



Northern Vermont University – Lyndon

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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### GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING April 07, 2021

#### I. Motion to Start Meeting

- a. Motion: Jesse Munroe, Student Investment  
Second: Stephen Sandor, Residential Assistants  
Call: David Parady, Gaming Club
- b. All agreed to start meeting. Meeting started at 8:03 PM.

#### II. Attendance

- a. Absent
  - i. Twilight
  - ii. SAAC
  - iii. Jasmyn Wilkinson, Class of 2023 Representative

#### III. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

- a. Motion: Jesse Munroe, Student Investment  
Second: Becca Fauteux, The Critic  
Call: Alex Huff, Model UN
- b. All agreed to approve last meeting's minutes

#### IV. Disc Golf Course

- a. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Student: Jamie Struck  
Present to a user any questions or concerns regarding

the evaluation emailed on Tuesday. Previous adventure program coordinators for NVU-Lyndon. Helped established many traditions regarding the adventure program and created the disc golf course.

i. Jamie Struck, Previous Adventure Program Coordinator for NVU-Lyndon: Evaluated the course about a month ago. Said it is looking relatively good. Has been kept very well since Struck left NVU-Lyndon. Open to any questions.

1. Alex Huff, Model UN: Was not in the original 105% budget but later added to the recommended items for t-pads. Does not play disc golf professionally but has seen the course. Does not understand how closer t-pads would be more appealing for those who use the course.

a. Jamie Struck: When he was Adventure Program Coordinator, he was the one who would previously oversee that budget.

b. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: If the SGA approved this decision, he could oversee the funding along with Mike Secreti and the financial controller. We would have to see how the SGA votes and go from there.

2. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Voting for this item will occur in the next SGA GBM on April 21st

3. Alex Huff, Model UN: Noted that the baskets needed to be more visible but within the maintenance noted about replanting or removing the foliage, but what about the potential for changing the color for the baskets themselves for visibility purposes.

a. Jamie Struck: This was included in the materials costs if we wanted to go in that direction.

4. Jamie Struck: There are lots to be proud of with the disc golf course. It has a web presence and is frequented by members of the community.

## **V. Student Body Comments**

a. Alex Huff, Model UN: Many students have been struggling with the change in testing times for COVID-19. This has become a big issue for those who need or are required to be tested and cannot afford to pay for third-party testing. Why where the times changed?

i. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: Did not see a lot of participation on Sundays. The alternative was to go later on a Friday. However you should not need any insurance to be tested off-campus.

1. Alex Huff, Model UN: Do you find that these accommodate new students?

a. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: We have seen more numbers within our participation. Is willing to communicate about testing from 3rd party sources.

b. Alex Huff, Model UN: Why are there no clocks in any of our classroom facilities?

i. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: One of the things I want to do is determine where there are clocks currently located throughout campus. Will communicate these concerns to Mike Stevens to see if this is a possibility.

ii. John Currier, CAB: ATM department has a couple of visual clocks in their classrooms. Although he has also noticed that many classrooms are missing clocks.

c. Alex Huff, Model UN: Rule regarding dogs on campus as long as they are not inside academic or residential buildings. Was hoping to have a clear communication put out about this policy.

i. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: Posting the current pet policy in chat.

1. Link to Current Pet policy: [https://www.northernvermont.edu/sites/default/files/2019-10/nvu\\_pet\\_procedure\\_2019.pdf](https://www.northernvermont.edu/sites/default/files/2019-10/nvu_pet_procedure_2019.pdf)

d. Alex Huff, Model UN: Noticed that the NVU 2019-2020 states that students are allowed to use main campus walkways to skate but the NVU-Lyndon handbook states that this is against campus policies.

i. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: You rollerblading is considered a means of transportation and is allowed but stopping and using places on campus that are not meant for skating is not recommended.

1. Alex Huff, Model UN: Is it still allowed it is recreational?

a. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: As long as you are not causing a disruption.

2. Erin Rossetti, Director of Student Life: The policies have been in place for a while but is willing to meet personally to go over this policy. Believes that google search may provide confusing results.

3. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: please wear helmets.

ii. Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club: What percentage of the student body is eligible to be COVID tested each week is being COVID tested.

