



Northern Vermont University – Lyndon

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING November 4, 2020

I. Motion to Start Meeting

- a. Motion: Stephen Sandor, Resident Assistants
Second: Dan Carneiro, CAB
Call: Jesse Munroe, Student Investment
- b. All agreed to start meeting. Meeting started at 8:03PM.

II. Attendance

- a. Absent
 - i. Ski & Ride Club
 - ii. SAAC
 - iii. Peer Leaders

III. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

- a. Motion: Jesse Munroe, Student Investment
Second: Alex Huff, Model U.N.
Call: David Pardy, Gaming Club
- b. All agreed to approve last meeting's minutes

IV. Student Body Comments

- a. No comments

V. Reports and Presentations

a. Student Activities Budget

i. Results from Last Week:

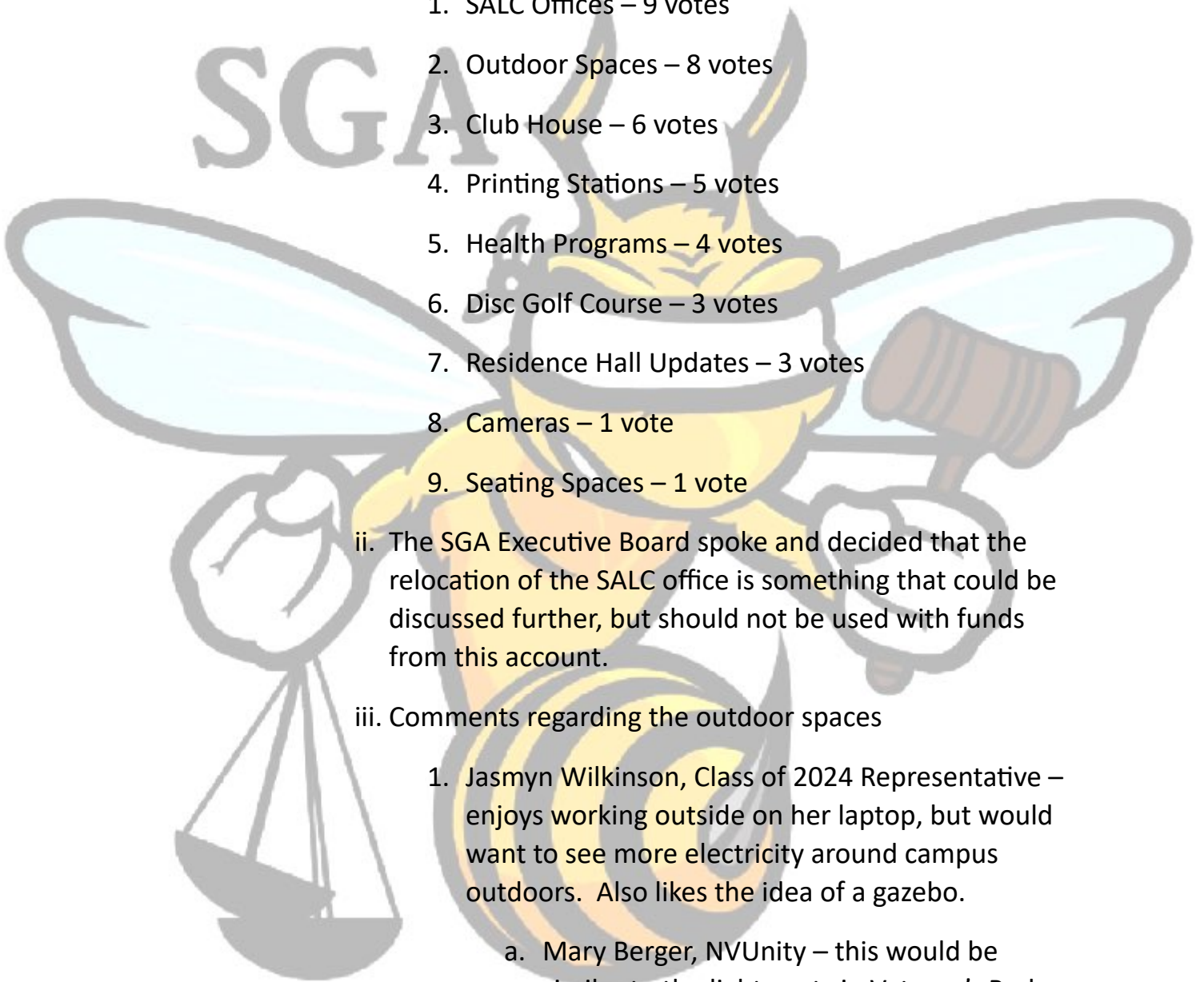
1. SALC Offices – 9 votes
2. Outdoor Spaces – 8 votes
3. Club House – 6 votes
4. Printing Stations – 5 votes
5. Health Programs – 4 votes
6. Disc Golf Course – 3 votes
7. Residence Hall Updates – 3 votes
8. Cameras – 1 vote
9. Seating Spaces – 1 vote

