



Northern Vermont University – Lyndon

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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### GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING February 24, 2021

#### I. Motion to Start Meeting

- a. Motion: Alex Huff, Model UN  
Second: Jesse Munroe, Student Investment Club  
Call: Kate Henriques, TWP
- b. All agreed to start meeting. Meeting started at 8:08PM.

#### II. Attendance

- a. Absent
  - i. Sport Medicine
  - ii. WWLR
  - iii. SAAC

#### III. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

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

#### IV. Student Body Comments

- a. There were no Student Body Comments

#### V. Reports and Presentations

a. Financial Update : \$57,213.93

i. Total: \$89,662.20

b. Student Involvement

i. Bobby Saba present idea regarding making thematic poster- we have altered this idea towards making them into bulletin boards.

1. Kate Henriques, TWP: What if we already have a bulletin board?

a. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: You can continue to use that one or also post in the same area as the other clubs.

2. Kate Henriques, TWP: Where is it?

a. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Either Vail 4th floor or in the hallway between Public Safety and Hornet's Nest.

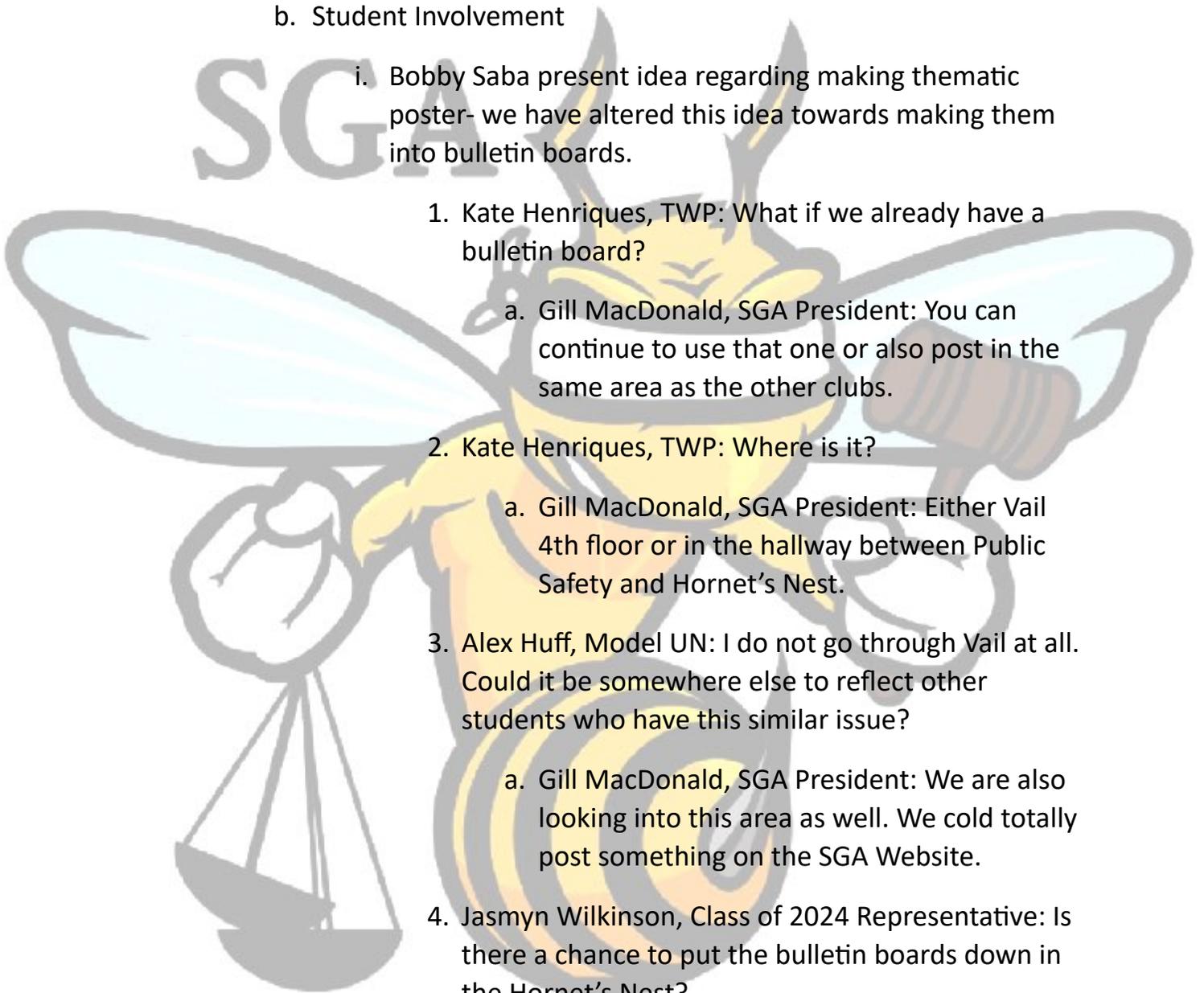
3. Alex Huff, Model UN: I do not go through Vail at all. Could it be somewhere else to reflect other students who have this similar issue?

a. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: We are also looking into this area as well. We could totally post something on the SGA Website.

4. Jasmyn Wilkinson, Class of 2024 Representative: Is there a chance to put the bulletin boards down in the Hornet's Nest?

a. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: The Hornet's Nest is another location that could be taken into consideration.

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ii. Constitution Evaluation and Updates, we have reached out to the third party company to evaluate our constitution to update it appropriately.

1. Alex Huff, ModelUN: How much would it cost?

a. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: \$500

iii. The SGA Executive Board discussed the idea of Interest Groups as opposed to clubs.

1. Alex Therriault, NVUnity: What is an interest group?

a. Gill Macdonald, SGA President: Informal group that is not as official as a club

2. Kate Henriques, TWP: How would they be funded?

a. Gill Macdonald, SGA President: They need to request funds through the SGA but do not go through the budgeting process that clubs do.

