



Northern Vermont University – Lyndon

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING March 4, 2020

I. Motion to Start Meeting

- a. Motion: Alex DaSilva, Ultimate Frisbee
Second: Curtis Bates, Twilight Players
Call: Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos
- b. All agreed to start meeting.
Meeting started at 8:02PM.

II. Attendance

- a. Absent
 - i. Peer Leaders

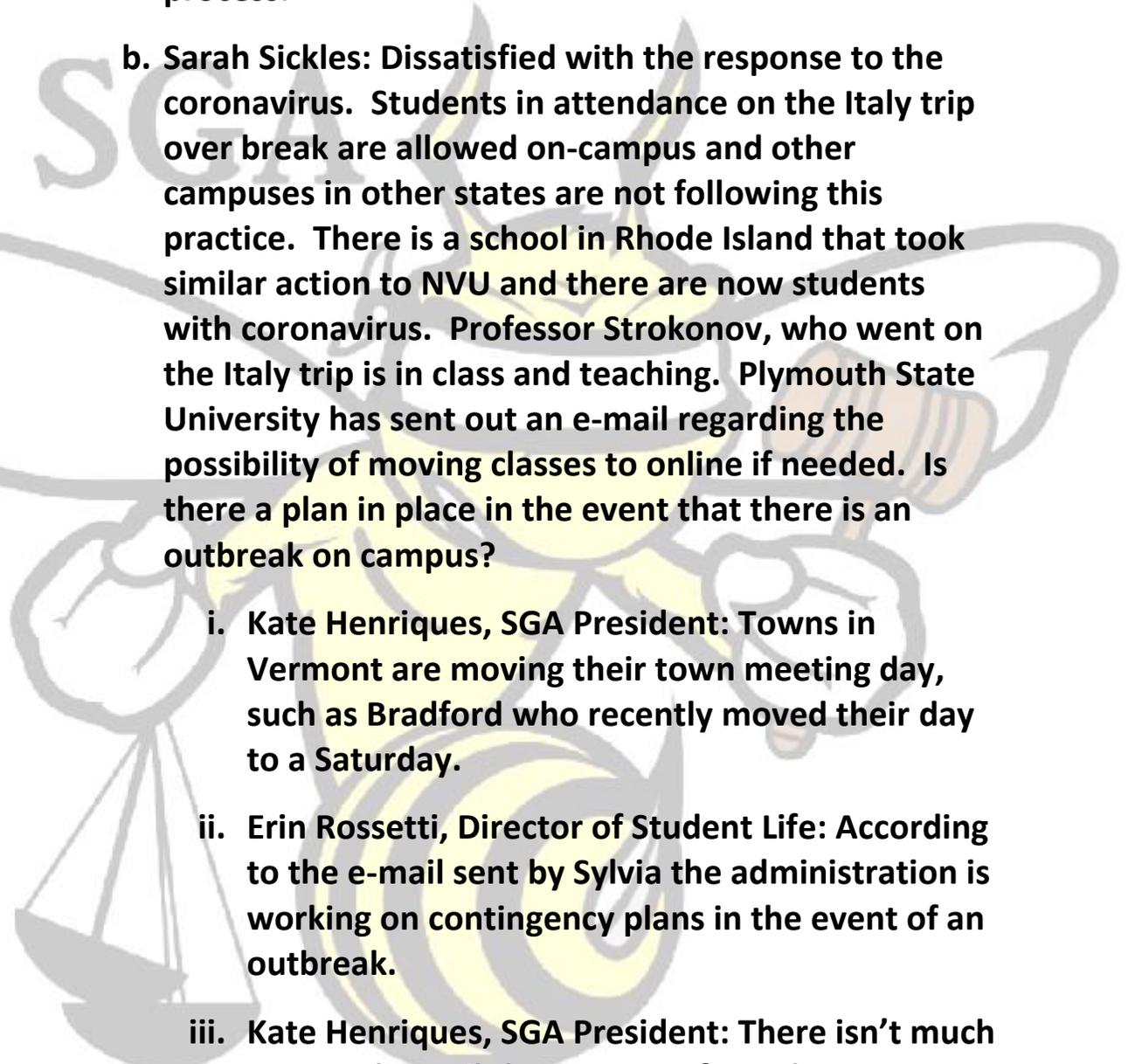
III. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

- a. Motion: Curtis Bates, Twilight Players
Second: Becca Fauteux, The Critic
Call: Brook Gentry, Ski & Ride
- b. All approved last meeting's minutes.

