THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

Graduate Student Senate

Meeting of the Whole

November 2nd, 2020

46 People in attendance

Executive Council Attendees: Avery Rasmussen, Aayudh Das, Jaspreet Nagi, Michael Hoaglund and Rosie Chapina

Attendance was taken via online participation.

Senator attendees and clubs that had a representative present can be found in Appendix 1 at the end of this document.

Minutes were recorded by Michael Hoaglund.

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Aayudh Das at 4:30pm.

Minutes from the last Senate Meeting on October 19th, 2020, were approved unanimously and will be released on GSS website.

Executive Board Updates:

President: Avery Rasmussen

- Please continue to share feedback from constituents on UVM's reopening protocols this fall and any proposed changes for spring
- Game night recap & ideas for future virtual events
- Fire pits on campus
- Agenda for meeting with President Garimella on Thursday (11/4)

- Graduate student housing
- Tuition and fee freeze
- "Amplifying our impact"
- Continuity planning (research & on-campus spaces)

Vice President: Aayudh Das

- Senate Attendance
- Club Coordinator: Erin Cullen (ercullen@uvm.edu)
- Faculty Senate Positions
  - RSCA (Research, Scholarship and the Creative Arts) [Thr, 12:30-2:00PM]
  - ERTC (Education, Research and Technologies) [Wed, 9:00 - 10:30AM]
  - FPPC (Financial and Physical Planning) [Mon, 2:30-4:00PM]

Communications Director: Rosie Chapina

- GSS Video showcasing senators and E-board
- Please submit a picture of yourself to rchapina@uvm.edu
- Coffee Break was a success!
- Next Coffee Break: Friday, November 13th

Committee Updates:

Compensation & Benefits Committee (Allison Hall)

- Edit the stipend survey document- add new comparison data (stipend and cost of living of other universities).
- Finalize doc to make sure it is presented in the "**4th Senate Meeting**".
- Get feedback from the e-board members and senators on the doc- make the necessary changes.
- **Goal**: Present this document to **Dean Forehand** by the end of this semester!

Catamount Care Committee (Kiera Malone)

Mission: To eliminate the stigmas surrounding mental health and disabilities by creating, connecting, and empowering an on-campus network of compassionate grad students and improving access to resources for all, especially during the time of COVID-19.

Engagement & Outreach Committee (Christian Lalonde)

Our goal as a GSS subcommittee focused on Engagement and Outreach is to promote graduate student involvement with other departments in the graduate school, local businesses, and various apparatuses of the Graduate College to enrich their educational opportunities and generate professional/social connections.

Diwali Night Announcement:

- One of the biggest cultural event on campus **(~350 guests)**
- This year November 14th, 2020

Discussion on Graduate College Plans:

Cynthia Forehand, Dean of the Graduate College

Q & A

- Discussed about Graduate Student housing options and future plans
- Explained UVM's plan to increase grant writing resources
- Talked about Graduate Student specific response to COVID-19
- Informed Graduate Students about at home option for Spring semester

Meeting was adjourned at 5:47pm.

Appendix 1 – Senator Attendees

#	Full Name	Programs
1	Andrew Nadeau	**Physical Therapy**
2	Marcus Weinman	**CMB**
3	Jayita Barua	**CMB**
4	Montana Lara	**Neuroscience**
6	Christopher Kruglik	**Medical Sciences**
7	Kamruzzaman Khan	**Civil and Environmental Engineering**
8	Bijay K C	**Civil and Environmental Engineering**
9	George Love	**Mechanical Engineering**
10	Mohamad Rabieh Khalifeh Khalife	**Neuroscience**
11	Erin Mcbride	**Complex Systems and Data Science**
12	Mari Tomanelli	**Medical Laboratory Sciences**
13	Atoosa Parsa	**Complex Systems and Data Science**
14	Ryan Raichelson	**Sustainable Innovation MBA**
15	Berke Tinaz	**Plant Biology**
16	Baxter Worthing	**Plant Biology**
17	Collin Mitchell	**Accountancy**
18	Maaz Sattar	**Biomedical Engineering**
19	Abigail Rec	**Natural Resources**
20	Nawar Kareem	**Public Health**
21	Suraj Bhattarai	**Animal Biosciences**
22	Colin Giles	**Mathematics**
23	Maria Rania Liu Goncalves	**Master's in Leadership for Sustainability**
24	Jimmy Huynh	**Higher Education & Student Affairs**
25	Melina Harris	**Sustainable Innovation MBA**
26	Alison Hall	**Biology**
27	Holly Paige Chaos	**Mathematics**
28	Anniey Michelson	**Nursing Practice**
29	Angela Tweedy	**Community Development and Applied Economics**
30	Ekraj Dahal	**Material Science**
31	Alison Hall	**Biology**

32	Baxter Worthing	**Plant Biology**
33	Irfan Tahir	**Mechanical Engineering**
34	Vooha Putalapattu	**Medical Sciences**
35	Ekraj Dahal	**Materials Science**
36	Anna Lam	**Classics**

Clubs with a representative present: ISA, CMC, NSA, Women in STEM, RGSA, DPT Club