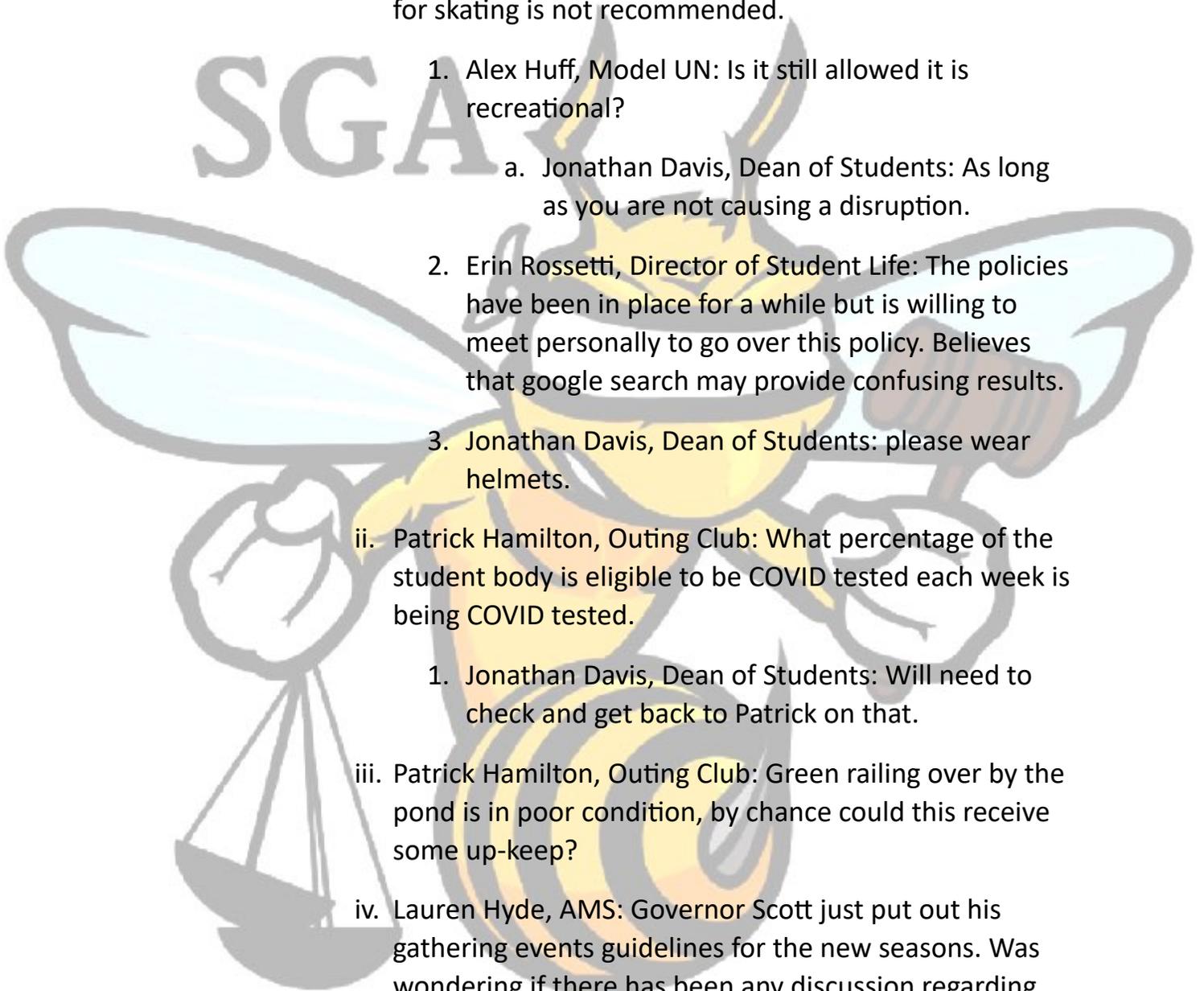
1. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: Will need to check and get back to Patrick on that.

iii. Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club: Green railing over by the pond is in poor condition, by chance could this receive some up-keep?

iv. Lauren Hyde, AMS: Governor Scott just put out his gathering events guidelines for the new seasons. Was wondering if there has been any discussion regarding how this may impact upcoming events related to the graduating class of 2020 and 2021.

1. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: This has caught many universities by surprise. Sent out an email

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last week to ensure that students don't let up. Will be discussing how this may impact the ceremony but currently planning for virtual commencement. Still has many factors playing into the regulations that must be adhered to for these ceremonies. Will be reevaluated based on this new information.

