



Northern Vermont University – Lyndon

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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### GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING April 21, 2021

#### I. Motion to Start Meeting

- a. Motion: Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club  
Second: Stephen Sandor, Residential Assistants  
Call: Jesse Munroe, Ultimate Frisbee
- b. All agreed to start meeting. Meeting started at 8:03 PM.

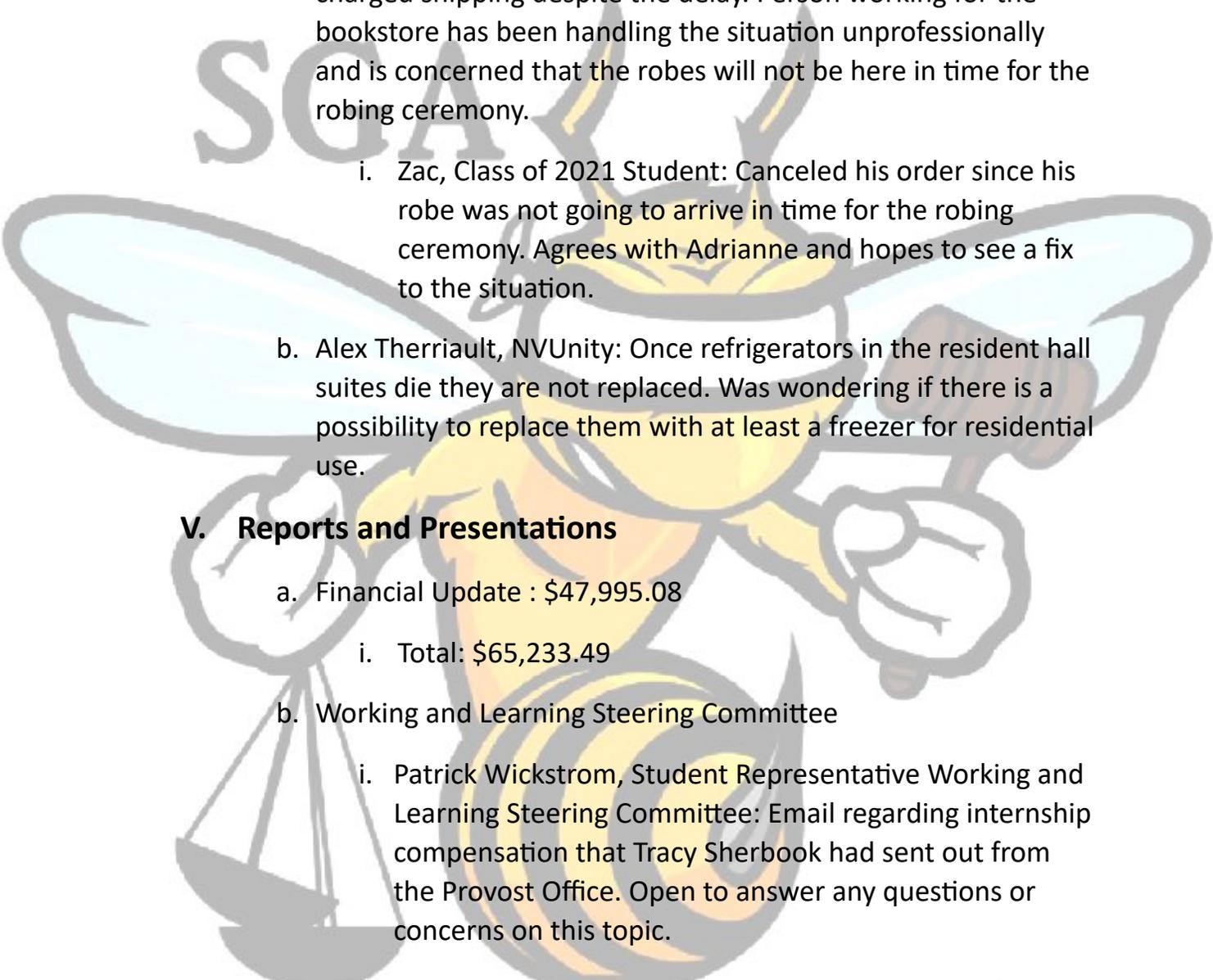
#### II. Attendance

- a. Absent
  - i. MEISA
  - ii. Ski & Ride
  - iii. Sports Medicine
  - iv. Jasmyn Wilkinson

