



Northern Vermont University – Lyndon

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING February 10, 2021

I. Motion to Start Meeting

- a. Motion: Becca Fauteux, The Critic
Second: Alex Huff, ModelUN
Call: Curtis Bates, Peerleaders
- b. All agreed to start meeting. Meeting started at 8:02PM.

II. Attendance

- a. Absent
 - i. Rugby
 - ii. Sports Medicine
 - iii. SAAC

III. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

- a. Motion: Curtis Bates, Peerleaders
Second: David Pardy, Lyndon Gaming Community
Call: Jesse Munroe, Student Investment
- b. All agreed to approve last meeting's minutes

IV. Student Body Comments

- a. Alex Therriault, NVUnity: Concerns regarding back order with bookstore, Issues with purchasing a book for class due to the backorder.

i. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students will be looking into this matter.

b. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: The concern regarding student involvement on campus due to the high numbers of clubs disbanding. Last semester, 5 clubs were disbanded and at the first SGA meeting of the semester another club is potentially disbanding. Lyndon is a residential campus and even with the pandemic, our clubs are finding that there are some student leadership commitments and others who are not as involved.

i. Shea Sheridan, Gaming Club President: Met with Alex Huff and was running some ideas on how to increase student involvement. Believes that there is something we as a student body can do to work towards revitalizing life on campus. Potential get together “Celebration” of the Lyndon Identity, make the club efforts worth something to encourage a sense of teamwork and social interaction.

ii. Renee Chaples, SGA Administrative Vice-President: Every member of the student Government executive board as seen The Critic article and wants to come up with ideas to build campus morale and encourage great club engagement. Club should not hesitate to reach out to the Student Government Association if they need help with recruitment and/or programming.

iii. Kate Henriques, Twilight Players: had been taking the reins on twilight players promotion, reached out to Michael Secreti about what she can do on the behalf of the Twilight Players to help encourage club participation. Appreciate the help Mike was able to provide. Strongly encourages guidance from SGA and Mike. In addition to this, commuter student are very confused in regards to

the weekly testing recommendation specified for commuting students.

1. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: Beyond arrival testing (Day 0 and Day 7) is not required, but highly encouraged. Every student is expected to keep with up with symptom check form daily. Will be conducting surveillance testing throughout the course of the semester on a need by need basis. COVID-19 Mandates only apply to students interacting with the in-person campus, not remote students.

iv. Rob Casucci, Ski and Ride: This is his first-year being on-campus and with the pandemic, it has been difficult. Has gotten involved with the Ski & Ride Club and was able to help put together a COVID-friendly version of the Chili Cook-Off. We need to try to have more ways and incentives to get students out of their rooms.

1. Gill MacDonald, Student Government President: The Student Government Association will work together to generate more ideas.

v. Alex Therriault, NVUnity President: Noticed this trend while enrolled in high school. Noticed that by his senior year there was less involvement. Noticed a similar trend while in college. Believes this is related top the anxiety regarding the stress of being a student trying to balance both classes and extracurriculars.

vi. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Another suggestion is to send out a survey to both virtual and in-person students. Actively seek out the student around campus to get their feedback regarding student involvement. What will get people to come back to Lyndon/Leave their rooms?

Discovered that involvement fair typically insight “ghosts” where a student will sign up but not be an active member after. Vaguely remembers club poster boards which gave clubs an opportunity to promote their events/meetings. The amount of websites Lyndon student need to keep track of is overwhelming- find ways to consolidate information for easier access. Consider how to include club advertisements in some of the other websites and platforms students visit.

vii. Bobby Saba, AMS President: AMS goes beyond the Lyndon campus, is actually a larger organization that extends beyond NVU. Recommends creating posters regarding club information and to help it be thematic to help promote campus clubs, something carried over from AMS.

viii. David Parry, Lyndon Gaming Community: Encourage greater involvement among professors and encourage them to participate in campus events.

