates club meetings, we have a form for that as well.

President Teferra: Besides hosting clubs at WAGE, is there other engagement with clubs that have similar missions like Gen Action?

- **Response:** Yes, we are in contact with Gen Action, our Director is their Advisor. Please reach out, I have put a lot of programs together and we want to elevate student run programming. I have a budget set aside for club collaborations especially if they align with our mission.

President Teferra: With the WAGE Center being further than other identity centers and something most freshman or sophomores don't pass by, is there any tabling in dorms or other

places to meet students where they are? I didn't know where it was until I went to Treasurer Sorensen's house nearby for the first time.

- **Response:** Michele started last year and has been doing work to get us out more. We've done a lot of Davis Center tabling, haven't been to the dorms yet but we will look into it. We know we aren't super convenient, but hoping a homey atmosphere and resources make up for it.

Treasurer Sorensen: Thanks for doxing my address President Teferra. The Pad Project club is having their first meeting at the WAGE Center tomorrow.

Chair Jones: I want to ask what WAGE is planning to do in anticipation of the election this year. There is a great need and a great opportunity with contention around gender equity. Could you expand on that?

- **Response:** My other hat is as a City Councilor in Winooski, I am hoping to bring that experience and information to students. How do we engage in a meaningful way and what is civics beyond voting? We are having Civics and Empowerment, specifically a guided conversation about what democracy is and how do you do it when you are a busy student.
 - Partnering with the Prism Center to table in the Davis Center on October 18th with the ACLU and other partners. We want to have information to help people decide if they will register to vote in Vermont or their home state, thinking about where their vote is most meaningful. Hopefully also voter registration. Later that night there is also a drag event around voting.
 - Also if you have ideas, I am hoping to have information in February around Town Meeting Day. My newest idea is to think about unions and civic engagement.

Vice President Bednarik: If you haven't been to Cookies and Cussing, I highly recommend it. Can you go into more about resources you have at WAGE for trans men? I talked to a couple people who have grievances and I would like to know more about what support you offer.

- **Response:** Primarily we offer resources from the Pride Center of Vermont and the Prism Center. We also have previous work from interns we want to carry on relating to instructions and resources about getting trans masc care in Vermont. Identity Centers try to support each others' work with intersectionality while not stepping on toes.

Senator Grace: You mentioned that the WAGE Center is a house. What resources and settings do you offer to clubs looking to host there?

- **Response:** Living room space and craft room can host 20-30 folks reasonably. We had a meet and greet with pizza and conversations for a larger club. It is better for smaller clubs or more casual meetings.

Senator Lee: What hours is the WAGE Center open for students?

- **Response:** They are more limited from not being on campus. Weekdays 8-6 with doors unlocked. We can stay open a little later for clubs if needed.

Ashley Winter – Speaking About Climate Action Collective and the Building Emissions

Reduction Ordinance

- My name is Ashley Winter, I'm a senior studying Environmental Studies and Pre-Law.
- Speaking on behalf of a club I co-lead called Climate Action Collective. We are sponsored by 350.org, which is a National Advocacy Group.

- We are supporting the Building Emissions Reduction Ordinance (BERO). It was recently proposed by City Councilor Marek Broderick, a UVM senior, in the Transportation, Energy, and Utility Commission subcommittee.
 - This ordinance would greatly reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from some of the largest buildings, specifically focusing on increasing energy efficiency in buildings over 10,000 square feet and facilitating the transition from natural gas and oil to more renewable sources of energy with electrification, geothermal heat pumps, and other non-carbon intensive forms of heating.
 - This needs to be passed by that committee by October 28th. Then it would be deliberated and voted on by the whole City Council.
 - This is important because current policy surrounding emissions is weak and large buildings account for the most significant emissions in the city and need to be more regulated.
 - This is an opportunity to be leaders in the country and demonstrate what is possible for climate action.
- UVM has sent a letter inquiring about this ordinance because it is relevant to many of the buildings on campus. In the past, UVM has been against similar policies.
 - The Climate Action Collective wants to work with SGA, UVM administration, and the general public to build support around this initiative.
 - We all deserve for the University to act in the best interest of our future.
- Please support a resolution that Senators Paquette and Lynch will be introducing next week. Please build awareness and support with administration to pass this bill. We have the chance to be leaders in the country.