IV. Motion to amend

- a. Motion: Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos
Second: David Parady, Gaming Community
Call: Faith Poirier, SAAC

V. Student Body Comments

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- a. Sarah Sickles: Has there ever been talk of having Town Meeting Day off? Vermont students should have the ability to be part of the community voting process.**
- b. Sarah Sickles: Dissatisfied with the response to the coronavirus. Students in attendance on the Italy trip over break are allowed on-campus and other campuses in other states are not following this practice. There is a school in Rhode Island that took similar action to NVU and there are now students with coronavirus. Professor Strokonov, who went on the Italy trip is in class and teaching. Plymouth State University has sent out an e-mail regarding the possibility of moving classes to online if needed. Is there a plan in place in the event that there is an outbreak on campus?**
- i. Kate Henriques, SGA President: Towns in Vermont are moving their town meeting day, such as Bradford who recently moved their day to a Saturday.**
 - ii. Erin Rossetti, Director of Student Life: According to the e-mail sent by Sylvia the administration is working on contingency plans in the event of an outbreak.**
 - iii. Kate Henriques, SGA President: There isn't much we can do until there is a confirmed case.**
 - iv. Sarah Sickles: There is a lack of transparency in regards to the coronavirus and it is making students fearful.**

c. Kelsey Emery, CAB: Can Erin Rossetti and Mike Secreti use the microphone so they can be heard on the Facebook live video?

i. Kate Henriques, SGA President: Yes, they can do that.

d. David Pardy, Gaming Community: The Vermont Department of Health would step in in the event we are not following best practices.

e. Sarah Sickles: NVU should still be taking further actions

f. Renee Chaples, Class of 2023: Student Services has made a student feel uncomfortable by misusing their pronouns even after being corrected.

g. Renee Chaples, Class of 2023: Dining Hall closes too early and does not allow students enough time to eat when getting out of class. Many students get out of class at 6:45 and she suggests the Dining Hall close at 7:30.

i. Erin Rossetti, Director of Student Life: This was a question asked a few years ago in the Student Satisfaction Survey, however we can include this question again in the Student Satisfaction survey to see if students need the Dining Hall open later

ii. Kate Henriques, SGA President: In terms of Student Services, students can enter their preferred name and pronouns online.

1. Renee Chaples, Class of 2023: This particular student has done this, but Student Services has not respected that.

h. Renee Chaples, Class of 2023: Menus online in the Dining Hall are inaccurate.

i. Kelsey Emery, CAB: During Lent, there are limited options for students who do not eat meat.

ii. Erin Rossetti, Director of Student Life: This is something us and Jonathan can bring back to Sodexo.

i. Ricky Dialessi: In regards to the coronavirus, students on the abroad trip were in regions that specifically had the coronavirus. Students are afraid of the disease being transmitted. Students who were in Italy should wear masks when on-campus.

j. Katie Flannigan, Class of 2023: Computers in the library are not working as quickly as they used to and are not working as fast as those in the Harvey Academic Center. Concerned about the quality of online courses.

i. Ryan Sweatt, Senior Desktop Support: I.T. will look into the condition of the library computers.

ii. Kate Henriques: there will be a session hosted by Provost Nolan Atkins to discuss any academic-related concerns on Thursday, March 5th in ASAC 216.

k. Mary Berger, NVUnity: As a graphic design student, she is frustrated when students use the HAC computers who are not associated with majors in which they need Adobe-related programs. Agrees that we could have a wider array of computers available.

l. Renee Chaples, Class of 2023: There is a rumor that the computers in HAC will be updated over the summer.

i. Ryan Sweatt, Senior Desktop Support: In regards to the Adobe Creative Cloud is that the computers could automatically update, but if that was done there would be inconsistencies among the computers. The project over the summer to upgrade the HAC computers will upgrade all those computers simultaneously.

ii. Renee Chaples, Class of 2023: It is important that students in all majors are getting the necessary technology upgrades when needed.

iii. Ryan Sweatt, Senior Desktop Support: I.T. is seeking ways to provide students with universal access to technology.

m. Katie Flannigan, Class of 2023: Not super concerned with the coronavirus, but is more concerned with the flu. If you wash your hands and take extra precautions, students should be fine.

n. Pete Cormier, WWLR: Professor Strokonov will protect his students in regards to the coronavirus.