V. Reports and Presentations

- a. Financial Update : \$63,280.27
 - i. Total: \$95,728.54

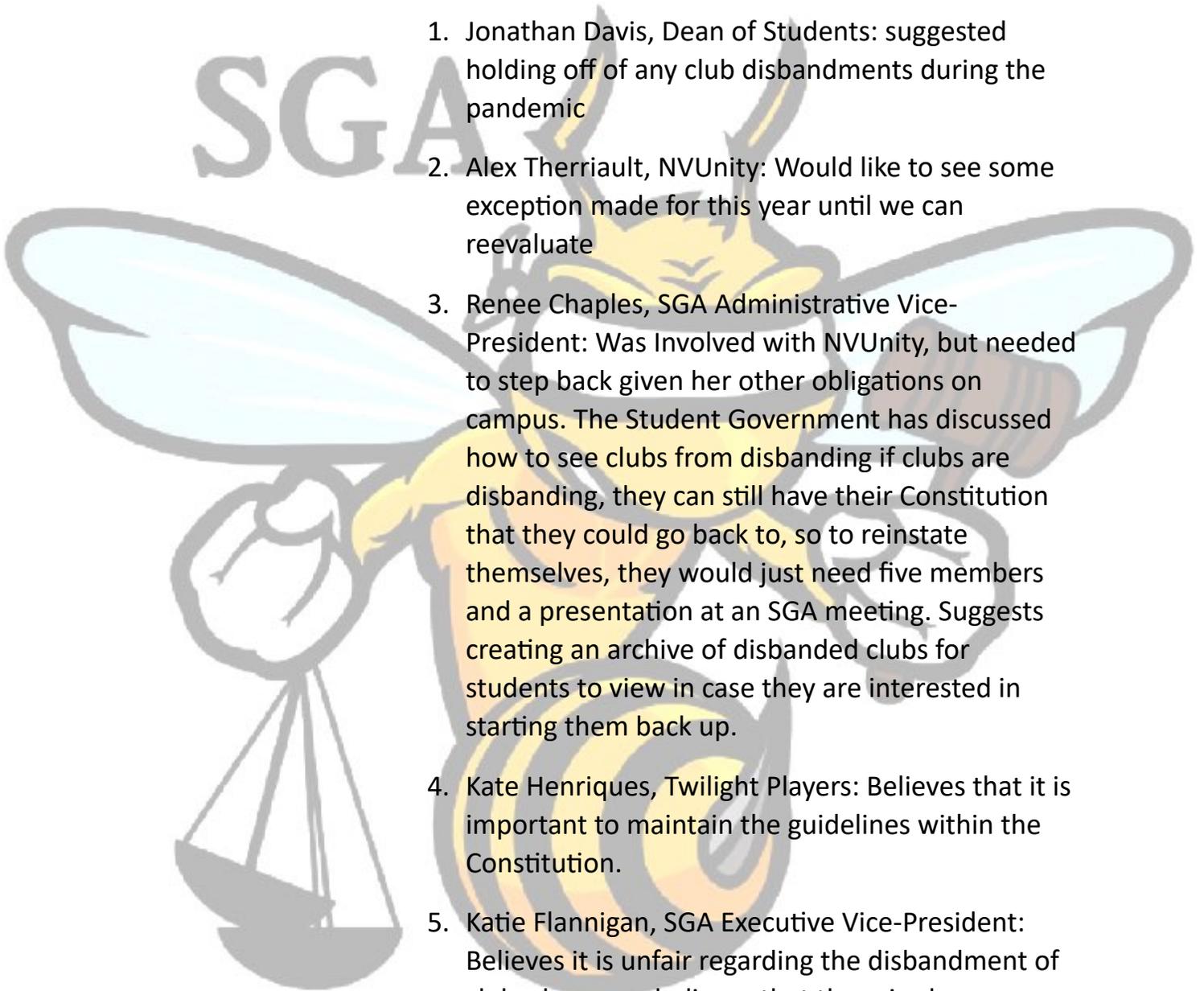
VI. Discussion and Action Items

- a. Disbanding NVUnity
 - i. Alex Therriault, NVUnity President: Has been struggling with balancing club presidency and other student leadership roles. Difficulty finding executive board members beyond the residential life staff. Eventually struggled with coming up with creative ideas to revitalize the club and club events. Were planning a

huge pride week last semester but due to COVID-19 had to cancel. Hopes to see the club reactivated in the future.

1. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: suggested holding off of any club disbandments during the pandemic
2. Alex Therriault, NVUnity: Would like to see some exception made for this year until we can reevaluate
3. Renee Chaples, SGA Administrative Vice-President: Was Involved with NVUnity, but needed to step back given her other obligations on campus. The Student Government has discussed how to see clubs from disbanding if clubs are disbanding, they can still have their Constitution that they could go back to, so to reinstate themselves, they would just need five members and a presentation at an SGA meeting. Suggests creating an archive of disbanded clubs for students to view in case they are interested in starting them back up.
4. Kate Henriques, Twilight Players: Believes that it is important to maintain the guidelines within the Constitution.
5. Katie Flannigan, SGA Executive Vice-President: Believes it is unfair regarding the disbandment of clubs, however believes that there is always an opportunity to bring back previous clubs.
6. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Agrees with Katie that even though a club could be disbanded, it would be fairly easy for them to be reinstated.

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7. Jasmyn Wilkinson, SGA class of 2024
Representative: Had similar experiences during her high school's years, was looking forward to continuing her active lifestyle throughout college. Unfortunately, she lost the motivation over time due to the stress of other engagements (Classes, Zoom, etc.) Very cautious about overlapping their schedule.
8. Katie Flannigan, SGA Executive Vice-President: People have the option to vote 'no' to disbanding NVUnity.
9. Lauren Hyde, AMS: The Constitution is very important but also it was written without the ideas of how a pandemic may affect students and clubs.
10. Alex Therriault, NVUnity: Is there a possibility of having clubs be on 'hold' instead of disbanding the clubs.
11. Renee Chaples, SGA Administrative Vice-President: Believes Alex Therriault's idea is similar to the idea of creating an archive of old clubs. It is difficult to keep a club active if there are no active members and it is misleading to students who are interested in joining the club.
12. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: When would the archives be created?
13. Renee Chaples, SGA Administrative Vice-President: It could be created as soon as possible.
14. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: As a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, she is worried about

NVUnity disbanding and the impact it may have on those who identify with the LGBTQIA+ community.

15. Alex Therriault, NVUnity President: Would appreciate a BLM and LGBTQIA+ flag flying somewhere on the Lyndon Campus.

- a. Motion: Jesse Munroe, Student Investment
- b. Second: Becca Fauteux, The Critic
- c. Call: David Pardy, Lyndon Gaming Community
- d. Representatives: Yes - 4; No - 6; Abstain - 4;
- e. The vote to disband NVUnity did not pass

b. AMS Funding Request

- i. Patrick Wickstrom, AMS Treasurer & Bobby Saba, AMS President: Club hosts Northeastern Storm Conference, has been going on for 46 years, the largest student-led conference in the country. The Conference this year will be held entirely remotely and they completely redesign the experience. The Virtual platform allowing many more attendees this year. Previous year budgeted for an in-person conference. This year asking for; \$5,750.00 to cover the cost of Whoova subscription (\$1600), Event registration (\$3,750), and Active member registration cost for Lyndon students (\$400).

1. Why the Request?

- a. COVID has disrupted most of AMS's fundraising avenues

- b. The costs of an online conference were not accounted for during the budgeting process
- c. We want to reduce the cost burden on student attendees as much as possible due to COVID

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2. Lauren Hyde, AMS: There are student planning to attend this conference who otherwise would not come if they had to travel