## **VI. Reports and Presentations**

a. Financial Update : \$56,939.75

i. Total: \$83,388.02

b. Student Involvement

i. Club Bulletin Boards

1. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Due April 14th, please feel free to reach out for materials or with and questions.

ii. SGA Constitution Evaluation:

1. Gillian Macdonald, SGA President: Met with David Kelly who has reviewed our entire constitution and gave us recommendations to update it. Is still working alongside Kelly, Erin Rossetti, and the SGA Executive board to update it.

2. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Our main goals consolidating, Adding subsections that will adhere to all members of the students adding subsections that will adhere to all members of the student body Government. Policies and procedures Documents that will be separate from the Constituion. Recommended that we create an emergency clause.

### iii. Club Budgeting

1. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: We are no longer accepting club budget applications

## VII. Discussion and Action Items

### a. 49900 Account

#### 1. Flag Updates

- a. Gillian MacDonald, SGA President: Reached out to campus F.A.I.R. organization regarding the flying of the flags. Awaiting to hear back from this group about whether or not this would be appropriate.

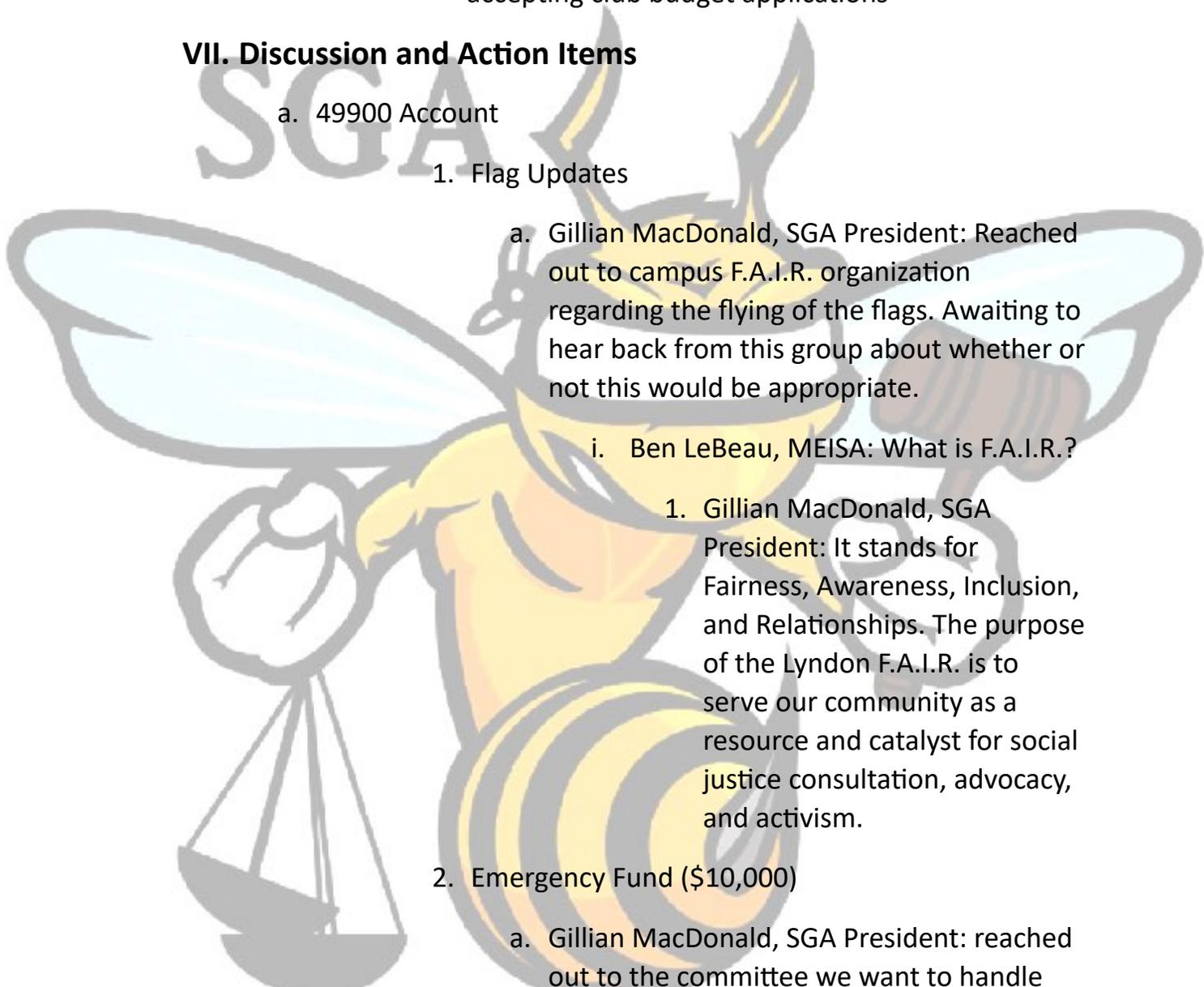
#### i. Ben LeBeau, MEISA: What is F.A.I.R.?