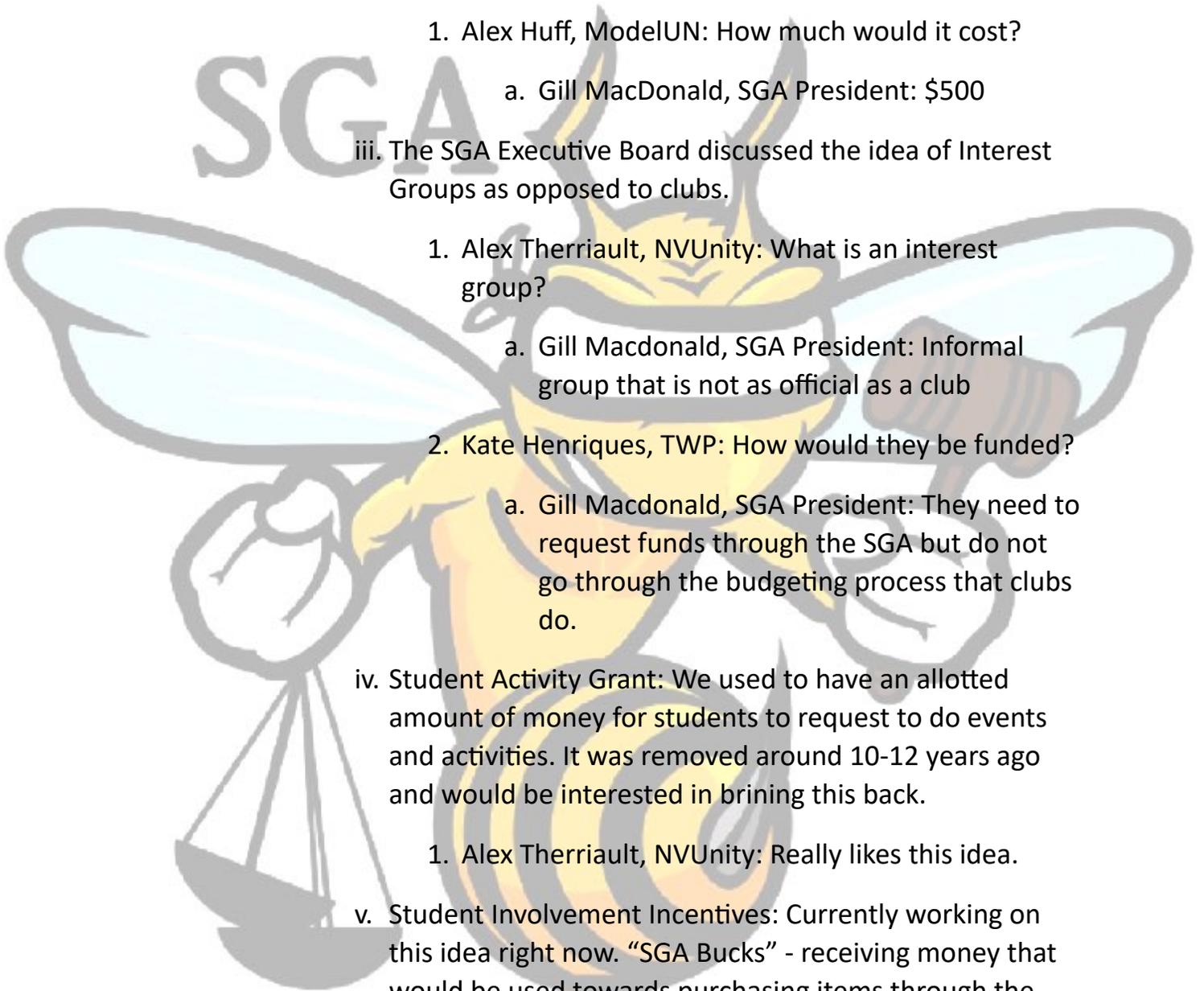
iv. Student Activity Grant: We used to have an allotted amount of money for students to request to do events and activities. It was removed around 10-12 years ago and would be interested in bringing this back.

1. Alex Therriault, NVUnity: Really likes this idea.

v. Student Involvement Incentives: Currently working on this idea right now. "SGA Bucks" - receiving money that would be used towards purchasing items through the SGA but we are open to new ideas and concepts

1. Alex Huff, Model UN: Likes the idea for the throwback.

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2. Jasmyn Wilkinson, Class of 2024 Representative: something that is more focused towards Hornet's Nest Flex Points. Thinks that would be more useful.

3. Adrienne Hutchin, Nontraditional Student Representative: NVU Merch

4. Kate Henriques, TWP: CAB currently hosts events with incentives and turnout is not necessarily great. The idea of incentives seems like we are bribing students.

a. Renee Chaples, SGA Vice President: CAB Events with incentives have been shown to draw more attendance. They have been offering Amazon shopping sprees, but it is something that has been done quite a bit since the beginning of the fall semester.

b. Alex Huff, Model UN: Trivia nights have been increasing in attendance to be fair.

5. Alex Therriault, NVUnity: A lot of clubs have been struggling with numbers, so even just asking who is in your club what are their numbers, so even just asking who is in your club what are their interests. Thinks that reaching out would be helpful.

vi. SGA website Archives: Was completed over the course of last week

vii. Inactive vs. active clubs: The term disbandment can seem intimidating and threatening to students. By designating clubs inactive, it encourages clubs to reactivate. Themselves as their old Constitution would already be on file.

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1. Jesse Munroe, Student Investment: If a club is deemed inactive, would it be the same process as disbanded?

a. Renee Chaples, SGA Administrative Vice-President: Yes.

2. Rob Casucci, Ski and Ride: Like the idea of naming clubs inactive, as it recognizes that clubs can go through rough patches at times for a variety of different reasons and circumstances.

3. Alex Huff, Model UN: Would an inactive club be a different level than disbandment or would it just replace the idea of disbandment?

a. Renee Chaples, SGA Administrative Vice-President: During COVID this will be completely replacing disbandment however after COVID we are happy to re-access and determine if they would be an appropriate step prior to official disbandment for clubs.

4. Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club: Even if a club is inactive, it would be nice if they could still be represented at major campus events such as the Involvement fair where there is potential to recruit more students.

a. Kate Henriques, TWP: Inactive clubs could be included at the SGA/CAB table if there is nobody available to represent the club.

b. Renee Chaples, SGA Administrative Vice-President: Likes the idea of including inactive clubs at the CAB/SGA table, but

wants to make sure they are able to accurately represent the club.

viii. Appreciation Week and Club Meetings with SGA

President: Recognizes that some club leaders would like a personal meeting to discuss club issues, March 15th beginning of club appreciation week. Give opportunity to club members for recognition for their hard work and dedication to their respective club.