3. Questions

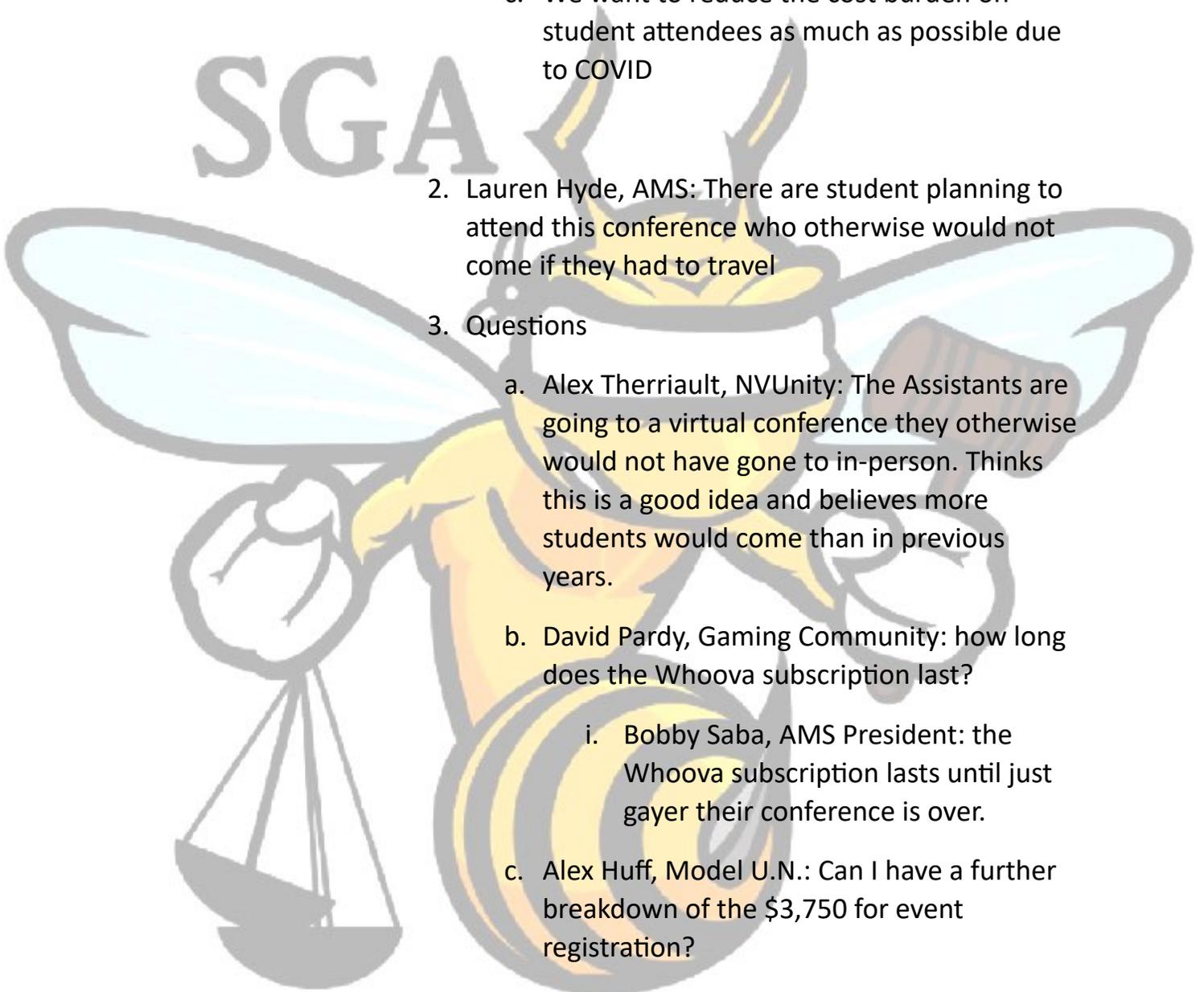
a. Alex Therriault, NVUnity: The Assistants are going to a virtual conference they otherwise would not have gone to in-person. Thinks this is a good idea and believes more students would come than in previous years.

b. David Pardy, Gaming Community: how long does the Whoova subscription last?

i. Bobby Saba, AMS President: the Whoova subscription lasts until just gayer their conference is over.

c. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Can I have a further breakdown of the \$3,750 for event registration?

i. Bobby Saba, AMS President: Based on 250 Participants to help cover the cost of registration for other AMS members separate from Lyndon



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d. Kate Henriques, TWP: Curious how being online is more expensive than in-person planning.

i. Bobby Saba, AMS President: The costs covering the cost of both hosting the conference itself and the new materials needed for online hosting.

e. Kate Henriques, TWP: Are schools still paying for registration

i. Bobby Saba, AMS President: Yes, they are estimated to pay about \$20 for registration.

