

Student Government Association:

December Senate Minutes

Minutes from the following meetings of the Senate are included in this document:

[December 5, 2016](#)

[no December 12 meeting — finals week]

[no December 19 meeting — Winter Break]

[no December 26 meeting — Winter Break]

Senate | MINUTES

DATE: 12/5/2016 | TIME: 3:30PM | LOCATION: Hearthstone

Meeting called by:	Maggie Bean Senate	Attendance: Maggie Bean, Marissa Laro, Harold (Sam) Hodges, Morandah Garrett, Dustin Yost, Jeff Diehl, Bayley Palzer, Aaron Leonard, Hannah Welburn, Logan Rice, Kendall Dinsmore, David Lee Fidler, Proxies: Hannah for Erin Warner, Bayley for Haley, Aaron for Michael-Paul HoKangYou and David for Tyler Peyton
Type of Meeting:	Maggie Bean	
Facilitator:	Marissa Laro	
Note Taker:	Marissa Laro	
Timekeeper:		

I. Call to order at 3:33pm

II. Approval of Minutes from 8/29/16

no additions, deletions, or changes to last meeting's minutes

Aaron makes a motion to approve; Dustin seconds.

Approved: Aaron, Dustin, Erin, Hannah, Kendall, Bayley, Haley, Tyler, David

Opposed: --

Abstained: Charlie

III. Current Business

A. Bylaws Update:

1. Bylaws can take more time if needed. The review must be completed this year but it is not required to implement the changes in the upcoming year. It doesn't have to impact the elections for next year. An added clause could be implemented if we want to add the minimum of 2 Senators per division for the following year.
2. There is a choice to finish bylaws and have them done by mid February or take more time and have the bylaws go into effect for the '18-'19 school year and just add the Senator clause for right now. The changes need to be approved by the end of the school year in order for them to go into effect for next school year.
3. We do not need to approve everything at the same time.

B. Leadership Conference:

1. Dan O'Hara wants to know how much SGA wants to be involved in the spring Leadership Conference. This year it would just be Champlain students and then later add more students from other colleges.
2. Saturday April 8, 2017
3. We could co-sponsor if we would like.
4. First planning committee meeting will be tomorrow at 11-12pm in IDX 309 Conference room.

IV. New Business

- A. Club Handbook Edits: This will be discussed at the beginning of next semester. Sam will be making all the edits and bringing it to the Senate when we get back. Sam is doing a full rewrite to make a better framework. Check in with Ted and Lisa about

what are the top things to have in the handbook and things that need to be added.

B. Office Hours Reflections:

1. Doing office hours in the Women's & Gender Center was more impactful than doing them in the office.
2. It has been to be able to go and talk to students who do not know much about SGA.
3. It is helpful to reach out. Observing is definitely good too. They are beneficial
4. They need to be more structured and a better way to keep people accountable.
5. We need a better share-out system to reflect on what we have learned.
6. Traveling office hours can be kind of awkward and some people did not have a lot of interaction with students coming into Hearthstone.
7. Most times students would recognize the veteran SGA members and the interactions were easier.
8. The calendar was useful for seeing events and where to go.
9. Wear name tags

V. Legislative Acts

A. Bill for Director of Operations

Haley motions to approve Bill for Director of Operations for ; Bayley seconds.

Approve: Aaron, Michael-Paul, Dustin, Hannah, Erin, Kendall, Bayley, Haley, Tyler and David

Opposed: --

Abstained: --

Caitlin Ludke is appointed Director of Operations for the remainder of the 2016-2017 academic year has been approved.

VI. Updates from Cabinet and Senate

A. Office Hours:

1. ITS- The movie event was successful there was more people in Hearthstone than people online. There was popcorn and pizza. There was many questions on the space and the SGA. There was a social media incident about the content of the movie and a student was posting their frustration. Dustin and Aaron addressed his concerns handled the incident well. The programming page banded together to help Dustin and Aaron. There was good discussions after the movie as well.
2. Michael-Paul had a student come into the Hearthstone asking about starting a club for animal breeding.
3. People feel their office hours have been quiet but people are able to answer questions that students have.
4. First Year have their bubble wrap and wings event on Thursday December 8th 5:30-7pm.
5. Bayley had a couple students bring up problems with a professor. There is a professor that is putting material on exams that have not been covered in class or in the textbook.
6. Haley and Logan attended the first Student Library Advisory Committee.

7. Morandah will be meeting with core professors on putting more cultural plans in place to make students better global citizens.
8. Champlain students have been invited to the UVM Fashion Show.
9. Tara and Morandah will be meeting with the UVM SGA the first week of classes next semester to talk about more collaborations.

B. Cabinet Updates:

1. We are planning for next semester.
2. Election committee and leadership dinner planning ideas are underway.
3. Donut Days was successful I recommend doing it a different day because Doughnut Dilemma is not open Mondays. The size of the donuts and the amount was perfect along with the time. 50 mini doughnuts and 10 gluten-free with an event time of 10:45-12:30 PM.
4. Reimbursement deadline is Saturday December 10th 11:59pm. It has been clearly stated that if students do not get the reimbursements in time they will not be processed until after Winter break.

VII. Any Questions? Comments? Other Ideas/Worries?

- A. We should have more social media presence. We could have a pinned post on the Facebook of our faces.
- B. There should be more posters and digital information about who we are especially Senators.
- C. Senators should be posting on the business division pages to make students more aware of who you are.
- D. Having a campaign about who we are with pictures could be helpful. This should happen at the beginning of next semester.
- E. More programming may be helpful

Meeting adjourned at 4:42pm.