



Graduate Student Senate
Meeting of the Whole— September 12, 2018

20 People in Attendance

Executive Council Attendees: Joey Campbell, Jessica Bocanegra, Aayudh Das and Mahafuza Aktar

Senator Attendees: Brandon Ackley, Jeffrey Garfield Adams, Kevin Fischer, Emma Giering, Tatiana Gladkikh, Humon Heidarian, Kayla Johnson, Jaspreet Singh Nagi, Sanish Paramadam-proxy (Anoob), Anoob Prakash, Andrew Ridgeway, Ashley Waldron, Alissa White

Representatives: Aarzo Grover, Camille Marcotte

Attendance was called
Call to order— 11:00 AM
Agenda

Executive Board report:

President:

- Discussed with the senators about leadership characteristics should the next president possess? Senators suggested he or she should be a team player. He should make community services his priority.
- The senators also suggested the new president should be open to change.

Vice- President:

- First event senator's retreat was a big success.
- Several standing committees and action committees were formed at the retreat.
- Standing committees:
 - Financial committee- Aayudh Das, Tatiana Gladkikh, Jaspreet Nagi
 - Student Affair Committee: Joey Campbell, Mara Hintz, Berke Tinaz, Jeff Adams
 - Campus/Community Engagement Committee: Bob Worley, Molly Hurd, Jeff Adams, Eric Hobson, Mara Hintz, June Guo, Sanish Paramadam.

- Stipend Committee: Jaspreet Nagi, Aarzo Grover, Anoob Prakash, Tatiana Gladkikh, Aayudh Das
- Parking Committee: Jessica Bocanegra, Johnny Gonzalez
- Constitution/Bylaws Revisionary Committee: Brandon Ackley, Anoob Prakash, Erin Cullen, Mahafuza Aktar, Eric Hobson
- Housing Committee: Kayla Johnson, Molly Hurd, Kevin Fischer, Aayudh Das, Berke Tinaz
- Maternity & Family Leave Committee: Kenna Rewcastle, Erin Cullen, Molly Hurd, Kayla Johnson, Aarzo Grover
- Student Fees Committee: Brandon Ackley, Kayla Johnson, Kevin Fischer, Berke Tinaz
- Diversity Committee: Mahafuza Aktar, Erin Cullen

Budget:

Proposed FX 18-19 budget from last senate: 27,500/-

For this year's budget: Carry over from FY18, 11,999/-, Student fees (Fall), 14,744/- and Student fees (spring), 14,744/-. Total GSS revenues 41,487/-

Audit Committee 2018-2019: (Aayudh Das)

- Overseeing the quality and integrity of the University's financial statements including the selection of, and effective interaction with, the independent auditor.
- Monitoring the effectiveness of institutional systems of risk management, internal controls, accounting procedures, and compliance with laws and regulations.
- It has a full authority over the internal audit function including the appointment, evaluation, and termination of the chief internal auditor.

Title IX Update:

- Provide an overview of UVM's approach to preventing and responding to sexual misconduct and sexual harassment
- Discuss current initiatives and recent accomplishments

Financial and Physical Planning Committee (FPPC) Meeting: (Jackie Gillen)

- Dealing with broad issues with IBB (incentive--based budgeting). Looking to include modifications to elements of the original model and/or new elements.
- The IBB is how UVM moves money around the University. Taking a closer look at three different Algorithms: 1, 6, and 7.
- Richard Cate, Vice President of Finance for the University, was a guest in our meeting.
 - He discussed how the University was able to rebalance the budget after a potential financial shortcoming last fiscal year.
 - Lastly, we discussed programmed housing for first years, and whether the "Healthy

- brains, healthy body class” that is mandatory for all Wellness Environment students should either be 3 credits or 1 credit, if it is not in a student’s minor.
- If there is anything that GSS wants to be mentioned, please email me and I will be sure to bring it up in our next meeting!
 - Jacqualyn.Gillen@uvm.edu

Curricular Affairs Committee: (Camille Marcotte)

- The Curricular Affairs Committee (CAC) has 2 main jobs: 1. To review proposals for adding, altering or terminating programs within the various Colleges and 2. To ensure Academic Program Review (APR) process for each program is carried out properly.
- At the meeting, APR process reports were approved for the Romance, Language and Linguistics program, Art and Art History program and Geology program.

Socially Responsible Investing Advisory Committee (SRIAC) Notes: (Hilary Byerly, Eric Recchia)

- An opportunity for graduate research funding through the Clean Energy Fund.
- Money must be used for research (not stipends)
- Questions about the grant can be directed to Elizabeth Palchak (Elizabeth.Palchak@uvm.edu) or Dean Forehand.
- Deadline: Sept. 28th

Events for the fall semester:

September:

- Sept. 15th: BBQ at North beach (4pm -7pm)
- Sept 28th: Professional Development –CV/Resume/Cover letter workshop (11 am – 1pm)
- Sept, 29th: Apple Picking at Shelburne orchard (11 am – 1pm)

October:

- **Oct 3rd: Senate meeting (11am -12 pm)**
- Oct. 10th: Professional Development--- Elevator Talk (Waterman 455, 3pm---4pm)
- Oct 12th: Scavenger Hunt Downtown (6pm; raindate: Oct. 26th)
- Oct 19th: Coffee Break #2 (GSS office; 9am---10:30am)

November:

- **Nov. 2nd: Senate Meeting (President Sullivan; 2pm---3pm)**
- Nov. 8th: Professional Development--- Becoming a Leader (Lafayette 207; 4:30pm---5:30pm)
- Nov. 11th: Pancake Breakfast at IHOP (10am---12pm)
- **Nov. 14th: Senate Meeting (Dean Forehand; 11am---12pm)**

- Nov. 30th: Coffee Break #3 (GSS office; 9am---10:30am)

December

- **Dec. 7th: Senate Meeting (Provost Rosowsky; 2pm---3pm)**

Club renewal: Indian Student Association, Materials Research Society, Nepali Student Association

New club recognition: UVMSPG