



Northern Vermont University – Lyndon

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES September 25, 2019

I. MOTION TO START TONIGHT'S MEETING

- Motion: Curtis Bates, Twilight Players
- Second: Sabra Bronwen, Cultural Ambassador Society
- Call: Alex Huff, Model UN

II. Attendance

- Absent from Meeting:
 - i. Alpha Lambda Delta
 - ii. Outing Club

III. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

- Motion: Sabra Bronwen, Cultural Ambassadors Society
- Second: Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos
- Call: Curtis Bates, Twilight Players

IV. Approval of Updated Agenda

- Motion: Curtis Bates, Twilight Players
- Second: Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos
- Call: Becca, The Critic

V. Student Body Comments

- Elijah Clarke is working on starting a LARPing club and is currently working on a constitution

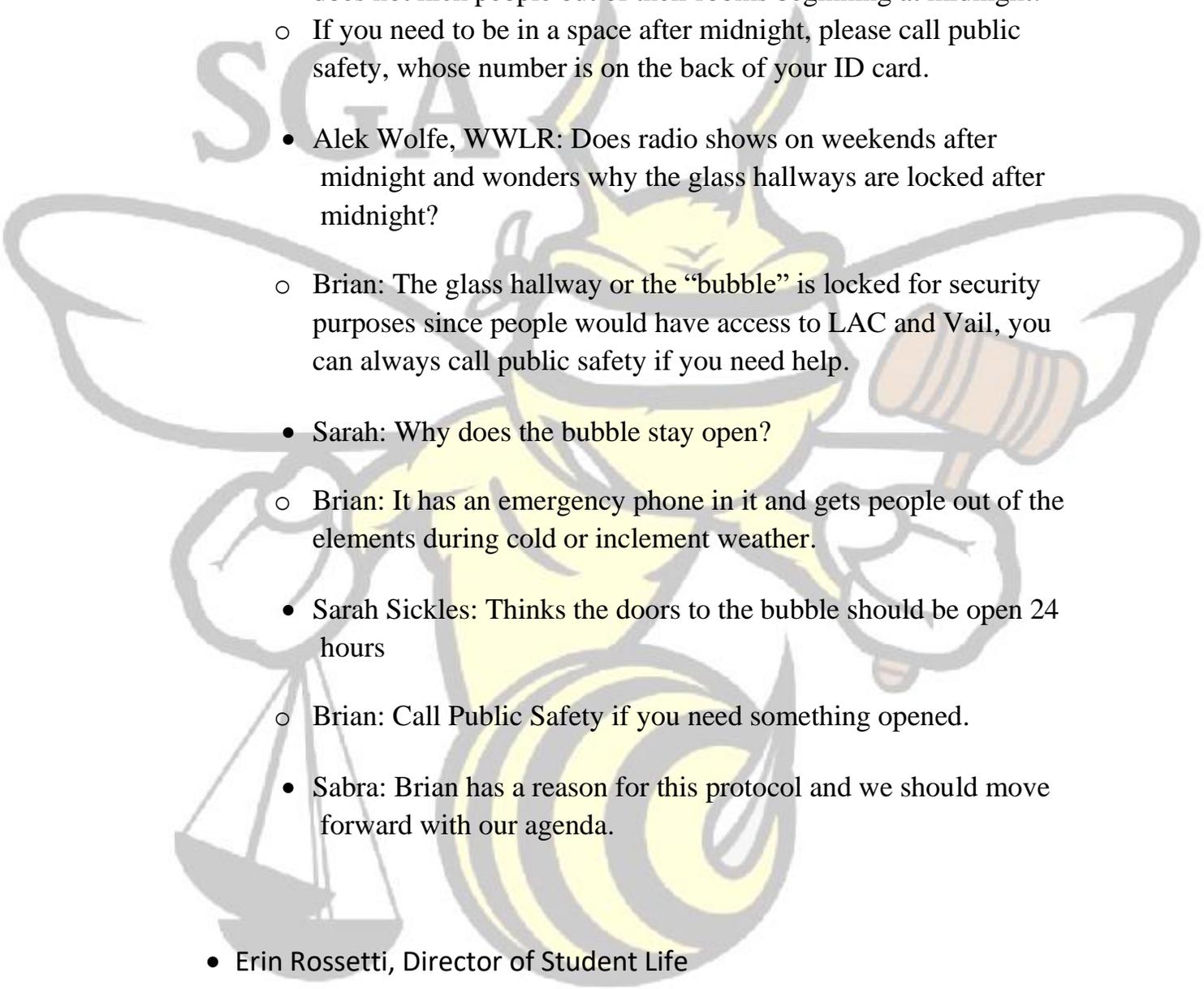
VI. Reports and Presentations

- Brian Michaud, Public Safety
 - Five cars were keyed
 - Multiple areas on campus do not have cameras available so it's hard to determine leads on who may be doing this
 - Alternative funding sources for cameras
 - SGA can make the decision to approve those
 - Wheelock Parking Situation
 - Wheelock residents feel they should have priority for their lot.
 - Originally, the campus had parking lots for their respective residence halls, but the policy has since changed.