Treasurer Sorensen: If this is passed, what is the timeline for implementation? Do you have an estimate of how many buildings, at UVM or in Burlington, this would apply to?

- **Response:** It applies to about 250 in Burlington, not sure the exact number for UVM right now but I have it and can send it to you. There are two parts to the timeline of implementation. The first part to be completed by 2030 focuses on energy efficiency in buildings, those using huge amounts of energy will need to reduce energy consumption first. Then buildings are required to get a consultation to assess the transition away from fossil fuels and best paths.

Chair Jones: What push back or exceptions do you expect with historical buildings? Some UVM buildings aren't required to have elevators due to historical architecture.

- **Response:** Old buildings are likely to be less energy efficient. I would assume they will be required to more quickly transition in the first stage. A great way to reduce energy use is to insulate doors, windows, and gas piping or boilers. It doesn't have to be a huge project, smaller consistent fixes are important too.

Chair Jones: What reception do you expect to receive from the rest of City Council?

- **Response:** There are 4 members of the subcommittee: Marek, another who is likely favorable, and two others who will need more convincing. They will need a lot of support from businesses. We are trying to work with businesses and there are many who are already trying to do what this ordinance says. We need to work together, climate change is the crisis of our lifetime and we want to work with everyone on this.

Senator Onorato: What do you do to connect with UVM students in regard to the ordinance and how we can support you?

- **Response:** Our club is multi-collegiate with members from UVM, Champlain, and St. Michaels. We are in the initial stage of the campaign, deciding what is the best way to get things out there. Social media is important, I am working on a one-pager right now. We want to have students meet with City Councilors and UVM administration. They are open to this but it will require a lot of work so we want to be getting students in the room and their voices out there.

Senator Demeo: As a self-described leader in sustainability claiming one of the greenest colleges in the United States, how does UVM reconcile these frequent advertising points with any opposition to this ordinance?

- **Response:** They do a lot of false advertising and consistently don't meet their climate deadlines. I came all the way to Vermont thinking that this institution stood on the principles of sustainability, climate action, and progressiveness and I have been routinely disappointed. I love it here and I wish we could hold them to higher standards. This institution makes millions of dollars a year because of their marketing and we want to hold them to it.

Senator Chapman: When it comes to playing our part in building awareness, where can we direct people for more information and specifics about the ordinance?

- **Response:** Come to Climate Action Collective meetings on Mondays at 6. We are working on a one-page digestible with QR codes to be posted around campus. This information is not very readily available and that is an issue because it is hard to find on the City Council website. If you have any inquiries please feel free to email me.

Senator York: Do you know how many of the 250 buildings belong to small businesses? Big corporations and UVM have the resources to make these changes, but smaller businesses might not. How are people talking to small businesses to help out?

- **Response:** That is being actively discussed in the City Council. This ordinance pertains to commercial and industrial buildings, not rentals or condos. Most small businesses are in buildings owned by larger organizations with more funding to make these changes.
 - This ordinance would create a council to help building owners to find rebates and subsidies to make these changes more possible.
 - We don't expect that it will directly impact small business owners, their general consensus is wanting to do right by the community and make necessary changes.
 - We want to work with businesses and get them to City Council meetings to speak in favor of this.
 - Champlain College has made many of these advancements already and we want to work with them.

Senator Demeo: What kind of conversations have you had with UVM administration already?

Senator Paquette: I had an interview with Elizabeth Palchak, the Director of Sustainability, about this. She said UVM hasn't taken an official position because they are waiting for an analysis from Burlington Electric Department, which they have now received, and they need to look into cost effectiveness and some other aspects of the bill. This bill needs to be passed before October 28th and there have been concerns about timelines. There is some work in the City Council to build a workforce by training people in weatherization and geothermal heat pumps. We can't keep pushing these climate goals back on the basis of cost effectiveness.

- **Response:** On building the workforce for weatherization. Marek Broderick is working on building pathways for people to know about these opportunities. He wants to create an increased pay for people doing work pertaining to BERO to create an incentive.

Treasurer Sorensen: If this isn't passed, what are next steps? Why is that the deadline?

- **Response:** I'm not sure exactly why it needs to be passed out of the committee by October 28th. But if it is, then it will need to be passed by City Council by the end of year or it's dead.

Treasurer Sorensen: Can it not be reintroduced?