ii. The SGA Executive Board spoke and decided that the relocation of the SALC office is something that could be discussed further, but should not be used with funds from this account.

iii. Comments regarding the outdoor spaces

1. Jasmyn Wilkinson, Class of 2024 Representative – enjoys working outside on her laptop, but would want to see more electricity around campus outdoors. Also likes the idea of a gazebo.
 - a. Mary Berger, NVUnity – this would be similar to the light posts in Veteran’s Park
2. Jesse Munroe, Student Investment – likes the idea of a gazebo or common area for students. We have areas like the skate park and basketball

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court, and wants to see a new area dedicated to a new activity.

3. Ben LeBeau, MEISA – likes those ideas as well, especially a gazebo; likes the idea of additional tables around campus; suggests additional seating in the firepit area, possibility built into the hill

4. Adrienne Hutchin, Nontraditional Student Representative – anything outside with a cover and access to electricity would be beneficial to commuters

5. Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos – has had issues with connecting to the internet in outdoor spaces, and would want to see improvements in the WiFi

6. Alex Therriault – wants to see more lighting outdoors

7. Stephen Sandor, Resident Assistants – believes a gazebo could be used as a club space as well

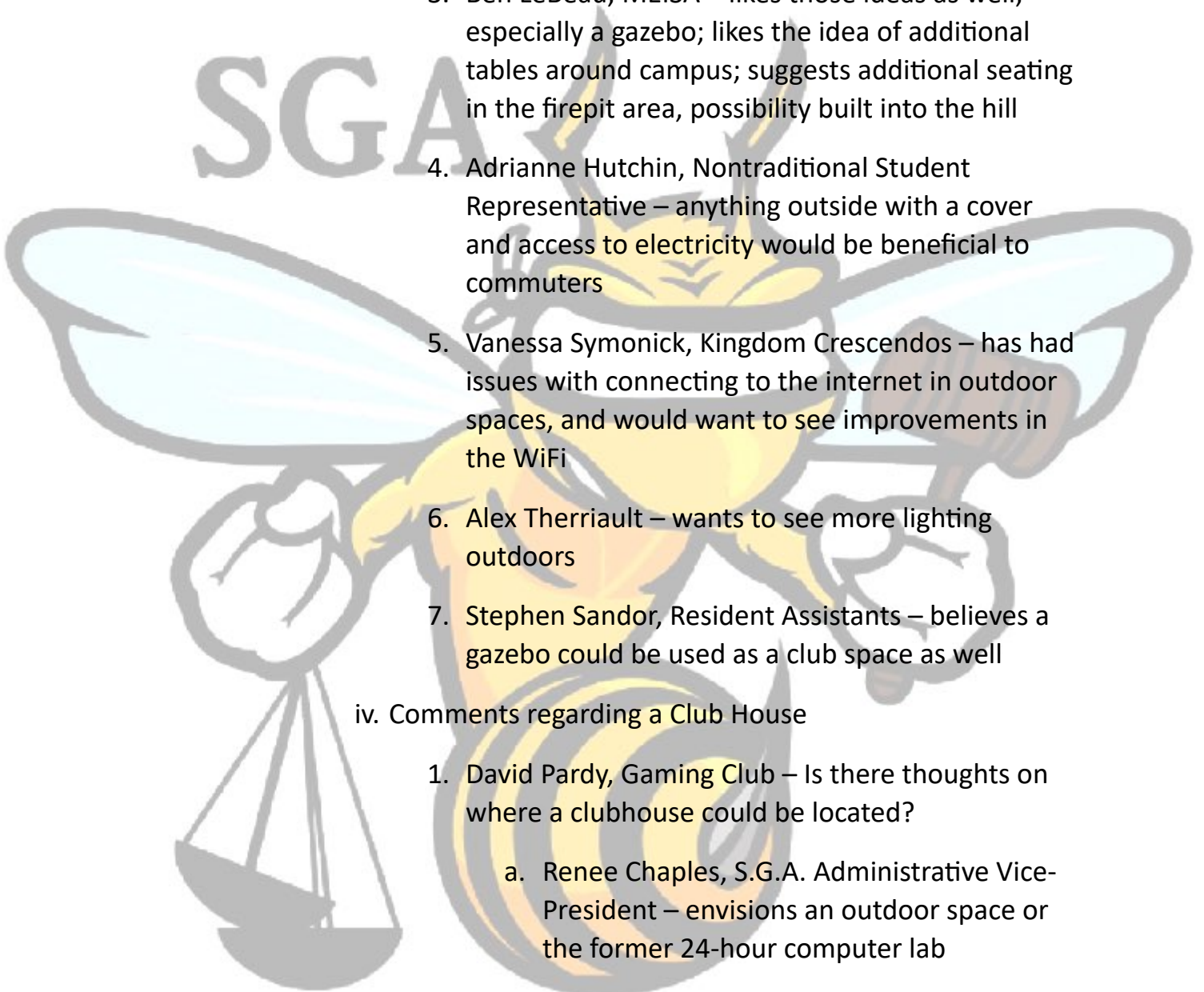
iv. Comments regarding a Club House

1. David Pardy, Gaming Club – Is there thoughts on where a clubhouse could be located?

a. Renee Chaples, S.G.A. Administrative Vice-President – envisions an outdoor space or the former 24-hour computer lab

b. David Pardy, Gaming Community – suggests the possibility of T202

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2. Katie Flannigan, S.G.A. Executive Vice-President – asks the general board what they are looking for in a clubhouse space?

a. Alex Huff, Model U.N. – offer spaces for Executive Board members to host office hours

3. Stephen Sandor, Resident Assistants – T202 may not be the best space, as there are a lot of office hours there

4. Jasmyn Wilkinson, Class of 2024 Representative – Could other spaces be repurposed for the clubhouse such as the bookstore?

a. Renee Chaples, S.G.A. Administrative Vice-President – Yes, the clubhouse is also something that could be considered in the SALC conversation