1. Gillian MacDonald, SGA President: It stands for Fairness, Awareness, Inclusion, and Relationships. The purpose of the Lyndon F.A.I.R. is to serve our community as a resource and catalyst for social justice consultation, advocacy, and activism.

#### 2. Emergency Fund (\$10,000)

- a. Gillian MacDonald, SGA President: reached out to the committee we want to handle this resource. Will be inviting this group to an executive board meeting for discussion on this topic.

#### 3. Residential Hall and Commuter Updates



- a. Gillian MacDonald, SGA President: No new updates.

#### 4. Penguin Solarium, Outdoor Spaces

- a. Gillian MacDonald, SGA President: Would like to open up a conversation about the expectations for a new outdoor space on campus.

- i. Stephen Sandor, Residential Assistants: As an outdoor space as heard that people would be interested in a few Adirondack-style chairs that are portable for when the weather is unfavorable.

- ii. Jesse Munroe, Student Investment: Having a centerpiece for these chairs to be located so they do not seem out of place.

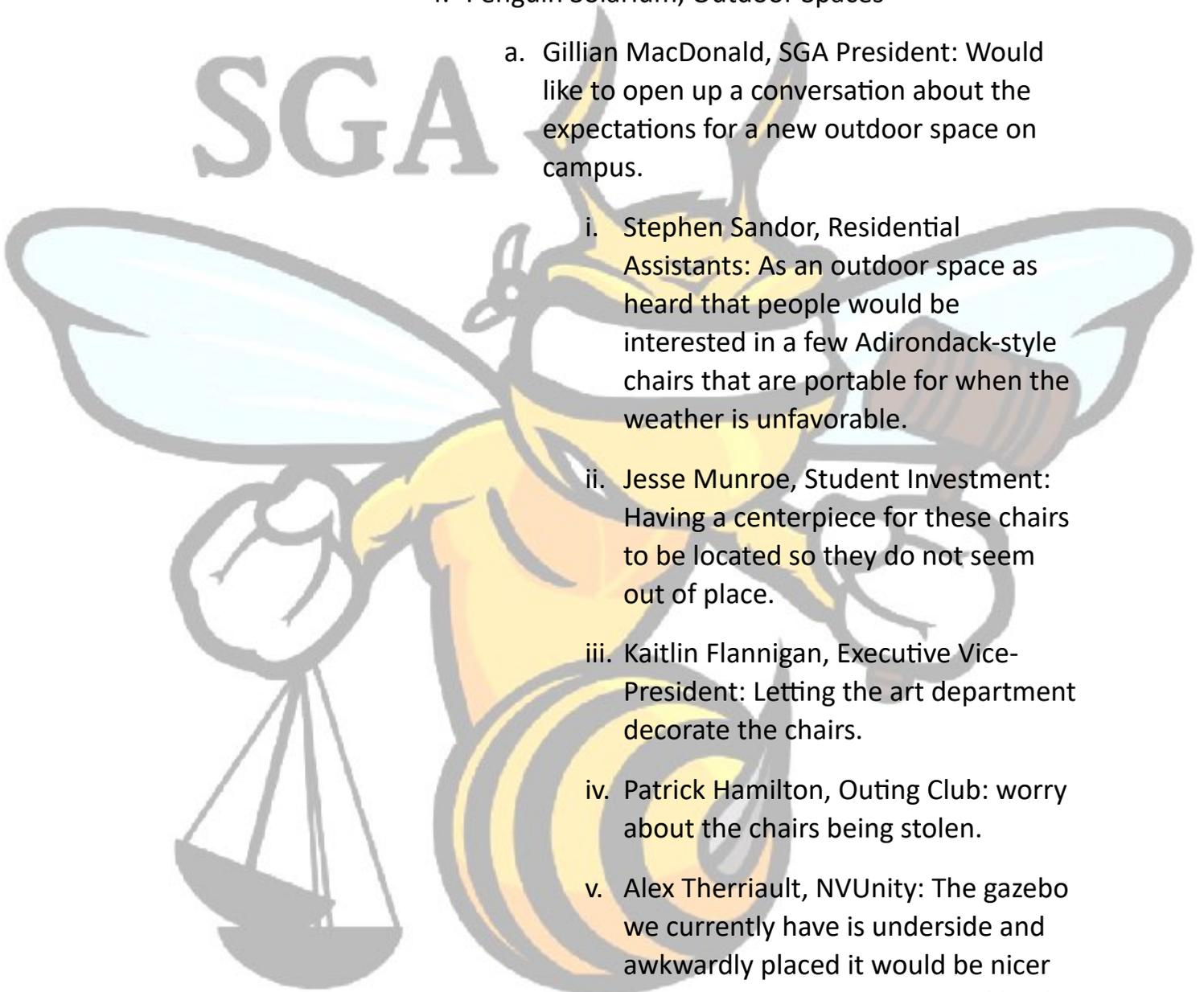
- iii. Kaitlin Flannigan, Executive Vice-President: Letting the art department decorate the chairs.