- **Response:** It could, but it gets more complicated and with turnover it gets more unlikely. There is other climate policy being worked on and it's a matter of what resources to give to what ordinances.

Senator Esbin: With UVM possibly having to make changes, would that come from student tuition?

- **Response:** It will likely be paid by the State because UVM is a public institution. There are also many state and federal subsidies for this kind of work so it shouldn't be an issue passed on to students.

Old Business

Resolution Supporting Proposal To Increase The Student Activity Fee

Treasurer Sorensen: Motion to table indefinitely.

- Motion **passed**.

Bill Recognizing Kehillat Rodfei Tzedek, sponsored by Senator Grace

- Starting a Jewish club called Kehillat Rodfei Tzedek, which means “Road to Justice” in Hebrew. It is an anti-Zionist club to serve as an alternative space for students who don’t feel comfortable with Hillel and its Zionist messaging. We will just be Jewish together, celebrate holidays, go on hikes, and more.

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

Bill Recognizing 3D Modeling & Design Club

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

Emergency Business

New Business

Senatorial Forum

Treasurer Sorensen: I want to provide some updates on the Student Activity Fee. The meeting we had with the administration went well, they were more open to it than the previous president ever was. They gave us a timeline, the Board of Trustees is meeting the second to last weekend of October and they asked us to do a survey of the student body and do research into comparative universities to get more information. They asked for all this in the next two weeks so they will have two weeks before the Board meets. We reached out to the 12 comparative universities. I have meetings tomorrow with UConn and Stony Brook. I’ve heard back from 6 out of 12 in 24

hours, so that's pretty good. The survey will go out tomorrow and the proposal is posted on the website and in Teams if you want to read it.

I want to clarify some questions I have heard about what would happen if it doesn't increase. We have been operating at a deficit and without this revenue we will have to decide what to start cutting. Thinking about clubs, SVAM, SpringFest, Senior Week, MARCH!, and how important all of those programs are. Survey will be open until next Wednesday.

Senator York: Is this ever going to be a resolution before that weekend?

- **Response:** The timeline is a little rushed. The reason to table the resolution was because of how open the administration was and how blunt the resolution could come across. It will likely be up for a vote before the Board votes and we can talk about wording.

Senator Denny: The Student Activity Fee increase is \$56 a year total? How does it affect tuition?

- **Response:** It is \$27 a semester, so \$54 a year added to tuition.

Chair Jones: I encourage everyone to applaud Treasurer Sorensen, Finance Committee, and anyone who has touched this initiative and familiarize yourself with the proposal. Our work might not be seen but this issue connects to every person at UVM. When you are discussing this issue it is a time to show people what our impact looks like and how that will change if this is or is not passed. Make sure you are up to date on what you are talking about and direct questions to Treasurer Sorensen, Finance Committee, or Exec because there will be many questions and a lot of sensitivity around this topic.

Senator Petracek: If we want to talk to people about this, is there something to read or is that only for Exec?

- **Response:** I wrote a script if you want to speak to your classes, clubs, or any other communities about this. It is valuable to have talking points and have confident answers or tell them to reach out to Finance or myself because misinformation can be harmful.

President Teferra: I made a Google Sheet for tracking who people have reached out to and further action steps in Teams.

Treasurer Sorensen: I know raising tuition is a sensitive topic. We tried to mitigate this issue with other initiatives. We have done a lot of work and are now dealing with the reality. I think it has been more expensive without raising the Student Activity Fee, seeing membership dues going up, SpringFest possibly going up, individual impacts are greater without an increase.

Senator Paquette: I want to touch on a comment Ashley Winters brought up in Public Forum. Myself and Senator Lynch are working on a resolution, I will talk more about it in our meeting next week when I plan to introduce it. I have been doing research for weeks on this. I am hoping SGA can support BERO and the Climate Action Collective through events and spreading messaging. Possibly requesting that UVM change their opinion to be more favorable and show student solidarity behind this.

President Teferra: You said that you met with Liz Palchak about this and she raised issues about cost effectiveness, Ashley said costs would be covered by the State. If that is the case then why is the reasoning about money?

- **Response:** A lot of her answers to my questions were very confusing. When she was talking about cost effectiveness, I think she was talking about bigger parts that would come later on such as geothermal heating systems. She did tell me that UVM is already

drilling for these systems also. I do believe she might not have been aware about specific parts of the ordinance or there might be some confusion between City Council and UVM.