## VI. Discussion and Action Items

a. 49900 Account

1. Flag Update: Currently figuring out an estimate on the cost for this.

2. Penguin Solarium: (Estimated \$6,000)

a. Alex Huff: Have we decided on the placement of it?

i. Gill Macdonald, SGA President: Not yet, but do you have any ideas?

ii. Alex Huff: Right outside admission's windows, or where the tent for outdoor classes were setup (Next to Library Pond)

b. Moved to voting to create a list of potential locations

i. Motion: Vanessa Symonick, KCA

ii. Second: Dan Carnario, CAB

iii. Call: Alex Huff, Model UN

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iv. Alex Huff, Model UN: These should be suggestion to go to maintenance to be sure we can actually place this item where we want it- This should be used to create a lost of potential places.

c. Voting: Elected Representative- 4- Wheelock Tent, 2- Between Library Pond and Veteran's Park; Club Representatives- 2 in favor, 9- Wheelock tent, 1 - Stonehenge parking lot area. 1 - no.

3. Emergency Fund: SGA would like to donate to the current emergency fund committee (Similar to CARES COVID board) open for students to request the grants towards specific necessary expenses. Would be updated about the status of the money.

a. Jesse Munroe, Student Investment: Is this a new idea or has this been around?

i. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: It has always been around but it is not well known, we are adding money towards this resource.

b. Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club: Is there a known capacity for the amount students can apply for?

i. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Not sure what the cap is but is aware that there is one.

ii. Erin Rossetti: There is no cap, it is a case by case basis. Each situation is

reviewed independently. Currently faculty and staff can donate towards this fund through their pay check.

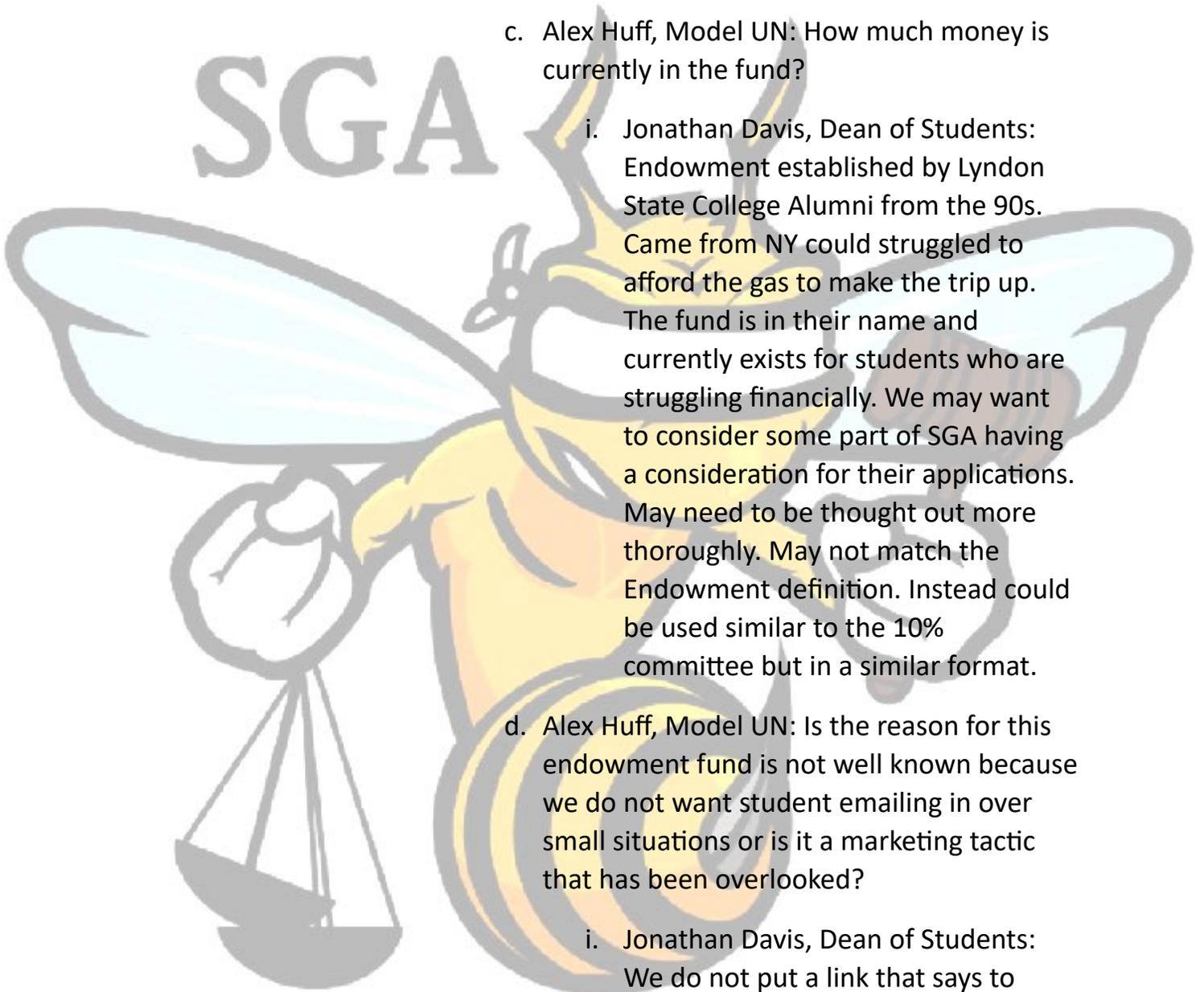
c. Alex Huff, Model UN: How much money is currently in the fund?

i. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: Endowment established by Lyndon State College Alumni from the 90s. Came from NY could struggled to afford the gas to make the trip up. The fund is in their name and currently exists for students who are struggling financially. We may want to consider some part of SGA having a consideration for their applications. May need to be thought out more thoroughly. May not match the Endowment definition. Instead could be used similar to the 10% committee but in a similar format.

d. Alex Huff, Model UN: Is the reason for this endowment fund is not well known because we do not want student emailing in over small situations or is it a marketing tactic that has been overlooked?

i. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: We do not put a link that says to apply here, it is a referral resource for when faculty thinks students are in need. Only 5% of the endowment can be used per year. It is not available for anything. But SGA could have a

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separate but similar resource that is specific toward SGA funds with a committee that goes through a process for approval.

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e. Alex Huff, Model UN: Do we know/ are we allowed to say how much is in the fund?

i. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Student: Roughly \$7,000

ii. Alex Huff, Model UN: Only allowed to spend 5% of that amount, how much is that?

1. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: \$350

f. Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club: Could there be an additional information made available indicating what this fund is and how it could be used?

i. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: It was never intended as something to be used widely, but rather it was intended for support staff to refer to students who are in critical need of funding. Expanding the reasons for someone to use the emergency is something to consider.

g. Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club: If staff and leadership position can pick and choose but worries about the opportunity for students who struggle and become overlooked.

h. Becca Fauteux, The Critic: Are we talking about using the emergency funds out of the Student Activities account?

i. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: This would be an expense from the 49900 account for this purpose.