- iv. Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club: worry about the chairs being stolen.

- v. Alex Therriault, NVUnity: The gazebo we currently have is underside and awkwardly placed it would be nicer to have a larger gazebo or pavilion in a better location

- vi. Alex Huff, Model UN: Saw someone broke the concrete bench her first year on campus.

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- b. Ben Lebeau, MEISA: The gazebo by Hornet's Nest is very poorly lit. Could we install some solar lighting sources for this area?

## VIII. Other Business

### a. VSCSA Updates

- i. Gillian MacDonald, SGA President: Discussed the last board of trustees meeting and how are schools doing with their SGA Elections. We are the only school that held elections so far. Discussed the consolidation, currently Lyndon's focus has been on graduation which other campuses seemed to agree with. Next meeting we are looking to vote in a student trustee to 2021-2022

### b. SGA Elections

- i. Posted on the Website.

### c. Updates from president Collins regarding Hood and Commemorative Diplomas

- i. Class of 2021 has received an e-mail with all the information to receive a Hood and how to sign up for an LSC commemorative diploma.

1. Alex Huff, Model UN: Does this apply to all Lyndon Student or just the current graduating class.

- a. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: Great questions he will get back to you on that. Will discuss with President Collins.

2. John Currier, CAB: Will not be graduating until 2022 due to personal leave, was wondering if he would be applicable to receive this service.

- a. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: Yes.
- 3. Becca Fauteux, The Critic: Discovered that hoods are not only available by calling the bookstore.
  - a. Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: Not entirely sure, but believe it is to ensure all of the hood are consistent.

## **IX. Club and Committee Updates**

- a. Kate Flannigan, Spring Day Committee: Spring day map has been handed out and emailed to involved members. Friday Involvement Fair starts mandatory set up at 10:30, involved members are; CAB, AMS, Twilight Players, WWLR, Gaming Club, The Critic, Student Investment, Kingdom Crescendos, Ultimate Frisbee, Ski & Ride, Outing Club, MEISA, Dance Ensemble, Clubs not participate: Model U.N., NVUnity, SAAC, Sports Medicine, This day will be the only T-shirt hand out of the weekend. Offering T-shirts in Navy, Red, and White, Sizes S-XXL. 24th Tracy Sherbrook will be doing signups for the spring dip. The money spends on this will be put towards student scholarships. Friday 11:30-12 sign ups. 3 p.m. Fair ends. 4:30 p.m.- 7 p.m. hopefully IRL Among Us will be run by CAB. Saturday, 24 Meal Service 11 a.m - 1:30 p.m handing out merchandise. One Vendor had to cancel for this year. CAB MEISA, Student Investment, Kingdom Crescendos, SGA, NO 24: WWLR, Twilight Players, Outing Club, Ski and Ride, AMS, The Critic, NVUnity, Model UN, Sports Medicine, Student Investment. Saturday 3:00 p.m. Boardwalk ends, 7:00 p.m. Fire pit, 12 a.m. Insomnia Bowling. Bowling will have signup if you want attend place sign up it is a first come first serve. CAB might host a capture the flag event.

i. Macie Powers, Dance Ensemble: Does not plan on doing sign-ups the second day for the Outing Club. Has been planning an Obstacle Course and is working with Michael Secreti.

