

GSS SENATE MEETING MINUTES



The University of Vermont

Date: 12/03/2021

Time: 0900 - 1000

Facilitator: Graduate Student Senate, MS Teams

In Attendance

Club Representatives:

- UVM Cell Ag Club – Irfan Tahir
- Career Mobility Committee – Trevor Wolf

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the 11/18/2021 Meeting were approved

Motion: Daniel Munteanu

Second: Mitchell Joseph

Executive Board Updates

The Board, new principal, and guests were introduced. Mira Karlsson was nominated as the new Secretary. A motion to elect Mira was made by Angelica Astrom and seconded by August Bergqvist. All present voted in favor, and Mira Karlsson was confirmed as the new Secretary.

Committee Updates

- ❖ Sexual Assault Prevention & Education Committee
 - Identified a delay in/absence of CAT Alerts and the presence of crimes on campus or in the local community
 - Resolution to urge the administration to make the CAT Alert system more robust to notifications of crimes near campus

Resolutions

Resolution Urging the University Administration to Establish a System to Alert Students, Faculty, and Staff of Off-Campus Crimes (Full text below)

- Resolution was presented to the Senate and will be voted on at meetings in the Spring semester of 2022
- Requesting an opt-in system to avoid triggers for survivors
 - o Based on research perspectives of Shelly Perdomo, PhD (UMass Amherst) & Mike Funk, PhD (NYU)
- Floor open for discussions on the resolution

New Business

- Request for GSS Student Representative for the *Learning Management System*
 - o Purpose of the committee is to focus on the proposal process for the vendors used in the learning management systems, e.g. Blackboard.
 - o Representative will assist in assessing vendors that may be hired by the university
 - o Time commitment of roughly 4 hours a month
 - o Individuals that are interested should contact Rosie Chapina (UVM President) (rosaura.chapina@uvm.edu)
- No additional New Business

Announcements

- Winter Retreat and Spring Senate Meetings
 - o Planning is on going
 - o Senators should keep an eye on their emails for scheduling of these events
 - o Attendance at the Winter Retreat is mandatory
- Professional Developments Sessions
 - o Examining Strategic Coping Mechanisms in High-stress Times on February 11th, 2021

Next Meeting

To Be Determined for Spring 2022

Motion to adjourn the meeting 0928, no dissent. Meeting adjourned @ 0929

Resolution Urging the University Administration to Establish a System to Alert Students, Faculty, and Staff of Off-Campus Crimes

Whereas, graduate students at the University of Vermont routinely live off-campus; and

Whereas, some of the violent crimes and hate crimes committed on campus are reported to the campus community through the CAT ALERT system; and

Whereas, violent crimes and hate crimes committed against students, faculty, and staff beyond the property lines of the UVM campus are not reported to the campus community through any formal system; and

Whereas, students, faculty, and staff ordinarily travel through properties and areas adjacent to the UVM campus; and

Whereas, crimes that occur near the University campus create relevant safety concerns for the University community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Graduate Student Senate urges the University Administration to create an opt-in timely alert notification system and protocols, which could involve expanding existing timely alert notification systems, for alerting the campus community of crimes committed against members of the UVM community beyond the boundaries of the campus of the University of Vermont.