Senator Torres: When you said larger things like geothermal heating systems are covered by the State, does that mean smaller things will be covered by students through tuition?

- **Response:** I do believe all parts of the ordinance are covered by the State due to UVM being a public institution.

Executive Reports

Speaker Connors

- Retreat was so much fun, shout out Vice President Bednarik! It was amazing to spend time with all of you. Thank you for listening to 4 hours of presentations.
- Congratulations to the new Senators on Judicial: Senators Theroux, Peterson, Gottfurcht, Demeo, Bibbins, Carroll-Millins, and Talhouk.
- New placards were done by Meg, please say thank you during office tours.
- If you have any questions about anything I said or life or SGA, contact me. We can get my favorite drink, Strawberry Iced Tea Lemonades from Hendersons. I'm on a break because the mouth ulcers are back, but next week we'll be back better than ever.

Senator Paquette: I would like to apologize to Speaker Connors for immediately telling other Senators about her mouth ulcers after she told me not to.

Vice President Bednarik

- You guys were awesome with the questions today, especially new Senators jumping into the role. Keep up the good work.

- Thanks for coming to an awesome Retreat. If you were not able to make it, you should have received an email about a make-up Retreat with the date and time, please let me know if you got that.
 - I will put a form in the Teams for feedback on Retreat, it's not mandatory but would be helpful for the next Vice President to know what they can do better.
- I will also be posting an Excel Sheet in the Teams with everyone's name and email and other information like major and phone number if you're comfortable to have everyone's information in one place.
- Senator Purple will be scheduling office tours, I will keep you all updated about this.
- I'm meeting with the RA staff to discuss the Student Activity Fee and RA Support Group. They have quick access to students, especially first years, and we want to hear their feedback.
- I want to start planning a bonding activity for SGA every month because it's fun to hang out outside of meetings. President Teferra wants pickleball, if you have any other ideas please reach out to me so I can get the ball rolling.
- We met with Dr. Beth Hellwig, she's amazing and so supportive. She took very detailed notes of issues we see and hopefully she will come back to Senate and talk to all of us.
- Reach out to get coffee, not mouth ulcers. I would love to have a conversation.

Senator Demeo: For pickleball fans, I have the first clubsigner meeting to get Club Sports Pickleball rolling.

Chair Garcia: I'm jumping the gun a little bit and stealing Senator Lee's idea, she said we should go to Sky Zone.

President Teferra

- Happy Tuesday!
- I asked all the Chairs to make a slideshow to help their Senators familiarize themselves with resources. This was something I did for my Committee when I was a Chair and I thought it was helpful.
- The Brightspace Focus Group is looking for 8-10 people per focus group for 1 hour with free pizza.
- Exec talked about the Student Activity Fee, Chair Espejo emphasized the importance of attending the Student Transportation Accessibility Forum, and Chair Jones brought up a Cannabis Education Program.
- I am impressed with all of your questions, you are way more talkative than I was when I first started.

Treasurer Sorensen

- I had a great time at Retreat too.
- Thank you Speaker Connors for the new placards.
- Survey goes live tomorrow, if someone asks you questions please direct them to me. I have office hours 1:30-2:30 Thursday in the SGA Galaxy Space.
- Emeritus Senator Daniels was working on a bus bench project. They are being installed, the one on Central has already been installed. This was a multi-year project that she worked very hard on. We are working on a ribbon cutting ceremony that I will keep you updated on.

Committee Reports

Public Relations Committee

- I uploaded all the photos from Retreat to Google Photos.
- Congratulations to the new members of PR: Senators Grace, Petracek, Arnone, Zubarev, Onorato, Chapman, and Reeder.
- Fun Fact of the Week: Dogs and cats can be allergic to humans.

Committee on the Environment

- Nothing much to report, picking up projects and meeting with people.

Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity

- Vacation of the Week: Camping! I went camping for the first time this weekend and it was fantastic! Shoutout my bunkmates, Chair Garcia, Senator Carroll-Millins, and Speaker Connors.
- We had our first full committee meeting on Monday.
- Senator Petracek was in contact with Professor VonDoepp about election posters for states that many students are from.
- On Thursday, I am meeting with Alley Farley from the Prism Center to discuss goals for the semester. If you have questions or concerns to bring up, let me know.