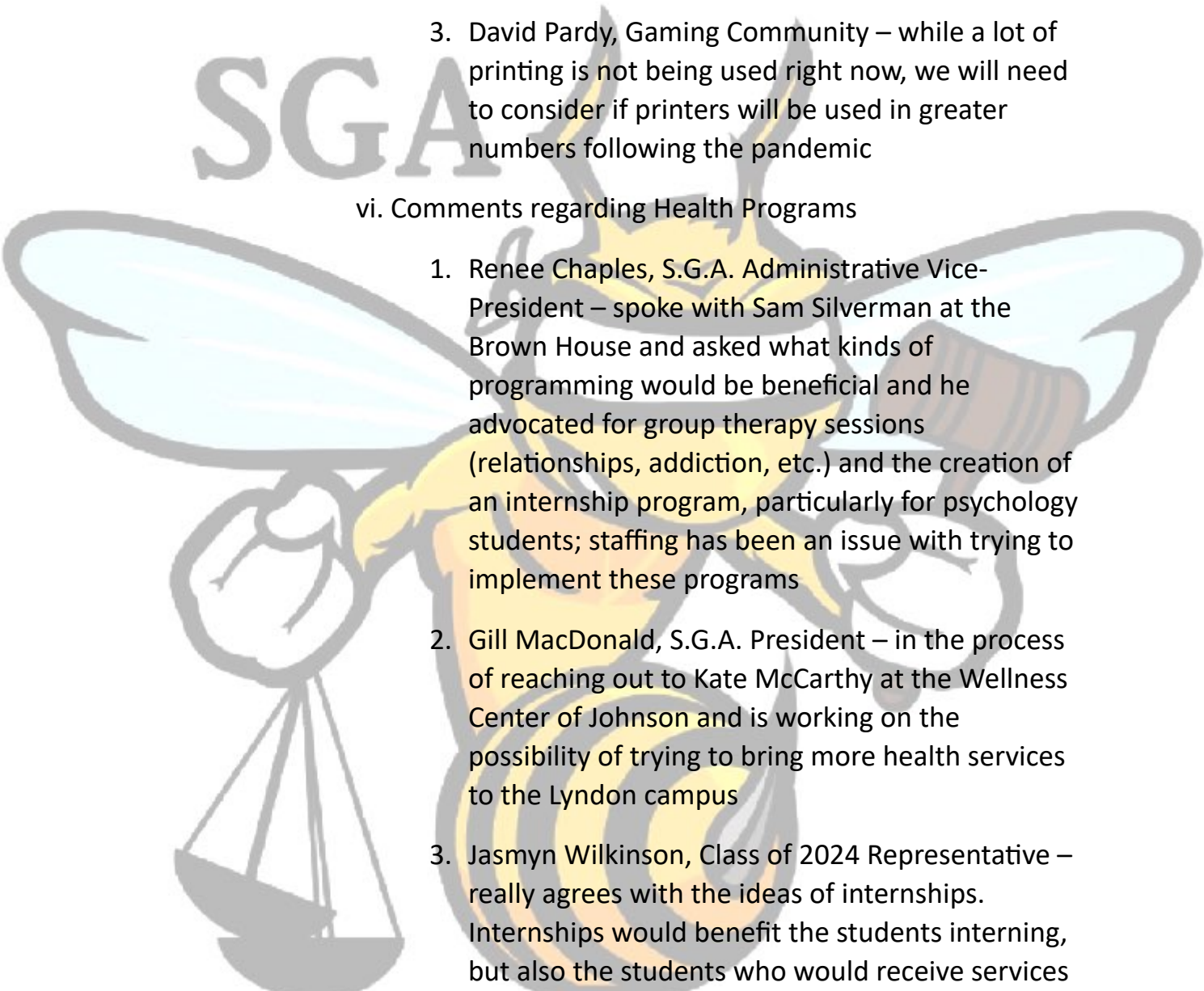
5. Mary Berger, NVUnity – Is the daycare, which was discussed at a previous meeting as a possible clubhouse space, a realistic location for a clubhouse?

a. Renee Chaples, S.G.A. Administrative Vice-President – It would be quite costly.

v. Comments regarding the Printing Space

1. Jesse Munroe, Student Investment – prior to COVID, he would be for the printing space, but as a student, he has not had the need to print

a. Stephen Sandor, Resident Assistant – agrees

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2. Alex Therriault – commuters are seeking access to printing late at night and in annexes and are having difficulty with printing
3. David Pardy, Gaming Community – while a lot of printing is not being used right now, we will need to consider if printers will be used in greater numbers following the pandemic

vi. Comments regarding Health Programs

1. Renee Chaples, S.G.A. Administrative Vice-President – spoke with Sam Silverman at the Brown House and asked what kinds of programming would be beneficial and he advocated for group therapy sessions (relationships, addiction, etc.) and the creation of an internship program, particularly for psychology students; staffing has been an issue with trying to implement these programs
2. Gill MacDonald, S.G.A. President – in the process of reaching out to Kate McCarthy at the Wellness Center of Johnson and is working on the possibility of trying to bring more health services to the Lyndon campus
3. Jasmyn Wilkinson, Class of 2024 Representative – really agrees with the ideas of internships. Internships would benefit the students interning, but also the students who would receive services from the interns