 - We are up 11 spots in the Wheelock lot due to how parking spaces in the Wheelock lot were rededicated and there are currently 48

spots in this lot, which is fewer than the total number of residents in Wheelock.

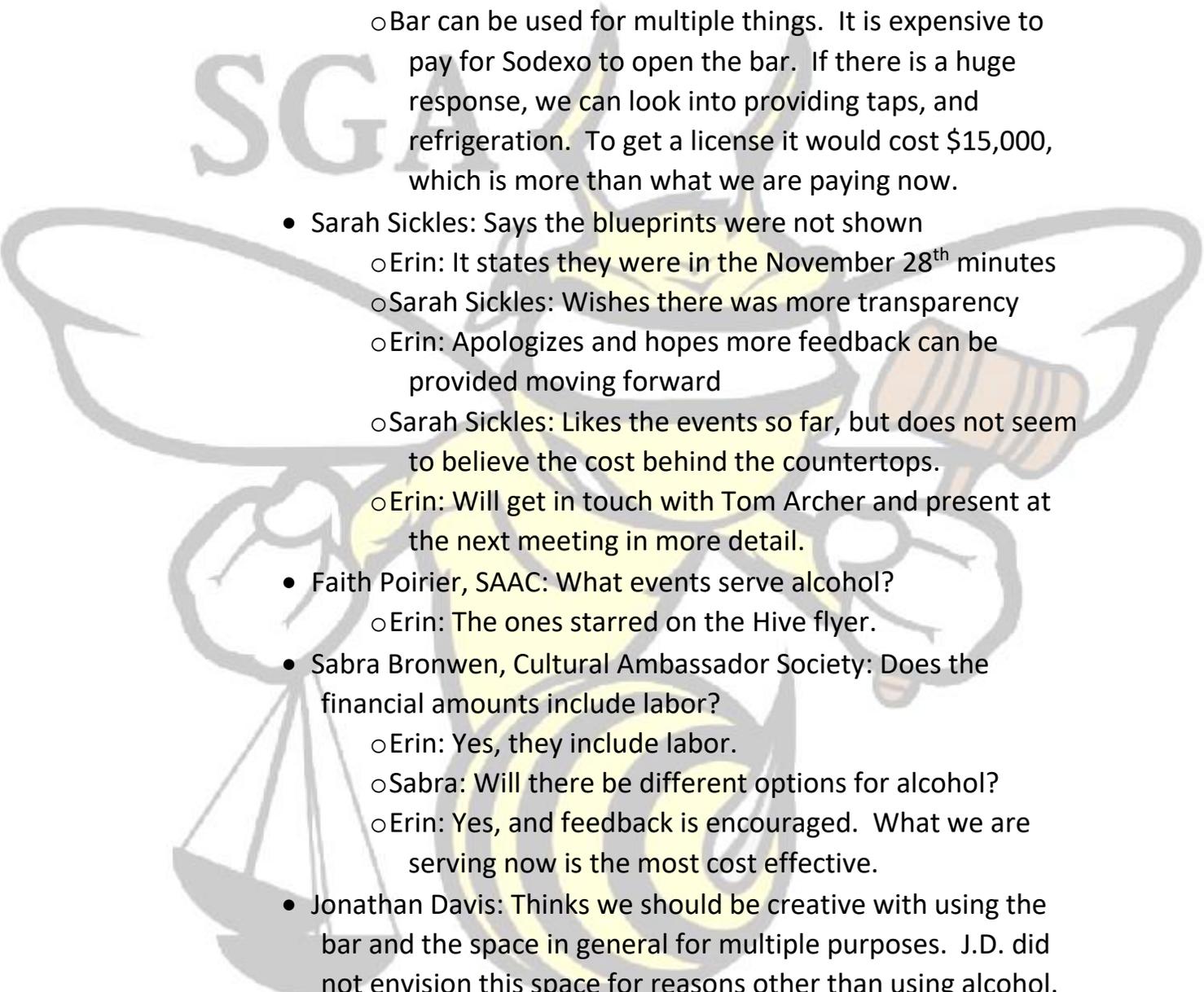
- Questions:
- Max Thurber, NVUnity: Lives in Wheelock and is concerned with the issue of privacy in Wheelock should cameras be placed there.
 - Brian: the cameras on-campus are static and do not rotate and would not be positioned towards Wheelock where one's privacy would be violated.
- Kelsey Emery, Campus Activities Board: There are noises in the boiler room in Wheelock early in the morning that is waking residents up.
 - Brian: the hinges on the door may need to be repositioned to prevent it from slamming so loudly. A work order should be put in so maintenance can look at this.
- Sabra Bronwen, Cultural Ambassadors Society: Team members on Public Safety should hold the doors behind them before they slam.
 - Cones have been placed in Wheelock lot to make sure students are not parking in the striped areas.
 - Signs have been posted behind in the Sodexo lot to discourage students from parking there, as it is reserved for staff.
 - Public Safety does not want to write tickets.
 - Vehicles have been struck in the Wheelock lot by vehicles who have parked in the striped areas.
 - Increases in patrols have taken place to prevent the future keying of cars.
 - However, keying cars is something that can happen quickly.