Professor Strokonov is not going to put students in harm. It's the same group of students who start rumors that create panic. If issues are enough to complain about on social media, come to meetings to voice your concerns.

o. Kate Henriques, SGA President: put an 'end' to discussion about the coronavirus and will be sharing those concerns with administration

p. David Pardy, Gaming Community: The doors to the theater area have been locked at midnight.

i. Katelyn Gillette, MEISA: Public Safety locks the doors to the theater area at 12 midnight for safety purposes. If students need to get through, they can contact Public Safety.

q. Curtis Bates, Twilight Players: Where is Patrick [Wickstrom] tonight?

i. Kate Henriques, SGA President: he is taking a personal day.

VI. Reports and Presentations

a. Financial Update

i. Mike Secreti, Assistant Director of Student Life: there have been no changes to the available balance and it remains at \$11,592.11; the total balance is now down to \$29,593.28, which is due to some purchases made for Spring Day

VII. Discussion and Action Items

a. Sports Medicine Club Financial Request

i. Faith Poirier: Requesting funding for CPR and AED courses

- 1. Students need it for job opportunities on- and off-campus**
- 2. Great knowledge for any population**
- 3. Will be offered free to students**
- 4. Basic Life Support (BLS):**
 - a. Designed for health care professionals and other personnel who need to perform CPR and rescue breathing**
- 5. Three CPR/AED courses to be available and one Basic Life Support course to be available**
 - a. Melodee Joy, a current student, would be the instructor of the courses**
- 6. Total amount being requested is \$1,500, which includes heart saver cards, AED rentals, face shields, BLS exams, and payment to instructor**
- 7. Motion to move to discussion:**
 - a. Motion: Alex Huff, Model UN
Second: Elijah Clarke, LyndonHEIM
Call: Curtis Bates, Twilight Players**

b. Question:

i. Alex Huff, Model UN: Why not spend money in your club account?

1. Alisha Celley, Sports Medicine: saving their money for Spring Day

ii. Renee Chaples, Class of 2023: How will sign-ups be collected?

1. Alisha Celley, Sports Medicine: first-come, first-serve basis

iii. Curtis Bates, Twilight Players: What is the process for signing up for the BLS training?

1. Alisha Celley, Sports Medicine: sign-ups for BLS will be open to those in the health care fields first

8. Motion to vote

First: Lauren Hyde, American Meteorological Society

Second: Elijah Clarke, LyndonHEIM

Call: David Parady, Gaming Community

9. Vote Passes (92.5%)

a. Elected Representatives:

SGA



i. 4 yes, 1 abstain

b. Club Representatives:

i. 16 yes, 3 no, 1 abstain

b. Student Activities Account Update and Discussion

i. Michael Secreti, Assistant Director of Student Life

- 1. Heard back from NVU Financial Controller Toby Stewart yesterday (March 3rd)**
- 2. He and his team are still crunching the numbers, but are almost finished.**
- 3. Jonathan Davis, Erin Rossetti, Michael Secreti, and Patrick Wickstrom have requested a meeting with Toby once the numbers are available to understand their findings**

VI. Other Business

a. Constitution Changes

a. Kate Henriques, SGA President: if students have any concerns with the SGA Constitution, please let the SGA know

b. Elections

a. Michael Secreti, Assistant Director of Student Life: Petitions are due Monday, March 16th, the Open Forum is Thursday, March 19th during the

community hour in ASAC 100, and Elections will be the week of March 23rd.

b. Kate Henriques, SGA President: voting will include Constitution changes.

c. Kate Henriques, SGA President: being on the SGA Executive Board is a rewarding experience and a great way to give back to the student body and build leadership skills