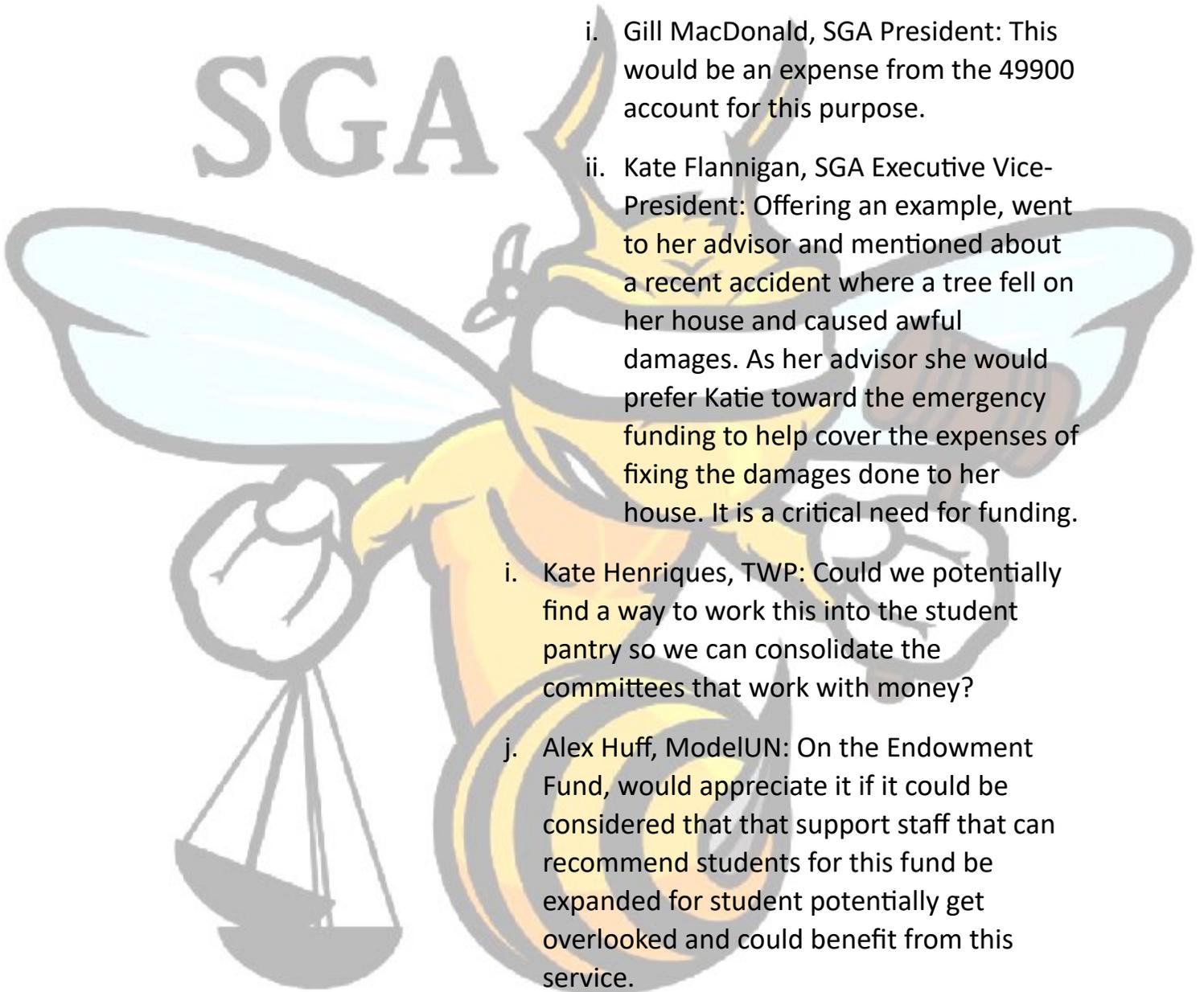
ii. Kate Flannigan, SGA Executive Vice-President: Offering an example, went to her advisor and mentioned about a recent accident where a tree fell on her house and caused awful damages. As her advisor she would prefer Katie toward the emergency funding to help cover the expenses of fixing the damages done to her house. It is a critical need for funding.

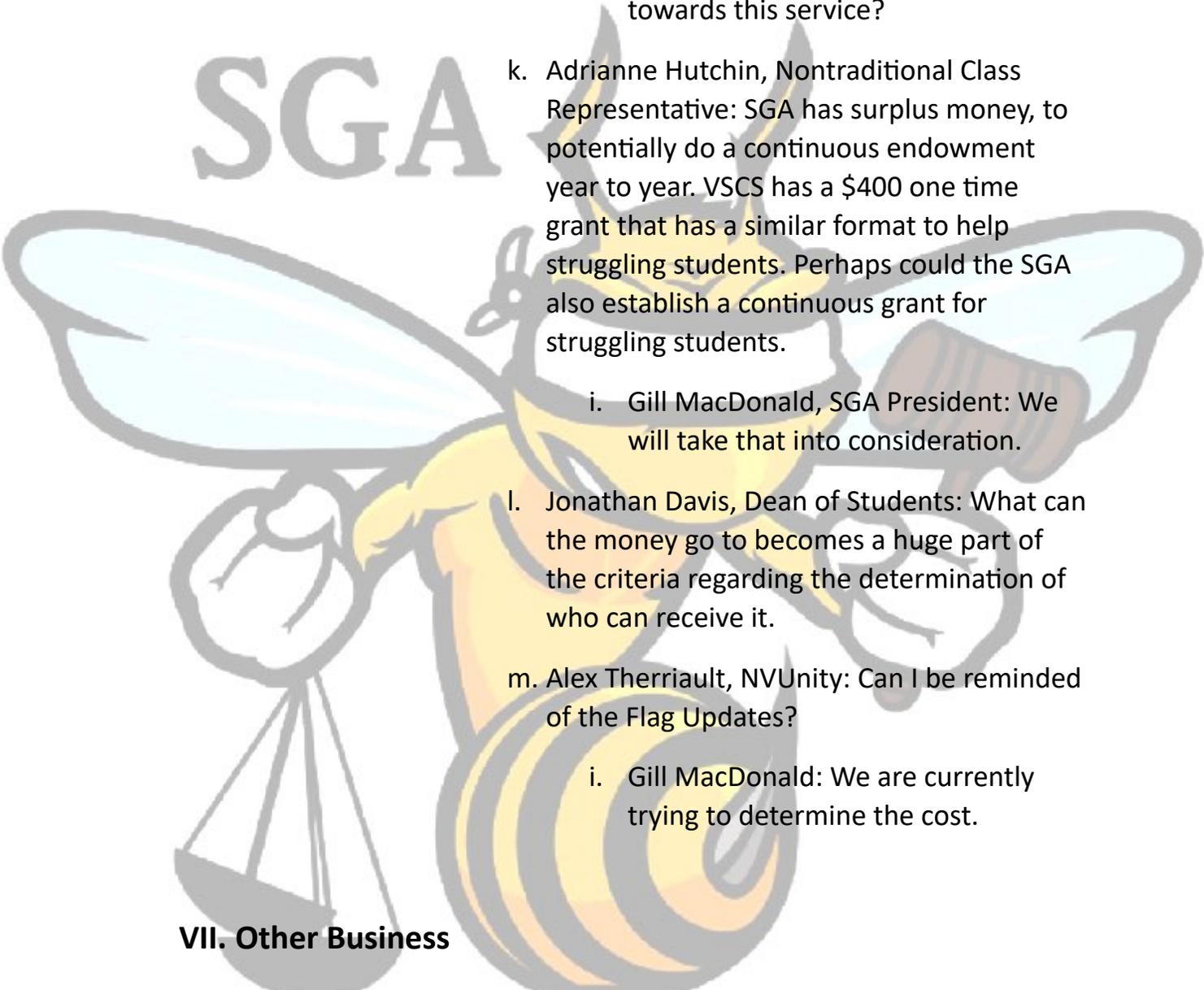
i. Kate Henriques, TWP: Could we potentially find a way to work this into the student pantry so we can consolidate the committees that work with money?