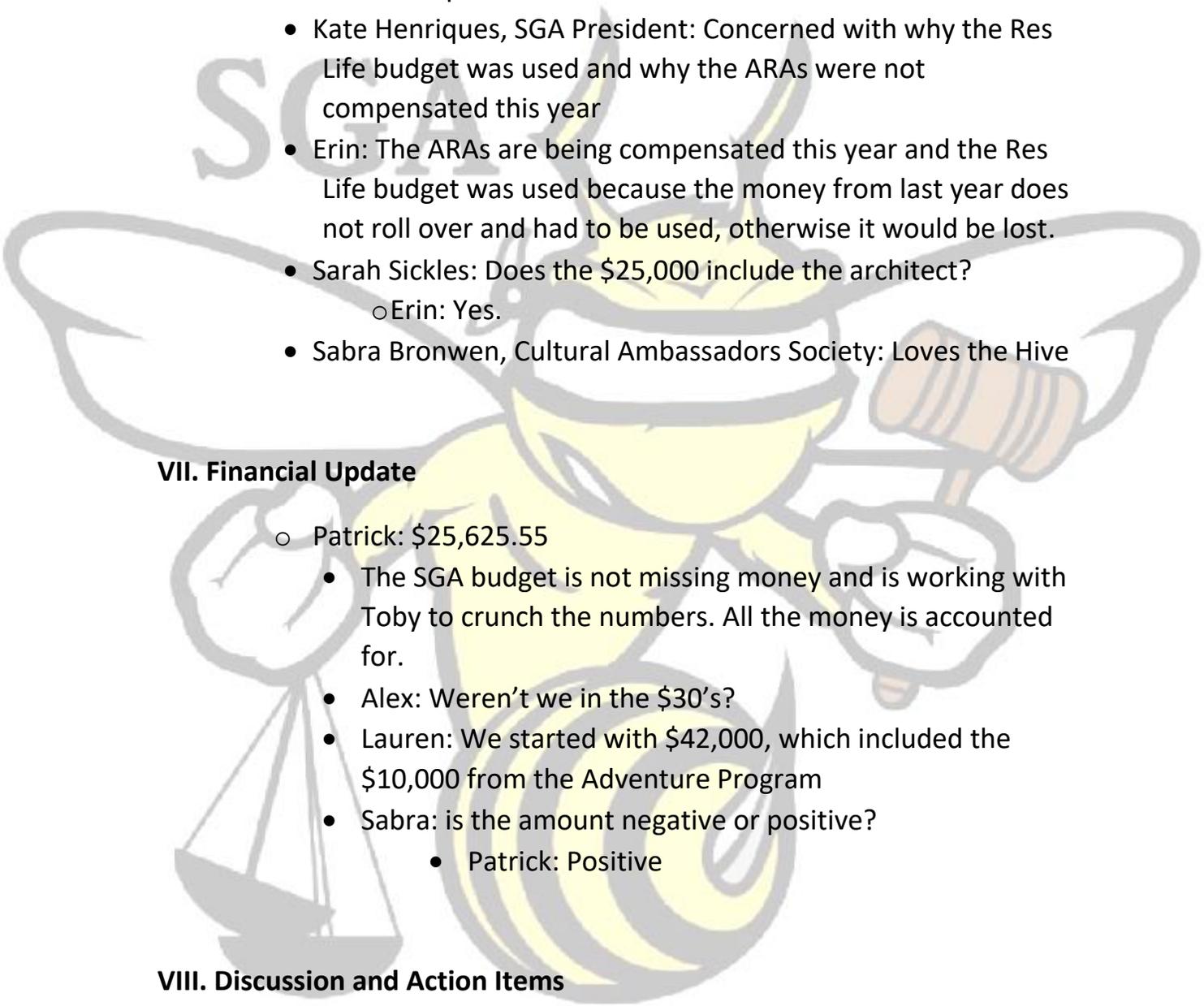
Mike Secreti, Assistant Director of Student Life: When is campus locked up?