Committee on Legislative and Community Affairs

- Happy week two of Hispanic Heritage Month.
- If you enjoyed pancakes and burgers from Retreat, that was me.
- Our new Senators have project ideas and are in contact with people.
- Song of the Week: Mudroom by Tiny Habits. I saw them live at Higher Ground and cried three times.

Chair Modun: You forgot hot dogs.

- **Response:** I also made the hot dogs and cut a quarter of the watermelon before a roasting pan fell on my head.

Committee on Student Action and Well-Being

- New Senators are exploring opportunities to serve on advisory panels around campus.
- Senator Steele is meeting with the Interim Dean of Students Dr. Beth Hellwig.
- Artist of the Week: Dean. I recommend starting with instagram or DIE 4 YOU.

Club Affairs Committee

- Senator Grace reading for Chair Halvorson: Nothing to report, Chair Halvorson is gone.

Senator Demeo: We miss her.

Academic Affairs Committee

- Shoutout Vice President Bednarik for an incredible Retreat! It was one of the best parts of my involvement with SGA so far.
- Senator Chapman proposed exploring new languages to be added.
- Senator Toomey is looking into increasing support for First Gen students at UVM.
- I am exploring the UVM WiFi problems, it's not great. Talking to a lot of professors who are working on networks at UVM.
 - There was a major outage preventing CS classes from doing work, I was unable to do things for 3 class periods which is unacceptable.
 - I am talking with people at UVM VERSO. The first thing I am looking into is increasing our bandwidth by triple giving more routers and access points.
- I was also talking with Senator Purple about a Course Registration Waitlist considering how difficult it is to get into the courses you want or need.

- Thanks to Senator Chapman, I am doing an In and Out of the Week: Strawberry Lemonade Iced Teas are In, the effect they have on my wallet is Out.

Senator Steele: What languages are you looking to add?

- **Response:** We are just starting research right now. When I was deciding on a college, I wanted to learn Korean which we don't have here. Also some popular languages like Hindi and Portuguese aren't offered. Many majors were consolidated under the last President and many things are just intro levels.

Chair Jones: As someone who studied both Korean and Arabic, come talk to me about the work I have already tried to do on that.

Finance Committee

- Nothing to report.

Senatorial Comments/Announcements

President Teferra: BSU Soul Food Social on Saturday at 6pm, tickets are \$5 or \$10.

Chair Murphy: If anyone has gone camping in the Adirondacks, I need to plan a personal camping trip with Chair Garcia, please help

Chair Surak: I want to say I am the undisputed champ of Gaga Ball. (Fact Check: This is misinformation, Scribe Seashore Hobson won an equal amount of rounds.)

Senator Arnone: First A Capella Concert is Friday at 7:30pm at Southwick, my group is going first.

Senator Osei: For CSAW, I had a leakage in my bathroom and then the power went out and I couldn't get help with that.

Vice President Bednarik: We switched from Fix-Its to Plan-Ons, but I believe first years don't have access to that. I asked the Physical Plant about it and they didn't have an answer. Come find me after and we can work on that.

Chair Jones: As Chair of CSAW, I don't know but we can try to work it out.

Senator Steele: I had to get my window replaced twice, it takes a minute but eventually they will help. Also, I work for the Women's Hockey team. They had their first home game on Sunday, they will be back at home October 11th against Merrimack, tickets are free for students. Waffle Cabin waffles are now offered at games. It's a fun time, and everyone should support women's sports.

Senator Denny: Lawrence Debate Union is hosting a debate about free speech this Thursday. I don't know the exact time but there will be free pizza.

Chair Knopp: You have another debate with Tanzanian debaters, can you give info on that?

Senator Denny: Yes, via Zoom at 12pm tomorrow, 7pm their time. Not sure if it is public, I will send more information tonight.

Chair Espejo: Check the Political Science website for Civic Engagement events.

Senator Osei: How long are we talking for maintenance?

Senator Steele: My window in Millis was broken in the corner. The first fix was to duct tape it and the crack still grew, so their next fix was duct tape again. The third time, they duct taped plywood over my window instead. It was cracked for the first time in October and they replaced the window over winter break. It cracked again in February and they duct taped it again, so I believe it's still cracked. Good luck!

Treasurer Sorensen: Can we make a motion to adjourn?

Adjournment