1. Motion: Jesse Munroe, student Investment

2. Second: David Pardy, Lyndon Gaming Community

3. Call: Stephen Sandor, Residential Assistents

4. Funding request for AMS was approved

a. Club Representative: Yes - 10; No - 1; Abstain - 1; Blank - 1;

b. Elected Representative: Yes - 5; Blank - 1;

c. Passed with 84% approval

c. Dance Ensemble Funding Request

i. Requesting (\$206.95) towards dance tiles to protect the campus floors and to open up opportunity of dance ensemble having tap dance shows and hard shoe dance shows.

ii. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Requests under \$500 are usually only passed through the SGA executive board.

1. Gill Macdonald, SGA President: Yes (Was immediately moved to voting)

iii. Voting

1. Club Representatives: Yes - 13;

2. Elected Representative: Yes - 1; Abstain - 1;

3. Passed with 100% Approval

d. 49900 Student Activity Budget Updates

i. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: Jamie Struck Available for access the disc golf course for necessary costs for repairs (\$500) anticipate amount for the assessment

1. Jesse Munroe, Student Investment: is that just for the evaluation?

a. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: Correct.

2. Kate Henriques, TWP: Where does the number come from?

a. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: based off of the time, and of having someone visit campus to access the disc fold course.

3. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: What account is this money coming from?

a. Gill Macdonald, SGA President: 49900 Account.

ii. Voting

1. Motion: Curtis Bates, Peerleaders

2. Second: Alex Therrialt, NVUnity President

3. Called:

4. The Vote was passed

a. Club Representatives: Yes- 10; No - 1; Abstain - 2

b. Elected Representatives: Yes - 5; Abstain - 1

c. Vote was passed with 96%

iii. Kate Henriques, TWP: What is the amount still in the 49900 Account?