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- Brian: campus is locked up at midnight, however public safety does not kick people out of their rooms beginning at midnight.
 - If you need to be in a space after midnight, please call public safety, whose number is on the back of your ID card.
 - Alek Wolfe, WWLR: Does radio shows on weekends after midnight and wonders why the glass hallways are locked after midnight?
 - Brian: The glass hallway or the “bubble” is locked for security purposes since people would have access to LAC and Vail, you can always call public safety if you need help.
 - Sarah: Why does the bubble stay open?
 - Brian: It has an emergency phone in it and gets people out of the elements during cold or inclement weather.
 - Sarah Sickles: Thinks the doors to the bubble should be open 24 hours
 - Brian: Call Public Safety if you need something opened.
 - Sabra: Brian has a reason for this protocol and we should move forward with our agenda.
 - Erin Rossetti, Director of Student Life
 - Updates on The Hive
 - March 2018
 - CAB had a large balance that had to be accounted for

- They decided to allocate \$25,000 to a 'campus pub' project
- Jade Cota was the president of CAB
- Allows for on-campus programming, open mic nights, safe drinking, etc.
 - Summer 2018
- Statement of Purpose
 - Co-locate all areas of Student Life for better colleague collaboration for enhanced student support and experience
- Fall 2018
- Presented at 2 SGA meetings (October 3rd and November 28th)
- Per physical plant request, an architect was hired to explore the space and provide suggestions regarding existing space and needs.
 - Spring-Summer 2019
- Contractors hired and work completed in The Hive
 - Counters by Design, LLC (bar top, cabinets in 'inner area') - \$14,840
 - Sorrell Plumbing (sink/food prep area) - \$3,025.50
 - E.H. Danson and Associates Architect - \$2,403.20 and \$3,721.75
 - \$2,403.20 – initial consultation and conceptual design work
 - \$3,721.75 – construction design
 - Legacy Design (Hive decals on walls and doors) - \$489
 - Rugs, curtains, plants - \$522.93
 - Total: \$25,002.38
- Other expenses: 3 TVs and brackets - \$2236.29 (Residential Life)
- FYE
 - Fall 2019
- Grand Opening – August 29th – (150 attendees)

- Hosted 10 events in August-September with approximately 300 attendees overall
- 9 events planned for October and November
- What's next?
 - Continued improvements (photos and admission use)
 - Event suggestions
 - External Use
 - Growth of the space
- Policy enables all students, regardless of whether they are of drinking age, are able to interact with each other
 - Questions?
- Sabra Bronwen, Cultural Ambassadors Society: A fireplace would be cool, but she wonders how the doors would be switched around, is it possible to include the fireplace?
 - Erin: the fireplace plan was expensive and isn't on their radar in the near future. It would be up to CAB and SGA to provide funding.
- Kate Henriques, SGA President: Will Sodexo do cocktails or mixed drinks?
 - Erin: It depends on Sodexo's policy and it is something we can explore.
- Alex Da Silva, Ultimate Frisbee: What is the square footage of counter top space?
 - Erin: She is not sure, but can provide that
- Alex Da Silva, Ultimate Frisbee: number seems high
 - Erin: There is quite a bit of countertop space in the back room and she will ask Tom Archer for more specifics and bring it back to the next meeting.
- Kelsey Emery, Campus Activities Board: Wishes the students on SGA from last year should have had an opportunity to view the blueprints
 - Erin: Brought and passed around the blueprints at previous SGA minutes