j. Alex Huff, ModelUN: On the Endowment Fund, would appreciate it if it could be considered that that support staff that can recommend students for this fund be expanded for student potentially get overlooked and could benefit from this service.

i. Jesse Munroe, Student Investment: Shares a similar concern regarding students who need this type of service becoming overlooked.

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- ii. Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club: Could students in leadership positions be people who can refer students towards this service?
- k. Adrienne Hutchin, Nontraditional Class Representative: SGA has surplus money, to potentially do a continuous endowment year to year. VSCS has a \$400 one time grant that has a similar format to help struggling students. Perhaps could the SGA also establish a continuous grant for struggling students.
  - i. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: We will take that into consideration.
  - l. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: What can the money go to becomes a huge part of the criteria regarding the determination of who can receive it.
  - m. Alex Therriault, NVUnity: Can I be reminded of the Flag Updates?
    - i. Gill MacDonald: We are currently trying to determine the cost.

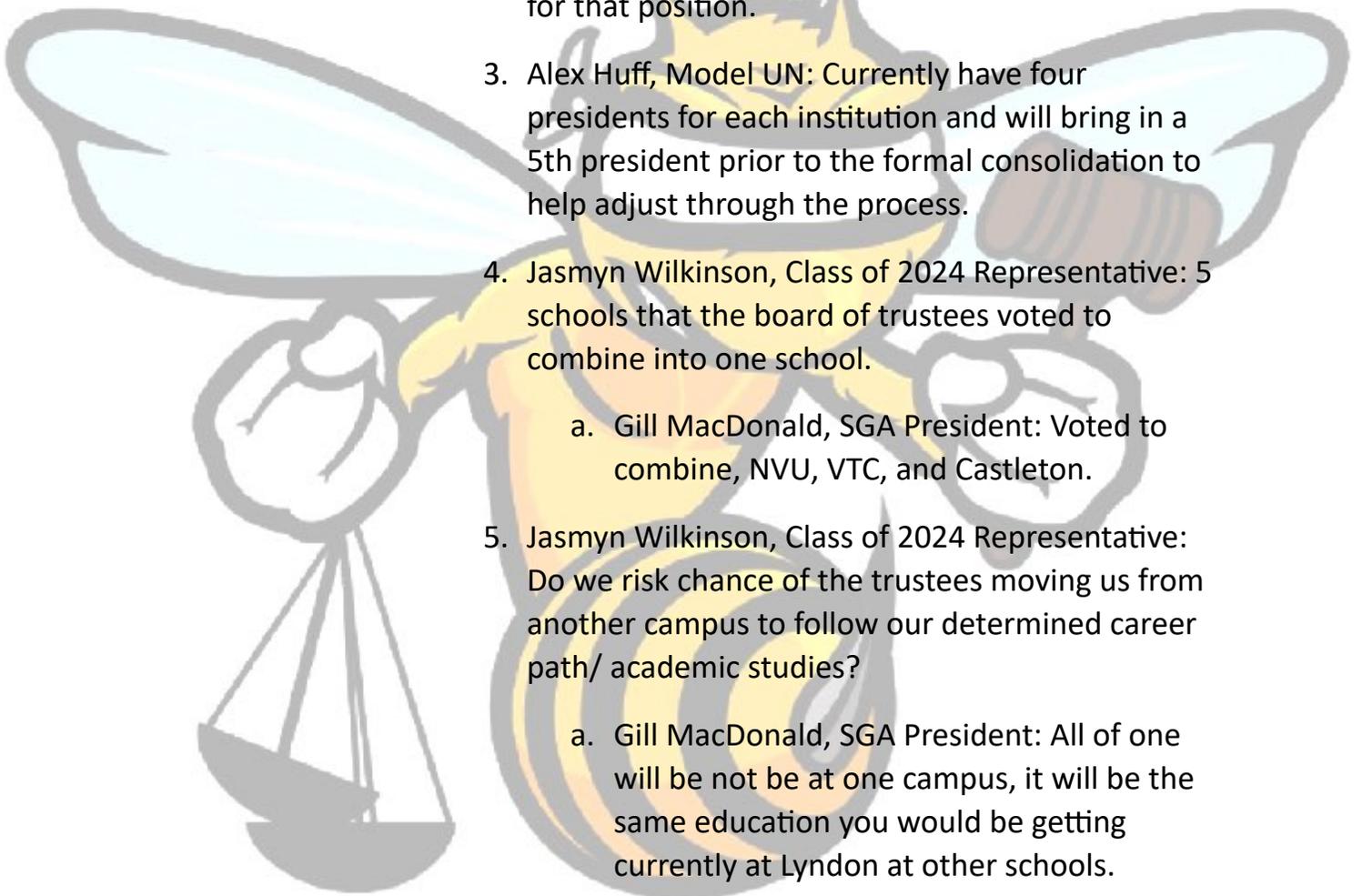
## VII. Other Business

### a. VSCS Updates

- i. The Board of Trustees voted the other day to consolidate the Vermont State Colleges, and will be inviting President Collins for questions regarding the recent announcements to answer any questions.