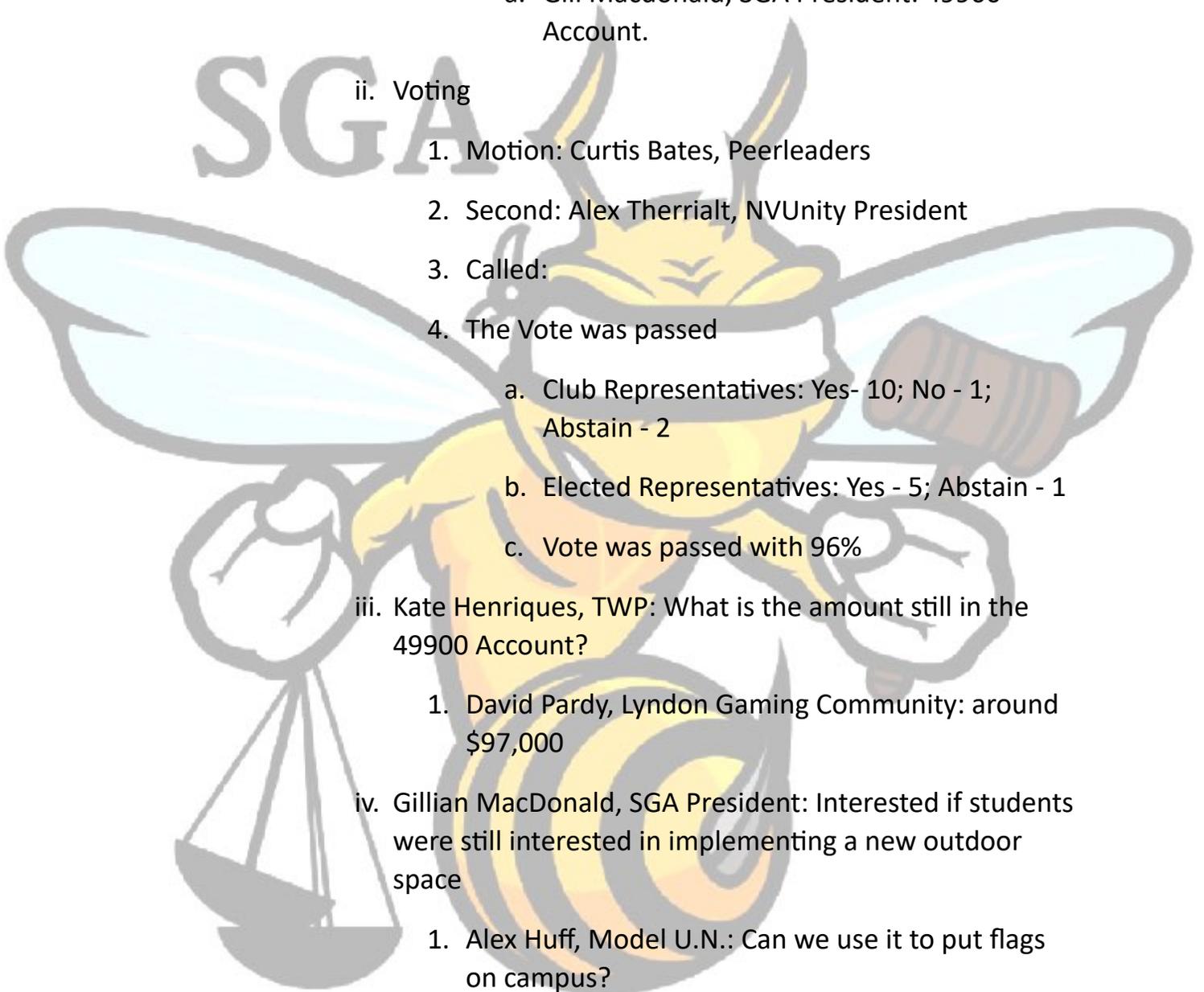
1. David Pardy, Lyndon Gaming Community: around \$97,000