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- Kelsey: Did not see these
 - Erin: The plans were shared
 - Alex Da Silva, Ultimate Frisbee: Why are so few events using the bar space?
 - Bar can be used for multiple things. It is expensive to pay for Sodexo to open the bar. If there is a huge response, we can look into providing taps, and refrigeration. To get a license it would cost \$15,000, which is more than what we are paying now.
 - Sarah Sickles: Says the blueprints were not shown
 - Erin: It states they were in the November 28th minutes
 - Sarah Sickles: Wishes there was more transparency
 - Erin: Apologizes and hopes more feedback can be provided moving forward
 - Sarah Sickles: Likes the events so far, but does not seem to believe the cost behind the countertops.
 - Erin: Will get in touch with Tom Archer and present at the next meeting in more detail.
 - Faith Poirier, SAAC: What events serve alcohol?
 - Erin: The ones starred on the Hive flyer.
 - Sabra Bronwen, Cultural Ambassador Society: Does the financial amounts include labor?
 - Erin: Yes, they include labor.
 - Sabra: Will there be different options for alcohol?
 - Erin: Yes, and feedback is encouraged. What we are serving now is the most cost effective.
 - Jonathan Davis: Thinks we should be creative with using the bar and the space in general for multiple purposes. J.D. did not envision this space for reasons other than using alcohol.
 - Alex Da Silva, Ultimate Frisbee: Agrees with J.D., but the bar area is usually locked
 - Erin: To use it, it just needs to be reserved in advance

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- Alex Da Silva, Ultimate Frisbee: Do you know what the costs would be if we went with the architect's plans?
 - Erin: Does not recall, but it was significantly more money than what was paid for.
 - Kate Henriques, SGA President: Concerned with why the Res Life budget was used and why the ARAs were not compensated this year
 - Erin: The ARAs are being compensated this year and the Res Life budget was used because the money from last year does not roll over and had to be used, otherwise it would be lost.
 - Sarah Sickles: Does the \$25,000 include the architect?
 - Erin: Yes.
 - Sabra Bronwen, Cultural Ambassadors Society: Loves the Hive

VII. Financial Update

- Patrick: \$25,625.55
 - The SGA budget is not missing money and is working with Toby to crunch the numbers. All the money is accounted for.
 - Alex: Weren't we in the \$30's?
 - Lauren: We started with \$42,000, which included the \$10,000 from the Adventure Program
 - Sabra: is the amount negative or positive?
 - Patrick: Positive

VIII. Discussion and Action Items

- Sarah Sickles is running for class Representative of 2021
 - Elected Reps: 2 no, 1 yes

○ Club Reps: 10 no, 7 yes, 1 abstain

- Vote did not pass and Sarah Sickles will not be a class representative.

IX. Other Business

- Kate Henriques, SGA President: Meeting with the Presidents went great!
 - Agenda and minutes will be posted in the minutes
 - Sabra Bronwen, Cultural Ambassadors Society: We discussed the lack of engagement on-campus and feels clubs need to support other clubs. We also talked about word of mouth and letting students know what's happening.
 - Alex Da Silva, Ultimate Frisbee: Issue is with the campus pride since the unification. However, the meeting with Jeb Spaulding got people together and passionate about the campus. We need to bring back some "Lyndon pride" to get students excited again.
- Patrick Wickstrom: Working with clubs to make sure their budget is in line
 - Please attend the meeting of the treasurers meeting on Tuesday, 10/1 in T202 at 11:30 and come prepared with a budget so the SGA knows how money will be spent
 - Sabra Bronwen, Cultural Ambassadors Society: What if a club does not have a budget?
 - Patrick: Will work with that, it will help SGA be efficient with money
 - Becca, The Critic: What if you do not have a treasurer?
 - Patrick: The president was e-mailed, but you should send a representative.
 - Kyla Smith, Veterans Association: What if the treasurer cannot attend?
 - Patrick: Send a representative.