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1. Kate Henriques, TWP: What will happen to the current presidents?
  - a. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: There will only be one president of the new institution but until then the presidents will still exist.
2. Kate Henriques, TWP: They are not choosing to keep a specific president they probably can apply for that position.
3. Alex Huff, Model UN: Currently have four presidents for each institution and will bring in a 5th president prior to the formal consolidation to help adjust through the process.
4. Jasmyn Wilkinson, Class of 2024 Representative: 5 schools that the board of trustees voted to combine into one school.
  - a. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Voted to combine, NVU, VTC, and Castleton.
5. Jasmyn Wilkinson, Class of 2024 Representative: Do we risk chance of the trustees moving us from another campus to follow our determined career path/ academic studies?
  - a. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: All of one will be not be at one campus, it will be the same education you would be getting currently at Lyndon at other schools.
6. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: In the powerpoint that was given to the board of trustees nothing has been finalized currently. A system wide GEN ED standard still needs to be determined. Are ensuring that there are different majors on every



campus but still can be reached at every campus.  
The goal is to have classes available system-wide.

7. Jasmyn Wilkinson Class of 2024 Representative:  
Mainly to make five campuses follow one  
curriculum instead of having individual campus  
follow different curriculums.

a. Alex Huff, Model UN: Yes.

b. VSCSA Updates

i. NVU- Johnson: Similar to Lyndon Campus response. How  
is this going to affect marketing? NVU-Lyndon will  
continue to be marketed until the new college has  
formally shifted to the new institution.

1. Kate Henriques, TWP: Shared personal experience  
of coming into LSC and graduating from NVU-  
Lyndon

ii. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Both Lyndon and  
Johnson want to ensure that the consolidation process is  
smoother than the original consolidation process for  
NVU.

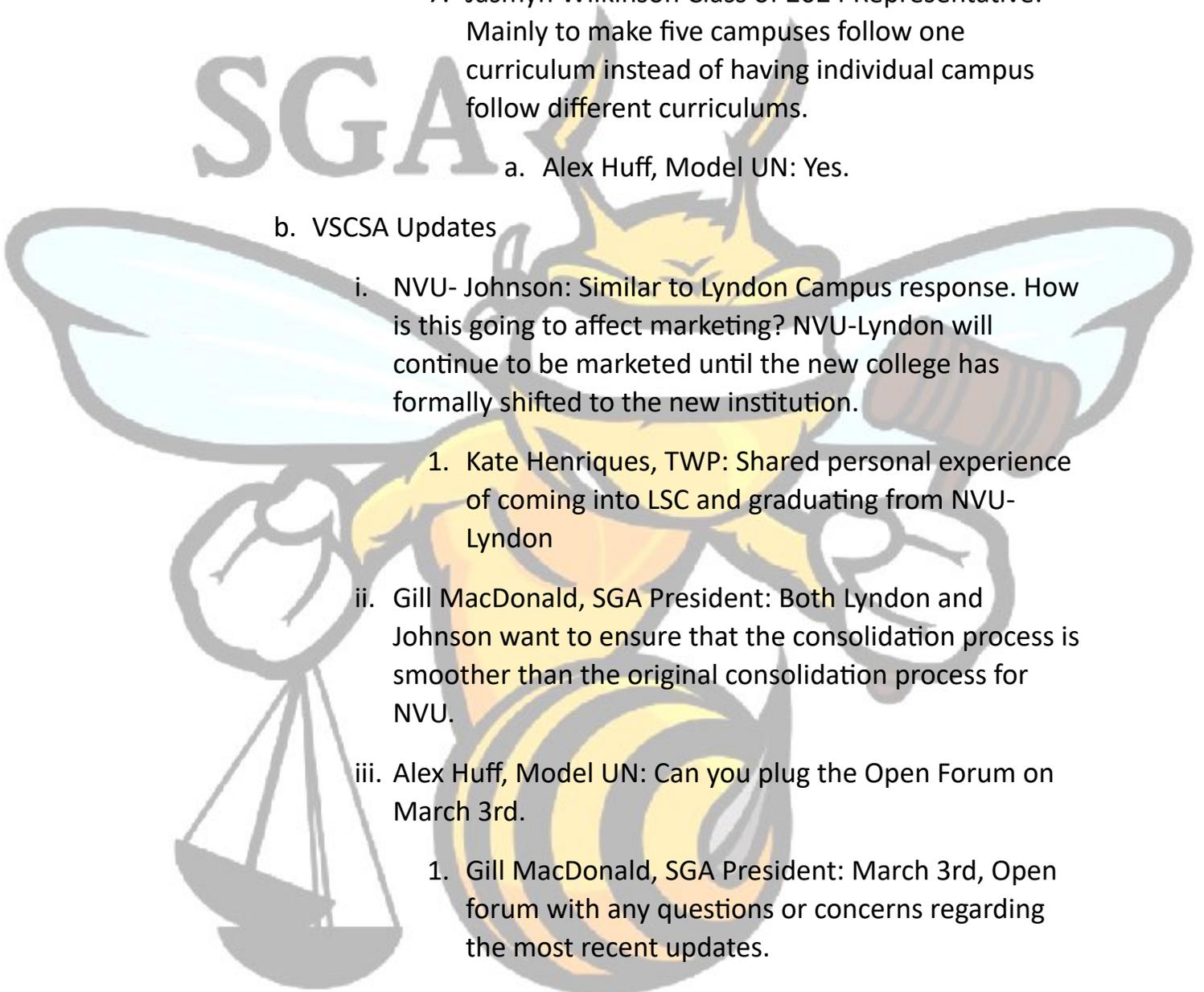
iii. Alex Huff, Model UN: Can you plug the Open Forum on  
March 3rd.

1. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: March 3rd, Open  
forum with any questions or concerns regarding  
the most recent updates.

c. Excellence for Teaching Award

i. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Tracy Sherbook is  
seeking students to nominate a part-time faculty  
member to recognize for their hard work and going

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above and beyond their job responsibilities. There is a \$500 award to the part-time faculty member who is nominated. Nominations can be sent no later than April 1st to [tracy.Sherbrook@NorthernVermont.edu](mailto:tracy.Sherbrook@NorthernVermont.edu). If you are not sure if someone is a part-time faculty member, Gill has a list of the part-time faculty members on campus.

d. Important Dates

- i. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Went over important dates list sent to the general board members via weekly email.