vii. Comments regarding Disc Golf courses



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1. Shane Johnston, Ultimate Frisbee – add signage to the disc golf course, especially now with increased traffic on the course
 - a. Jesse Munroe, Student Investment – agrees that there is an increase in traffic on the course and agrees improvements should be made
2. Katie Flannigan, S.G.A. Executive Vice-President – is there additional maintenance that needs to be done?
 - a. Jesse Munroe, Student Investment – there are some areas that can be cut better and some areas have been overtaken by nature
3. Alex Huff, Model U.N. – agrees that students have difficulty navigating the disc golf course. Maps are available to students, but additional signage might be helpful.
4. Stephen Sandor, Resident Assistants – department that was maintaining it in the past does not have as much funding and agrees that funding through the Student Activities account would alleviate this issue
5. Campbell Jillette, WWLR – been on the disc golf a few times and noticed that it's hard to read the hole numbers and par numbers on the concrete near each of the baskets
6. Stephen Sandor, Resident Assistants – it might be better to have signage near the concrete instead of on the concrete so it lasts longer



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1. Alex Therriault – it is difficult to reach the HDMI cord in the televisions
2. Renee Chaples, S.G.A. Administrative Vice-President – replace refrigerators in the suites once they reach their end of life and replacing some of the other
3. Katie Flannigan, S.G.A. Executive Vice-President – do students want to update the furniture?
 - a. Alex Therriault – likes the idea of updating the furniture, but did not enjoy the leather ones purchased from last year, as they were awkward and uncomfortable

ix. Comments regarding Cameras

1. Jesse Munroe, Student Investment – does not see the need for cameras
2. Alex Huff, Model U.N. – thinks cameras should be installed in more areas such as the Stonehenge Parking Lot; there was an issue last year with cars being keyed last year; incidents are happening and cameras are not catching them
3. David Pardy, Gaming Community – there was a computer stolen from the Harvey Academic Center last year and cameras were not able to catch the person responsible
4. Renee Chaples, S.G.A. Administrative Vice-President – there is a need of updating cameras, as opposed to adding cameras
5. Alex Therriault – has a friend whose belongings were stolen out of their car and the camera

missed the footage. Thefts do happen on-campus. Might be beneficial to add better quality cameras at the entrances to buildings.

6. Jesse Munroe, Student Investment – did not realize that these events on-campus were taking place and thinks cameras should be in parking lots or locations with expensive equipment

7. Ben LeBeau, MEISA – thinks it's important, but feels the funds for this should come from another place

x. Comments on Seating Spaces

1. Gill MacDonald, S.G.A. President – Wonders if the person who wrote seating spaces meant seating spaces outdoors or indoors.

2. Stephen Sandor, Resident Assistant – thinks the person who wrote seating spaces meant seating spaces outdoors

3. Alex Huff, Model U.N. – believes there are plentiful seating spaces inside or outside

4. David Pardy, Gaming Community – believes these seating spaces refer to the benches around Stonehenge

a. Alex Huff, Model U.N. – has found the benches by Stonehenge to be intact

b. Financial Update

i. Available: \$65,473.42

ii. Total: \$98,023.42

VI. Discussion and Action Items

a. 10 Percent Committee –

i. Alex Therriault – is involved in multiple leadership roles on-campus, has frequent interactions with students, and thinks his contacts would help the 10 Percent Committee with ideas

ii. Alex Huff, Model U.N. – has heard updates from the 10 Percent Committee over the past few years; wants to see projects from last year, such as the installation of feminine hygiene products continued into this year; wants to see projects that address the needs of students of all types; wants to make sure our campus is the best it can be for everyone

iii. Jesse Munroe, Student Investment – is the SGA rep for the Student Investment Club; Treasurer for the Ultimate Frisbee Club; has organized past Blood Drives on-campus; believes he has the leadership and communication skills necessary for the 10 Percent Committee

iv. Ben LeBeau, MEISA – this is his first semester part of the SGA; is excited to be in this role and grow in it; has seen some of the previous projects and wants to be part of it; speaks with students who normally are not involved in discussions around these topics

v. Votes –

a. Alex Huff – 17

b. Jesse Munroe – 9

c. Alex Therriault – 8

1. Alex Huff and Jesse Munroe will serve as the next representatives on the 10 Percent Committee

VII. Other Business

a. VSCSA Meeting

- i. SGA President Gill will be working with Pat Shine to explore more programming and services around Diversity and Inclusion
- ii. Discussed the Spring Academic Calendars between the VSC campuses
 1. Castleton is providing random days off
 2. VTC is doing a weeklong break in April and is going remote following that break
 3. NVU has not released their schedule, but Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students is open to suggestions on what the schedule should look like.