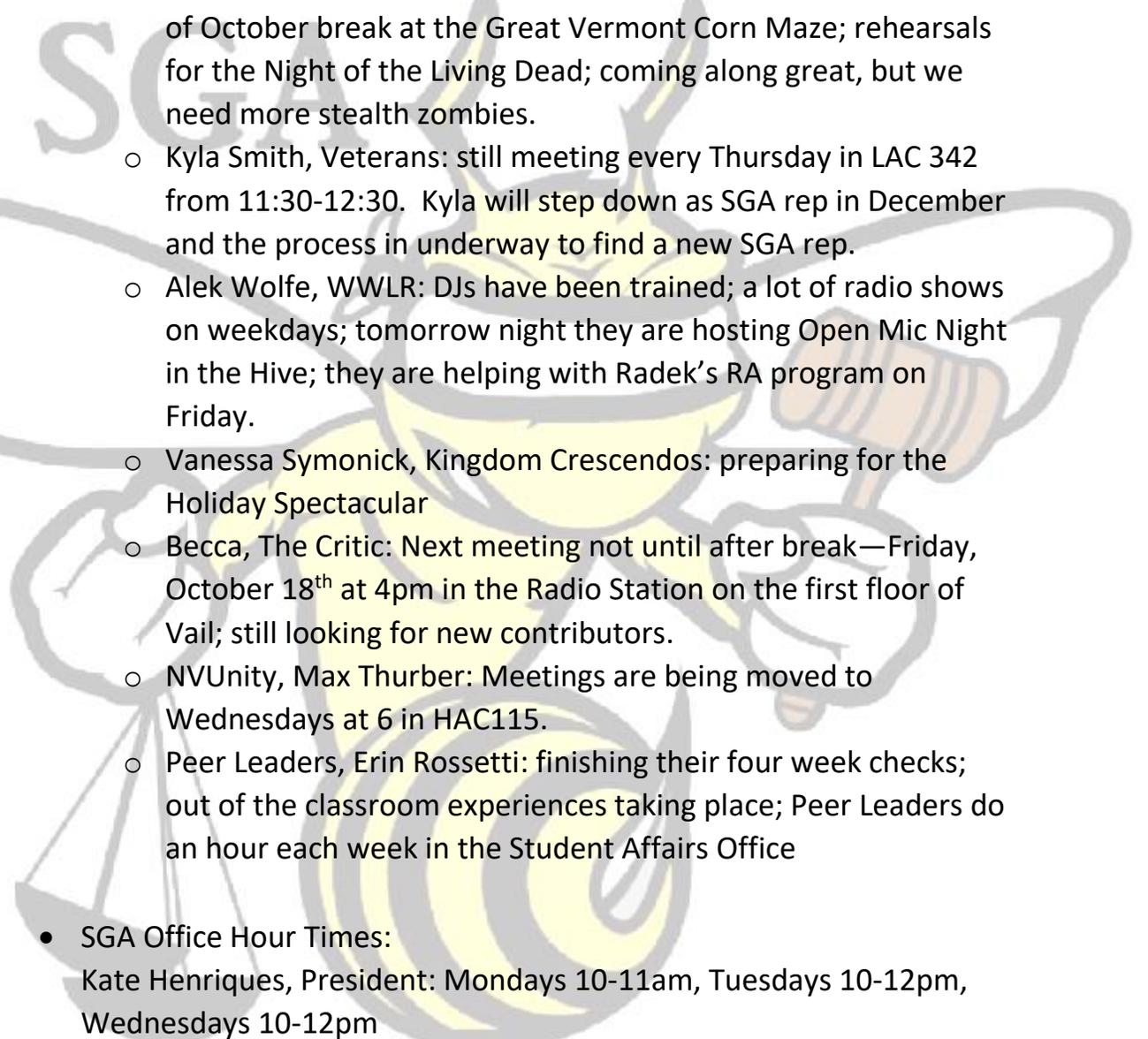
- Trunk or Treat: happened in Lyndonville in the park across from little White's (Bandstand Park on Park Avenue)
 - Will take place on Halloween. To take place, e-mail info@lyndonvermont.edu to participate
 - Kate: plans going with SGA as an executive board
 - Curtis: Will it interfere with Night of the Living Dead? Opening night is Halloween.
 - Erin: last year, set-up started at 4 and went from 5-7:30
- Poster Policy is in effect
 - The SGA logo needs to be on your poster.
 - Poster should be school appropriate, have correct information, and include the SGA logo.
 - Flyers not in compliance will be taken down.
 - Send poster to SGA at least 7 days in advance to make sure it is included in social media, in The Buzz, etc.
- Leadership Conference: November 16th at NVU-Lyndon. Sign-ups at www.lyndonleadershipconference.com
- Sabra: info on the website?
 - Kate: Yes
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X. Club and Committee Updates