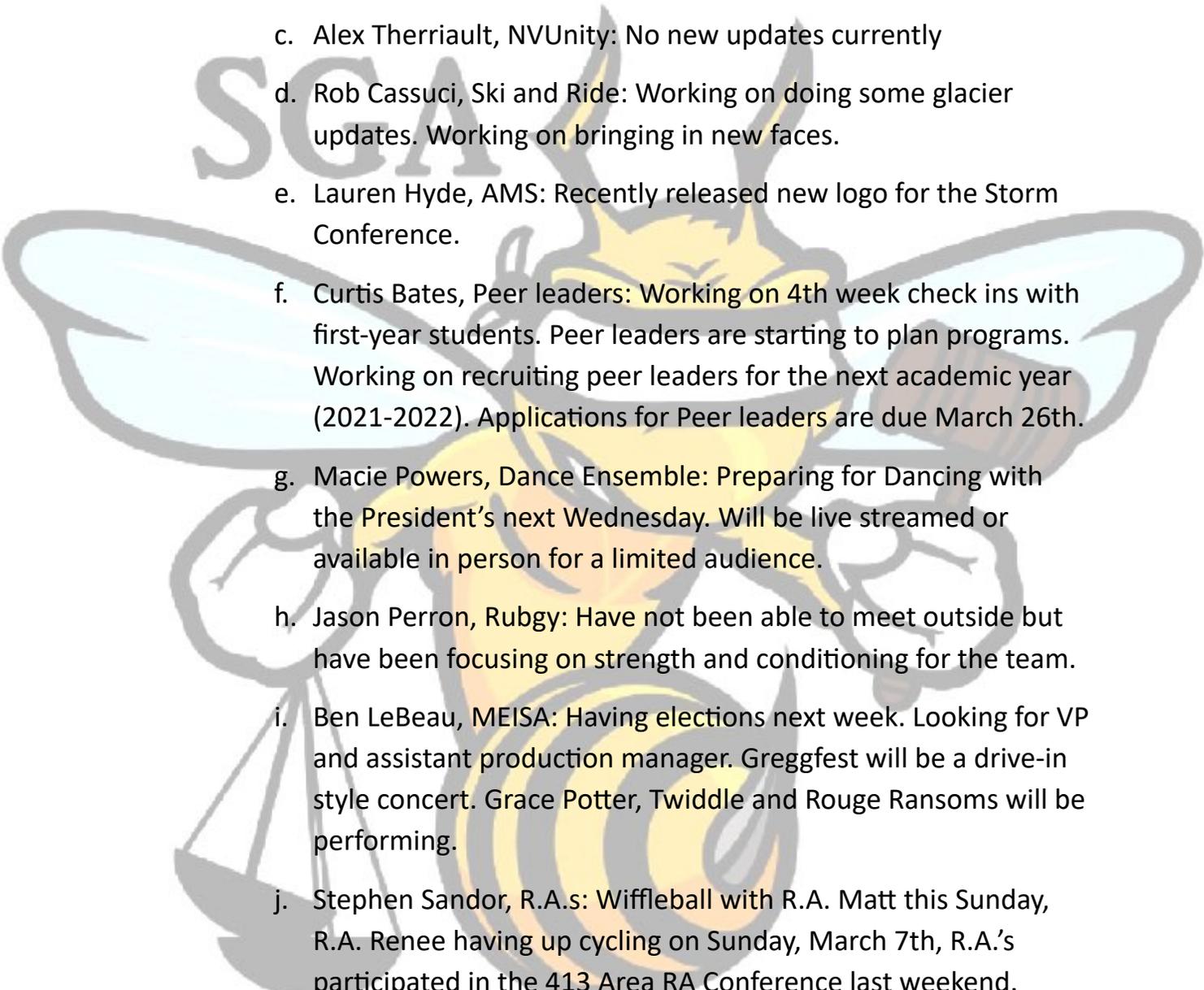
e. 10% Committee Updates

- i. Jesse Munroe, Student Investment: Looking into feminine hygiene products on campus and putting them into the bathrooms on campus. Also have been looking into the possibility of a community garden.
- ii. Alex Huff, Model UN: Has to count all the bathrooms is exhausted.
- iii. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: is tested the products to ensure that they will be effective.

1. Kate Henriques: is glad that the feminine hygiene product project, that was started pre-COVID, is still being worked on.