b. Lyndon Day

- i. Tentatively scheduled for February 12, 2021
 1. A sign-up form will go out soon and is due no later than January 29, 2021

c. Spring Day

- i. Tentatively scheduled for April 23, 24, & 25, 2021
 1. Looking for students to help plan this event
 2. Spring Day is NVU-Lyndon's Spring version of a Homecoming celebration. There are a bunch of campus traditions that are carried out such as the

'Spring Dip' in the pond. Clubs and departments host activities.

d. Halloweek

- i. Thank you to all the clubs and attendees for participating in the Halloweek events
- ii. Had great attendance numbers for the Halloween in the Park event
- iii. Events were overall successful

VIII. Club and Committee Updates

- a. Gill MacDonald, S.G.A. President – seeking to offer workshops in the spring to discuss how clubs can better recruit students. Club representatives should talk to their clubs to see if this is something they are interested in.
- b. Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos – hosted a scavenger hunt at Halloweek
- c. Shelby Benton, Sports Medicine – meet every other Wednesday over Zoom; ordered gear
- d. Mary Berger, NVUnity – meetings are Fridays at noon; hosted a Rocky Horror Picture Show Watch Party last week
- e. Geena Duffy, Twilight Players – Dance Recital is on Saturday; attendees can attend in-person or watch online; figuring out plans for next semester; looking at doing a 'squared off' version of Carrie in the Spring
- f. Lauren Hyde, American Meteorological Society – had a volunteer event with H.O.P.E., meetings are the first Thursday of the month in the Rita Bole Community Room at 7:30pm

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- g. Jayson Perron, Rugby – haven't met in a week due to weather, but will be moving to reserve a space indoors as the seasons change
 - h. Ben LeBeau, MEISA – ironed on MEISA patches to some flannels; watched a documentary on former student Jake Gregg; will be helping Ultimate and Ski & Ride with their Tournaments on Friday
 - i. Shane Johnston, Ultimate Frisbee – resuming practices next week; getting ready for their Friday Kan-Jam tournament
 - j. Stephen, Resident Assistants – R.A. Mary is having a mask-making program on Thursday, November 5th, and hosting a Friday the 13th Movie Night on Friday, November 13th; R.A. Keegan hosted his COVID Succs program earlier on Wednesday, November 4th and it went well
 - k. Jesse Munroe, Student Investment – meetings on Thursdays at 11:30 in ASAC 106; playing virtual games
 - l. David Pardy, Gaming Community - meetings are Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays beginning at 7pm in LAC 412 and Burke Mountain Room
 - m. Alex Huff, Model U.N. – Model U.N. will be virtual this year and they are preparing to pay the delegation fees for that
 - n. Becca Fauteux – Halloweek events were fun; Story Trail Event is happening on the trails this week
 - o. Campbell Jillette, WWLR – working on updating music on the station and recruiting more students
 - p. Dan Carneiro, CAB – has a meeting next Tuesday, November 10 to conduct elections; trivia night is on Tuesday, November 10; Public Safety Scavenger Hunt on Wednesday, November 11;

Bingo will be on Thursday, November 12; working on a Study Break event during the Final Week of in-person instruction; planning spring semester events

- q. Adrienne Hutchin, Nontraditional Student Representative – has Town Hall tomorrow over Zoom; approached about being a CRJ tutor
- r. Jasmyrn Wilkinson, Class of 2024 Representative – had Town Hall last Wednesday, but nobody showed up; working on scheduling another Town Hall before the semester ends

IX. Adjourn

- a. Motion: Jesse Munroe, Student Investment

Second: David Pardy, Gaming Community

Call: Becca Fauteux, The Critic

- b. All agreed to end meeting. Meeting concluded at 9:54PM.