- Patrick Wickstrom, 10 Percent Committee: they are scheduled to meet next week. If you have suggestions, please e-mail Patrick, SGA, Alex D. or JD
- Kelsey Emery, CAB: Open Mic Night with WWLR tomorrow; Samuel Comroe Comedian Friday; Saturday is the Fenway Park Trip; October 1st – DIY Decorative Mugs; October 3rd – Mean Girls Day in the Hive
- Lauren Cornell, RAs: Erin e-mailed about the closing procedure for the October break. The break housing will be sent out by Wednesday, October 2nd. RAs will be doing health and safety

inspections so make sure your room and suite is up to code. Dining hall closed Friday, October 4th and reopens October 13th. Res Halls reopen at 9am on October 13th. Past programs have gone well and had great attendance. Erica & Patrick have their program on Friday at 7pm to teach people of cooking safety and sushi prep. Radek has his event—DeStress Fest outside of Wheelock at 5pm

- Erin: Heat was turned on Tuesday. Please keep your windows closed.
- Sarah Sickles: No heat was coming out her room in Wheelock
- Erin: Will send in a request to have maintenance to look at this
- Faith, SAAC: have Not officially met yet; looking for people to represent their sport; no new updates
- Olivia Hoag, Genealogy: Had their first meeting; 4 new people showed up; tomorrow's meeting has been cancelled and the next meeting will be Oct. 17 at 7pm in the Vermont Room.
- Lauren: AMS: Mount Washington Hike this Saturday, otherwise no new updates.
- Alex Da Silva, Ultimate Frisbee: Will use the rugby field 4pm-6pm on Thursdays for practice
- Zach, Sports Management: Next meeting is tomorrow at 1pm instead of Friday.
- PK, Ski/Ride: "shop and ski" trip; hoodie designs; glacier prep is underway.
- Ben, Rugby: Game this Sunday at MCLA; alumni game went great.
- Sports Med, Taner Onor: Walk through the trails and hike over the break.
- Gaming Club: No new updates.
- CAS: need more numbers; some exec positions filled
- Model UN, Alex Huff: One new person keeps showing up with each meeting; introductory meetings are wrapping up.

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- MEISA, Katelyn Gillette: Oktoberfest went well, but would have liked a bigger turnout. Please complete the GreggFest survey.
 - Curtis, Twilight Players: 50th anniversary cabaret during alumni weekend, went well; first fundraiser the first and last weekend of October break at the Great Vermont Corn Maze; rehearsals for the Night of the Living Dead; coming along great, but we need more stealth zombies.
 - Kyla Smith, Veterans: still meeting every Thursday in LAC 342 from 11:30-12:30. Kyla will step down as SGA rep in December and the process is underway to find a new SGA rep.
 - Alek Wolfe, WWLR: DJs have been trained; a lot of radio shows on weekdays; tomorrow night they are hosting Open Mic Night in the Hive; they are helping with Radek's RA program on Friday.
 - Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos: preparing for the Holiday Spectacular
 - Becca, The Critic: Next meeting not until after break—Friday, October 18th at 4pm in the Radio Station on the first floor of Vail; still looking for new contributors.
 - NVUnity, Max Thurber: Meetings are being moved to Wednesdays at 6 in HAC115.
 - Peer Leaders, Erin Rossetti: finishing their four week checks; out of the classroom experiences taking place; Peer Leaders do an hour each week in the Student Affairs Office
 - SGA Office Hour Times:
 - Kate Henriques, President: Mondays 10-11am, Tuesdays 10-12pm, Wednesdays 10-12pm
 - Ben Mitchell, Executive Vice President: Mondays 2:30-5pm, Tuesdays 10-12:30pm
 - Patrick Wickstrom, Financial Controller: Tuesdays 1:45-3:45pm, Thursdays 3:30-4:30, Fridays 1-3pm

XI. Adjourn

Motion: Alex Da Silva, Ultimate Frisbee

Second: Sabra Bronwen, Cultural Ambassadors Society

Call: Max Thurber, NVUnity

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