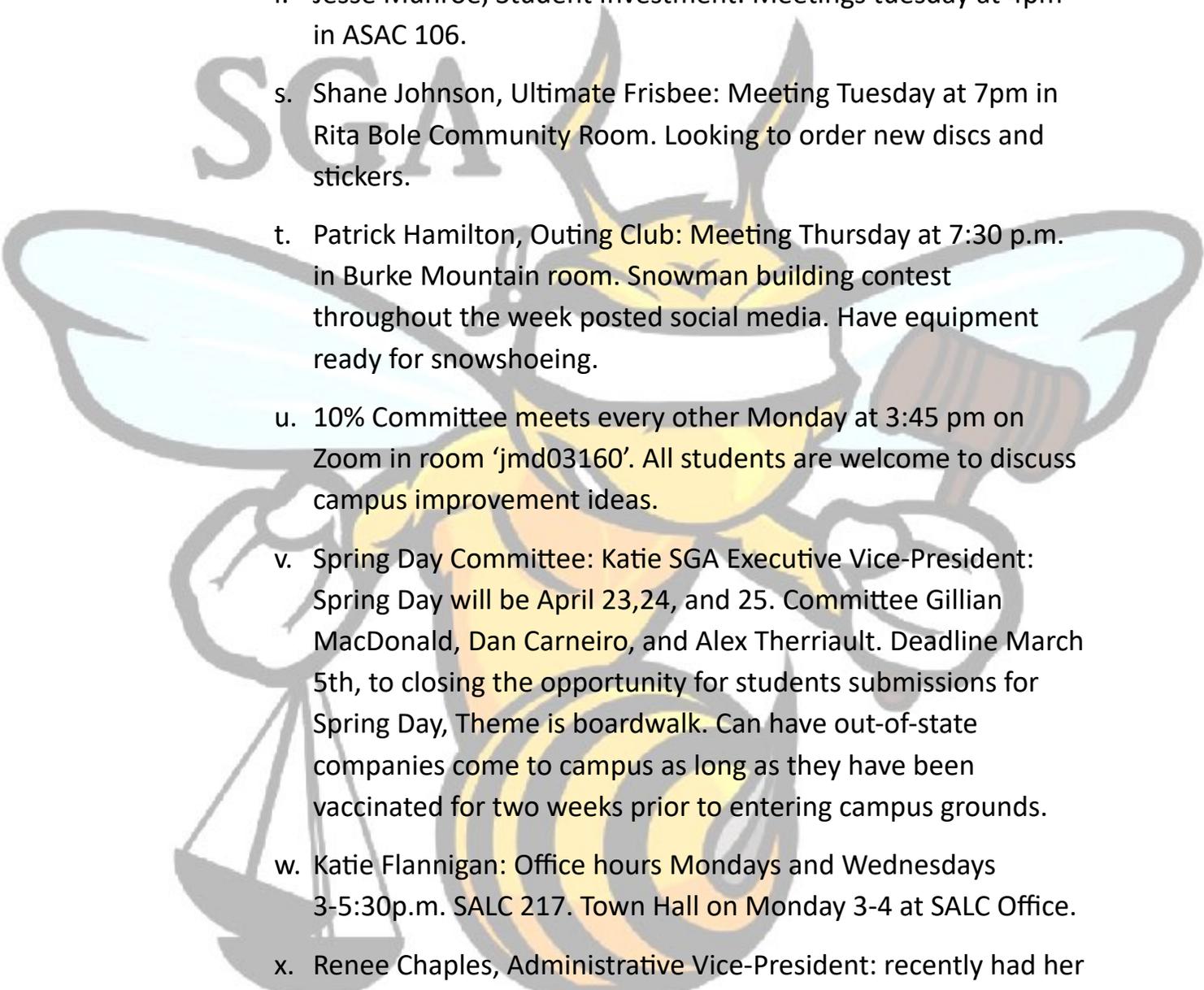
## VIII. Club and Committee Updates

- a. Adrienne Hutchin, Nontraditional Student Representative: Town Hall tomorrow morning at 10 am via zoom

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- b. Jasmyn Wilkinson, Class of 2024 Representative: No new updates. Did have a town hall last week in the student center but no one came.
  - c. Alex Therriault, NVUnity: No new updates currently
  - d. Rob Cassuci, Ski and Ride: Working on doing some glacier updates. Working on bringing in new faces.
  - e. Lauren Hyde, AMS: Recently released new logo for the Storm Conference.
  - f. Curtis Bates, Peer leaders: Working on 4th week check ins with first-year students. Peer leaders are starting to plan programs. Working on recruiting peer leaders for the next academic year (2021-2022). Applications for Peer leaders are due March 26th.
  - g. Macie Powers, Dance Ensemble: Preparing for Dancing with the President's next Wednesday. Will be live streamed or available in person for a limited audience.
  - h. Jason Perron, Rubgy: Have not been able to meet outside but have been focusing on strength and conditioning for the team.
  - i. Ben LeBeau, MEISA: Having elections next week. Looking for VP and assistant production manager. Greggfest will be a drive-in style concert. Grace Potter, Twiddle and Rouge Ransoms will be performing.
  - j. Stephen Sandor, R.A.s: Wiffleball with R.A. Matt this Sunday, R.A. Renee having up cycling on Sunday, March 7th, R.A.'s participated in the 413 Area RA Conference last weekend.
  - k. Alex Huff, Model UN: Went to Harvard National Model UN Conference last weekend, February 11-14th. Represented three different countries. Haver been able to connect with other clubs regarding engagement (Gathertown). Has a

Peerleader event coming up. Minecraft night part 2, message to connect to the discord server. Monday, March 8th, Stop: Zoom edition. Zoom link available via Huff.

- l. Kate Henriques, TWP: Officially have show Performing Arts Night in April 10th in the theater. Will be live streamed via Facebook. Including a handful of numbers from Carrie. Rehearsals have started.
- m. Dan Carnerio, CAB: Paint Night, Bowling, Mini-golf, Trivia Night, Great attendance overall. Cardboard Duct tape Sled Decorating ASAC 8 pm Friday, Cardboard sled racing Saturday 1 p.m., Among Us Tournament on March 2nd in-person and zoom, Wednesday March 3rd, Meme Scavenger Hunt. Thursday Event in Theater Lobby 11:30-1p.m., Messages in Motivation ASAC 100 8pm Friday, Upcycling Night Sunday March 7th 8pm, Aromatherapy Beads Community Theater Lobby, 11:30am-1p.m, Pandemic Trivia Tuesday, March 9th ASAC 100 and Zoom.
- n. Becca Fauteux, The Critic: New Office space is ready for office hours, located inside news 7 building 230B, Alex Huff Wednesday 11am-1pm, Friday 9am-10am, Quin Peer Thursday 10-12pm, Katie Monday and Wednesday 6-7pm, Becca Thursday 3-5p.m. LinkedIn headshots Thursday 11:30am-1pm, Friday 1pm-3pm, Meetings Friday 4pm.
- o. Vanessa Symonick, KCA: Brainstorming ideas on involvement participating in Outing club Snowman building competition. Looking into shirt ideas.
- p. WWLR: Meeting Tomorrow night via zoom to discuss show scheduling.

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- q. David Pardy, Lyndon Gaming Community: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, have been discussion shifting meeting times.
  - r. Jesse Munroe, Student Investment: Meetings tuesday at 4pm in ASAC 106.
  - s. Shane Johnson, Ultimate Frisbee: Meeting Tuesday at 7pm in Rita Bole Community Room. Looking to order new discs and stickers.
  - t. Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club: Meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Burke Mountain room. Snowman building contest throughout the week posted social media. Have equipment ready for snowshoeing.
  - u. 10% Committee meets every other Monday at 3:45 pm on Zoom in room 'jmd03160'. All students are welcome to discuss campus improvement ideas.
  - v. Spring Day Committee: Katie SGA Executive Vice-President: Spring Day will be April 23,24, and 25. Committee Gillian MacDonald, Dan Carneiro, and Alex Therriault. Deadline March 5th, to closing the opportunity for students submissions for Spring Day, Theme is boardwalk. Can have out-of-state companies come to campus as long as they have been vaccinated for two weeks prior to entering campus grounds.
  - w. Katie Flannigan: Office hours Mondays and Wednesdays 3-5:30p.m. SALC 217. Town Hall on Monday 3-4 at SALC Office.
  - x. Renee Chaples, Administrative Vice-President: recently had her Town Hall at 10:00 am on Monday in the Hornet's Nest. Was able to get issues resolve at the Town Hall. Working on planning Town Hall for March.
  - y. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Had her Town Hall yesterday at 2:00 p.m.

## IX. Adjourn

a. Motion: Kate Henriques, TWP

Second: Jesse Munroe, Student Investment Club

Call: Becca Fauteux, The Critic

b. All agreed to end meeting. Meeting concluded at 9:59 PM.