1. Alex Huff, Model UN: There are a lot of home games please arrive early to claim your land.

ii. David Pardy, Gaming Community: Filled out the form and received an email from Dan Carneiro about a mix-up and that they would be hosting the same activity as Student Investment. Will we be receiving a full schedule of the weekend events?

1. Katie Flannigan, SGA Executive Vice President: Yes this will happen at the next SGA GBM on April 21st.

iii. John Currier, CAB: Are we offering transportation for Insomnia Bowling?

1. Mike Secreti, SGA Advisor: We can only allow a certain number of people in a van at a time, but we are looking into providing transportation.

iv. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Why is Sodexo on both maps even though there's only one day of food service?

1. Kate Flannigan, Executive Vice President: That is just a printing error please disregard.

v. Jesse Munroe. Student Investment: Is there a way for the Drumming Across Cultures class to perform as part of Spring Day?

1. Katie Flannigan, Executive Vice-President: Yes, we can work with MEISA to have them included.

vi. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: What about the Remote Care Packages?

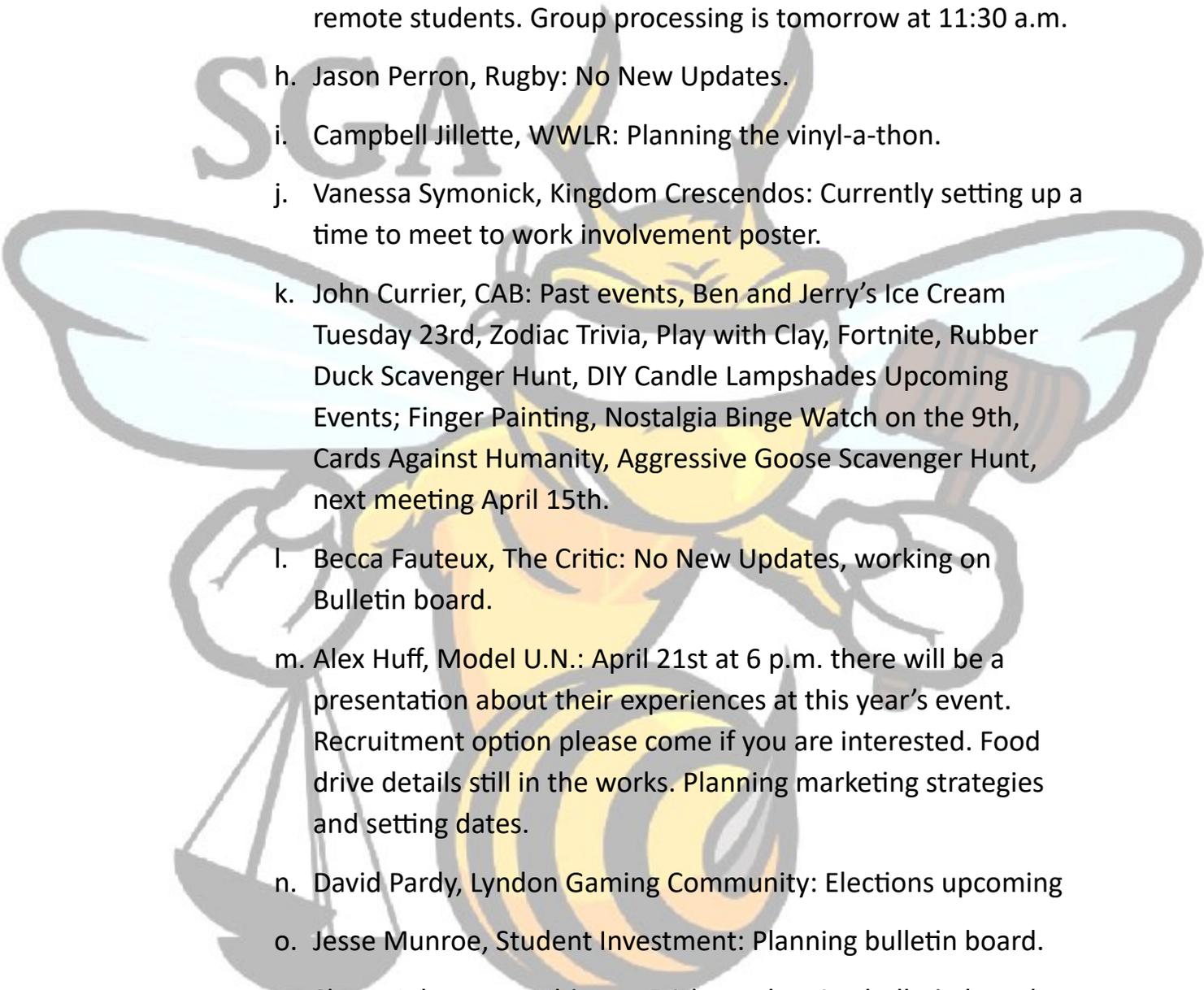
1. Katie Flannigan, SGA Executive Vice-President: We have sent forms to our 2020 graduates and remote student to fill out a form to receive a Spring day t-shirt in their choice of color and size, surfboard, beach ball, bottle opener, cup