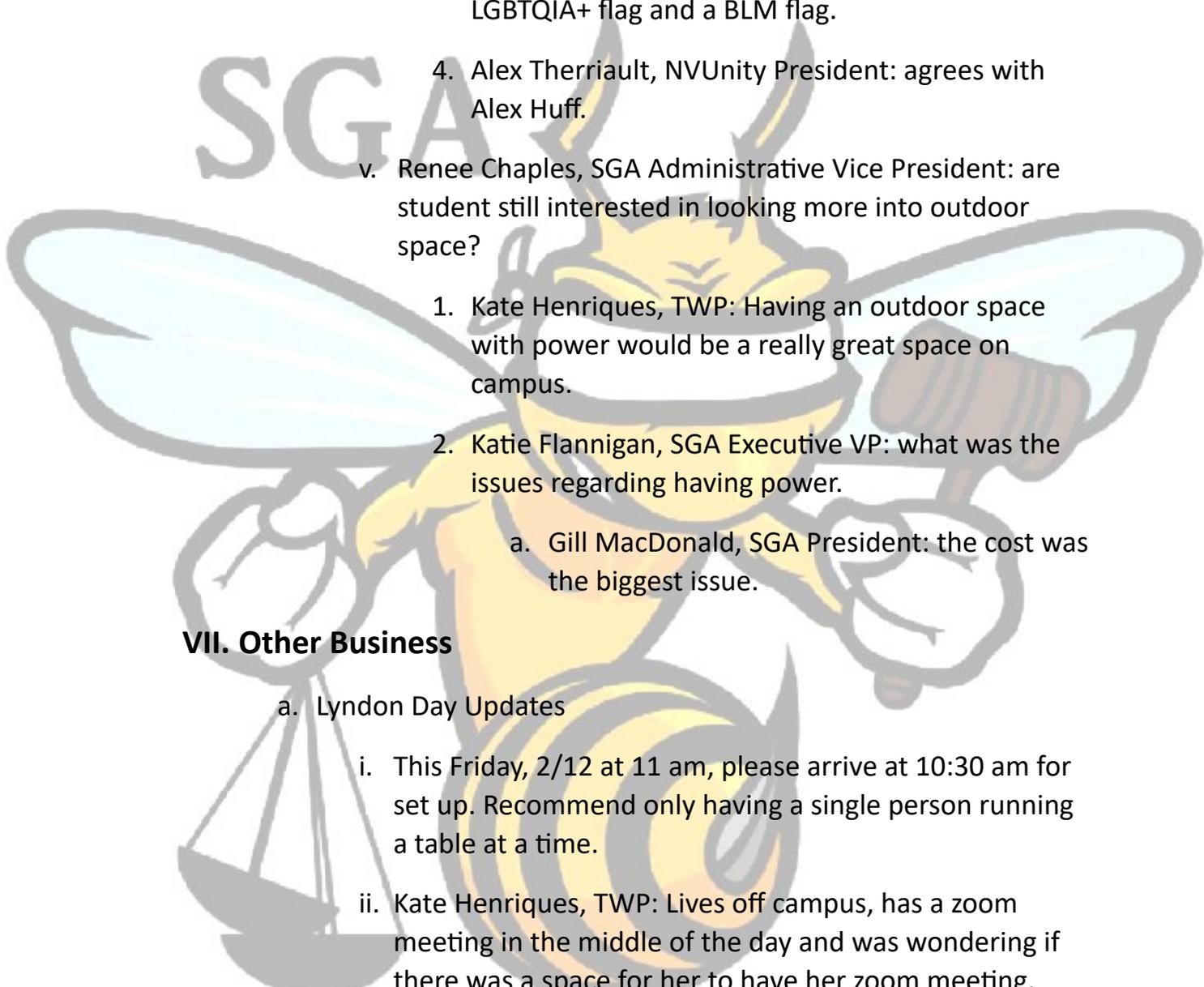
iv. Gillian MacDonald, SGA President: Interested if students were still interested in implementing a new outdoor space

1. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Can we use it to put flags on campus?

2. Becca Fauteux, The Critic: we already have a large flag pole on campus, could we just place those flags on that pole?

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- A large, semi-transparent watermark of the SGA Bee mascot is centered on the page. The bee is yellow and black with large, light blue wings. It is holding a wooden gavel in its right hand and a pair of white scales of justice in its left hand. The letters 'SGA' are written in a large, grey, sans-serif font across the top of the bee's body.
3. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Believes it would be more respectful/meaningful if there was a separate flag pole for the purpose of having the State flag, LGBTQIA+ flag and a BLM flag.
 4. Alex Therriault, NVUnity President: agrees with Alex Huff.
 - v. Renee Chaples, SGA Administrative Vice President: are student still interested in looking more into outdoor space?
 1. Kate Henriques, TWP: Having an outdoor space with power would be a really great space on campus.
 2. Katie Flannigan, SGA Executive VP: what was the issues regarding having power.
 - a. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: the cost was the biggest issue.

VII. Other Business

a. Lyndon Day Updates

- i. This Friday, 2/12 at 11 am, please arrive at 10:30 am for set up. Recommend only having a single person running a table at a time.
- ii. Kate Henriques, TWP: Lives off campus, has a zoom meeting in the middle of the day and was wondering if there was a space for her to have her zoom meeting.
 1. SGA Executive Board: The Hive or the Library.
- iii. Katie Flannigan: Lyndon Day shirts will be a DIY Lyndon Day t-shirt to highlight the uniqueness of this year. Green

and Yellow tie dye with colored fabric makers to personalize each individual shirts.

b. Important Dates- Please refer to list included in Email.