VII. Club and Committee Updates

a. Lauren Cornell, 10 Percent Committee: ordered Kleenex tissues to provide in the classrooms; working to provide feminine products for free to students

b. Lauren Cornell, Resident Assistants: Deposit Party is March 17th; Keegan will have an Irish Culture Program on March 16th in the Arnold lounge; Arnold/Bayley will have a Shamrock Shake program on March 19th; Poland/Rogers will have a 'Diversity Waffles' Program on March 24th in the Rogers Lounge; Dakotah will have a program on March 27th with NVUnity; Kate will have a program on March 31st; Radek will have a program on April 16th; R.A. Applications are due Monday, March 9th, and Group Process will be on Wednesday, March 11th

c. Emery, CAB: Open Mic Night on Thursday, March 5th with WWLR; Movie Night on Friday, March 6th; Springfield Thunderbirds Hockey trip on Saturday, March 7th; Create your Own Pillows on Tuesday, March 10th; Paint 'n Sip on Thursday, March 12th; Burlington Trip on Saturday, March 14th; LinkedIn Headshots Event

during the Career Fair on Tuesday, March 17th; Open positions include the Vice-President and Secretary positions; Elections for next year will be Monday, March 23rd in the Alumni Dining Room

- d. Faith, SAAC: Meetings Friday, March 6th and Friday, March 20th 1pm-2pm; sports teams want students to travel to closer away games to support them
- e. Radek, CAS: no new updates; seeking to build executive board
- f. Pete, WWLR: helping with Open Mic Night; taking students to a media conference in April at UVM
- g. Hyde, AMS: NESC Conference this weekend (March 6-8)
- h. DaSilva, Ultimate: has new logo; will be practicing at Fenton Chester Arena on Fridays beginning March 20th
- i. Lauryn Brown, Genealogy: meeting on Thursday
- j. Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos: preparing for spring performance/fundraiser
- k. Jesse Munroe; Student Investment: meeting moved to ASAC 206
- l. Tristan Robison, Outing Club: meeting Tuesdays at 8pm; looking to do a trip to Smuggler's Notch
- m. Jayson Perron, Rugby: Snow Bowl on March 28th; doing matches as part of developmental league; alumni game the last weekend of April
- n. Zach Coolbeth, Sports Management: hasn't met since break, but their next meeting is Friday, March 6th

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- o. Alisha Celley, Sports Medicine: working to place CPR/AED trainings**
 - p. Elijah Clarke, LyndonHEIM: Practices on Thursdays at 3:30 in Bole Gym; had first 'build day' before break**
 - q. David Parady, Gaming Community: 12-Hour Lock-In coming up**
 - r. Mary Berger, NVUnity: Pride Week coming up on the week of March 23rd with different events each day, all are welcome to attend the events**
 - s. Katelyn Gillette, MEISA: GreggFest Kickoff party on March 26th in Hornet's Nest at 7pm; looking for people interested in security for GreggFest**
 - t. Alex Huff, Peer Leaders: many Peer Leaders have events happening this week and next; Peer Leader applications are due March 9th**
 - u. Alex Huff, Model UN: went to a conference in Boston and it was a very interesting experience**
 - v. Thomasina Glenn, Dance Ensemble: Recital March 21st at 7pm in the Theater; the Dancing with the Presidents event was fun and there are plans to do it again next year**
 - w. Becca Fauteux, The Critic: Critic is hoping to bring students to the media conference in April at UVM, along with WWLR; next meeting is Friday at 4pm at the Radio Station**

- x. **Brook Gentry, Ski & Ride: worked with glacier earlier today; Smuggler's Trip on Saturday, March 7th; Bolton Night Skiing on March 21st; Colorado trip was successful**
- y. **Curtis Bates, Twilight Players: Build Dates are coming up to build the set for 'Carrie'. Murder Mystery Night is on March 21st at Catamount Arts and admission is \$10; shows for next year are 'The Country Wife' (Fall 2020) and 'Reefer Madness' (Spring 2021)**
- z. **Katie Flannigan, Class of 2023: no new updates, if you know anyone who wants anything shared let me know**
 - aa. **Renee Chaples, Class of 2023: recently met with several clubs including MEISA, WWLR, CAS, Dance Ensemble; wants people to let her know about attending club meeting; reached out to Erin Rossetti to discuss first-year programming and Katy Ebner to discuss funding for Adventure Programming**

VIII. Adjourn

- a. **Motion: Curtis Bates, Twilight Players
Second: Thomasina Glenn, Dance Ensemble
Call: Kelsey Emery, CAB**
- b. **All agreed to end tonight's meeting. Meeting ended at 9:17PM.**