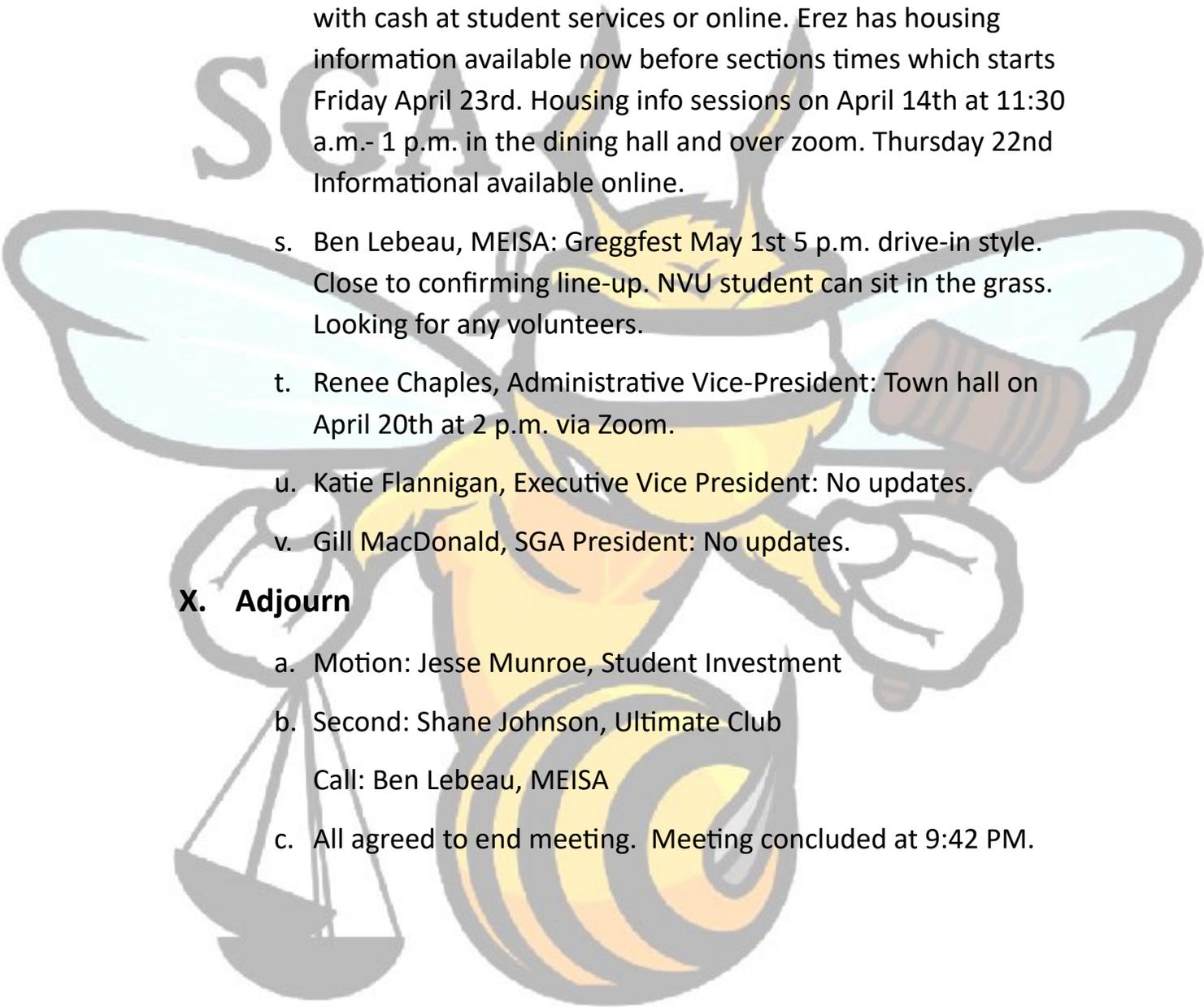
vii. David Parady, Lyndon Gaming Community: Will there be alcohol served?