c. Club Contact forms- Please send in ASAP

VIII. Club and Committee Updates

a. Kate Henriques, TWP: welcoming a new executive board member (Luke Modlinsky), held a meeting on Friday to determine student interest. Will be holding auditions shortly after Lyndon Day.

b. Rob Casucci, Ski and Ride: Meetings are Monday 8 p.m., Burke Mountain Room hoping to improve the glacier. Considering working on a Burke Trip.

c. Lauren Hyde, AMS: Meeting every 1st Thursday of every month. Excited the upcoming NESC Conference. Held last meeting last Thursday, next meeting will be the first Thursday of March

d. Macie Powers, Dance Ensemble & Outing Club: Dancing with the Presidents (10 clubs are expected to be participating). Have celebrity Judges. Outing Club: working on April 24th, Snowman building competition

e. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Recently receiving their countries over break. Working with Johnson campus. 10 members from each campus will one representing three different countries. Conference this weekend. Three brand new delegates, conversation creating a VSCS ModelUN team.

f. Curtis Bates, Peerleaders: New Student coming into NVU- Lyndon this semester. Reach out to them and helped them settle in. Refurbished the bulletin Boards in the hornets nest.

g. Dan Caneiro, CAB: 36 first event Monday Donut Be Late, Free Hugs Tuesday (10 Participants), Tik Tok scavenger hunt Wednesday, Mysterious Love Letters (19 Participants), Bingo (34 in-person, 20 via zoom), School survival kits (24 Attendees), Dance Battle (5 Attendees), Super Bowl Party, Monday first meeting of the semester at 5 pm in the Hornet's Nest, distributed Valentine's card (21 Participants), Pizza Trivia Night (9 Participants), Comedian Rusty DeWees on Thursday, 2/11. Lyndon Day Friday, Bowling 8 p.m. ASAC 100, Mini Gold Saturday ASAC, Game Night on Tuesday 2/16; Hometown Scavenger Hunt on Wednesday 2/17, Next Cab meeting is Monday 2/22 at 5 p.m. in the Hornet's Nest.

h. Campbell Jilette, WWLR:

i. Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos - Brainstorming on more activities as a group.

j. David Pardy, Lyndon Gaming Community: First meeting Monday, will continue hosting meetings for gaming

k. Becca Fauteux, The Critic: Will be meeting this Friday at 3 p.m. due to Lyndon Day, open for office hours.

l. Jesse Munroe, Student Investment: Will be at Involvement fiat; will have free stickers available

m. Shane Johnston, Ultimate Frisbee:

n. Ben LeBeau, MEISA: Hoping to get more events going during the Spring semester

o. Stephen Sandor, R.A.'s: On 2/12, R.A. Monique will be doing "release the Good Vibes" at the fire pit; On 2/13, R.A. Keegan will be doing D.I.Y. Lava lamps in the Moore Community Room; On 2/15 R.A. Renee will be doing D.I.Y. Crystal Gardens in the Bole Community Room; On 2/19 R.A. Annabelle doing "To All

the Boys” movie Marathon in ASAC 100; R.A. Devin is hosting a Sleddin’ With Devin” Program on 2/19 on the Rita Bole hill; R.A.’s are planing to attend a virtual conference on 2/20; R.A. Stephen is hosting an Ice Cream social Program in ASAC 100 on 2/21

- p. Adrienne Hutchin, NonTraditional Student Representative: Had a student reach out to her regarding assistance with their financial aid
- q. Jasmyn Wilkinson, Class of 2024 Representative: Working to schedule a town hall soon.
- r. Renee Chaples, S.G.A. Administrative Vice President: Town Hall TBA
- s. Katie Flannigan, S.G.A. Executive Vice President: Working on Lyndon Day planning
- t. Gill MacDonal SGA President: Town Hall 2/23 via Zoom or in person at Rita Bole 217

IX. Adjourn

- a. Motion: Jesse Munroe, Student Investment
Second: Becca Fauteux, The Critic
Call: David Parady, Lyndon Gaming Community
- b. All agreed to end meeting. Meeting concluded at 10:32PM.