1. Katie Flannigan, Executive Vice-President: There is not a feasible amount of 21+ student to validate alcohol services.

viii. Stephen Sandor, Resident Assistants: What do you want from the RAs?

1. Katie Flannigan, Executive Vice-President: Be Present and Social at the Event.
- b. 10% Committee: Brought up the idea of New lettering regarding the veteran's park on cleaning the veteran's park.
- c. Lauren Hyde, AMS: Has elections coming up on April 29th. April 28th informational night. NESC going well, constantly getting new registrations. We have an office space now in ASAC 306.
- d. Macie Powers, Dance Ensemble: Preparing for our recital Next Saturday in the Theater. Will be live streamed on Youtube, Facebook, and Offering in-person have elections.
- e. Alexander Therriault, NVUnity: No Updates.
- f. Rob Casucci, Ski and Ride: No updates.

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- The background features a large, stylized logo for the Student Government Association (SGA). The logo consists of the letters "SGA" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below the letters is a cartoon illustration of a bee with a yellow and black striped abdomen, a brown thorax, and large, light blue wings. The bee is facing forward and has a friendly expression.
- g. Curtis Bates, Peerleaders: Finished up recruitment process for next year. Working through Mid-term check ins. Planning class registration support for next week for both in-person and remote students. Group processing is tomorrow at 11:30 a.m.
  - h. Jason Perron, Rugby: No New Updates.
  - i. Campbell Jillette, WWLR: Planning the vinyl-a-thon.
  - j. Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos: Currently setting up a time to meet to work involvement poster.
  - k. John Currier, CAB: Past events, Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Tuesday 23rd, Zodiac Trivia, Play with Clay, Fortnite, Rubber Duck Scavenger Hunt, DIY Candle Lampshades Upcoming Events; Finger Painting, Nostalgia Binge Watch on the 9th, Cards Against Humanity, Aggressive Goose Scavenger Hunt, next meeting April 15th.
  - l. Becca Fauteux, The Critic: No New Updates, working on Bulletin board.
  - m. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: April 21st at 6 p.m. there will be a presentation about their experiences at this year's event. Recruitment option please come if you are interested. Food drive details still in the works. Planning marketing strategies and setting dates.
  - n. David Pardy, Lyndon Gaming Community: Elections upcoming
  - o. Jesse Munroe, Student Investment: Planning bulletin board.
  - p. Shane Johnstone, Ultimate Frisbee: planning bulletin board and reversing practice times.
  - q. Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club: Obstacle course, hosted Elections. 2021-2022 elections: President; Macie Powers, SGA Representative: Jason, Treasurer; Ben LeBeau

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- r. Stephen Sandor, Resident Assistants: Saturday R.A. Mary and Monique hosting their last program Chalk art and lawn games. Housing selection deposits are due next Friday at 4 p.m. Pay with cash at student services or online. Erez has housing information available now before sections times which starts Friday April 23rd. Housing info sessions on April 14th at 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. in the dining hall and over zoom. Thursday 22nd Informational available online.
- s. Ben Lebeau, MEISA: Greggfest May 1st 5 p.m. drive-in style. Close to confirming line-up. NVU student can sit in the grass. Looking for any volunteers.
- t. Renee Chaples, Administrative Vice-President: Town hall on April 20th at 2 p.m. via Zoom.
- u. Katie Flannigan, Executive Vice President: No updates.
- v. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: No updates.

## **X. Adjourn**

- a. Motion: Jesse Munroe, Student Investment
- b. Second: Shane Johnson, Ultimate Club  
Call: Ben Lebeau, MEISA
- c. All agreed to end meeting. Meeting concluded at 9:42 PM.