#### III. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

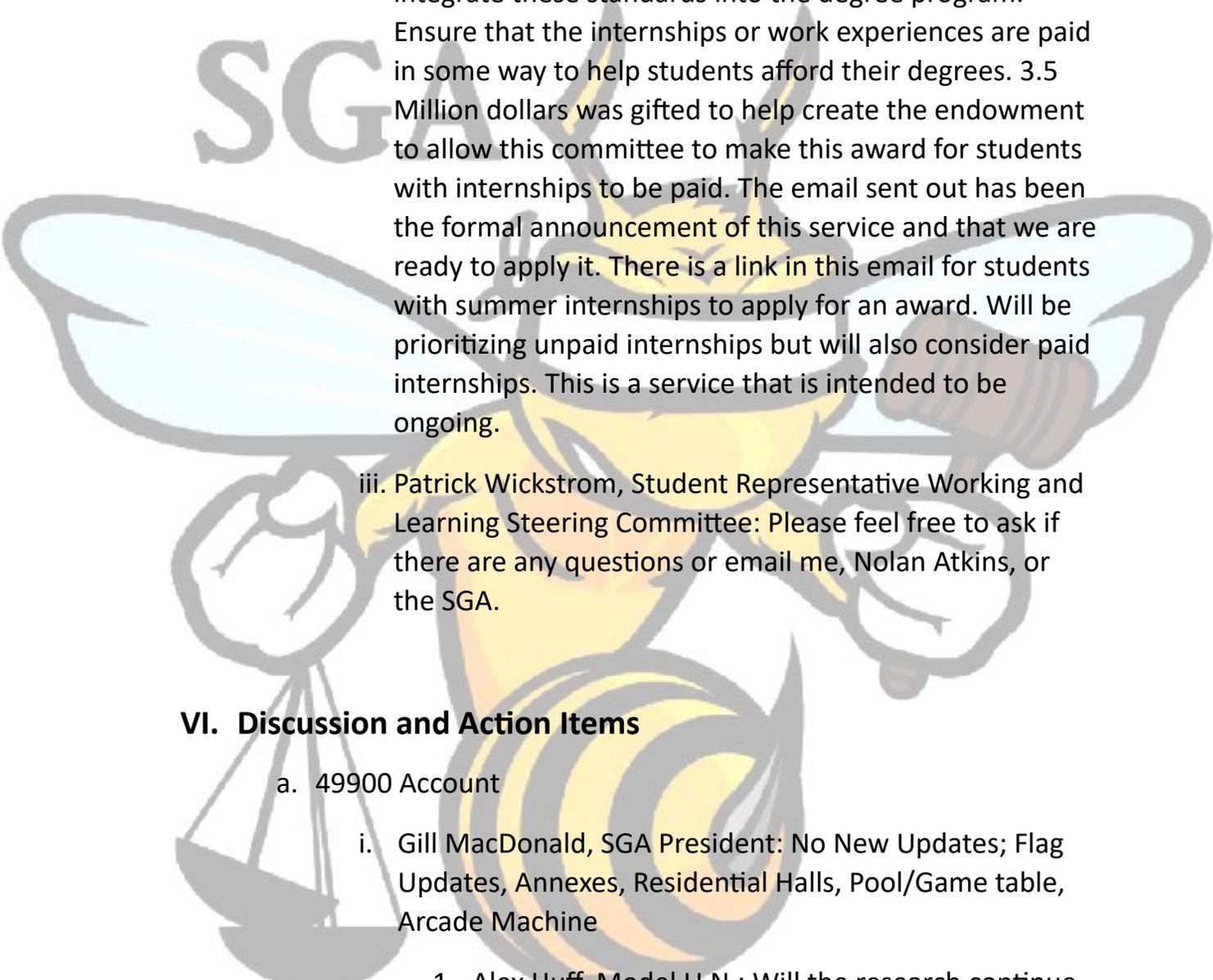
- a. Motion: Becca Fauteux, The Critic  
Second: Dan Carneiro, Campus Activities Board  
Call: Jesse Munroe, Ultimate Frisbee
- b. All agreed to approve last meeting's minutes

#### IV. Student Body Comments

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- a. Adrienne Hutchin, Nontraditional Class Representative: Was told that the graduating robes were already suppose to arrive, however the date is incorrect and seniors are still being charged shipping despite the delay. Person working for the bookstore has been handling the situation unprofessionally and is concerned that the robes will not be here in time for the robing ceremony.
- i. Zac, Class of 2021 Student: Canceled his order since his robe was not going to arrive in time for the robing ceremony. Agrees with Adrienne and hopes to see a fix to the situation.
- b. Alex Therriault, NVUnity: Once refrigerators in the resident hall suites die they are not replaced. Was wondering if there is a possibility to replace them with at least a freezer for residential use.

## **V. Reports and Presentations**

- a. Financial Update : \$47,995.08
  - i. Total: \$65,233.49
- b. Working and Learning Steering Committee
  - i. Patrick Wickstrom, Student Representative Working and Learning Steering Committee: Email regarding internship compensation that Tracy Sherbook had sent out from the Provost Office. Open to answer any questions or concerns on this topic.
  - ii. Nolan Atkins, Provost: When the NVU strong Advisory committee to establish a sustainable model for the Northern Vermont College system. Through this they established the working and Learning steering Committee which helps students establish work



experience for students that help with the cost of a college education. Many degree programs require an internship as a graduation standard determining how to integrate these standards into the degree program. Ensure that the internships or work experiences are paid in some way to help students afford their degrees. 3.5 Million dollars was gifted to help create the endowment to allow this committee to make this award for students with internships to be paid. The email sent out has been the formal announcement of this service and that we are ready to apply it. There is a link in this email for students with summer internships to apply for an award. Will be prioritizing unpaid internships but will also consider paid internships. This is a service that is intended to be ongoing.

- iii. Patrick Wickstrom, Student Representative Working and Learning Steering Committee: Please feel free to ask if there are any questions or email me, Nolan Atkins, or the SGA.

## **VI. Discussion and Action Items**

- a. 49900 Account

- i. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: No New Updates; Flag Updates, Annexes, Residential Halls, Pool/Game table, Arcade Machine

- 1. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Will the research continue into The Summer since two of you are returning to your exact positions?

a. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Meeting with the new Executive board about when they will be able to meet over the summer.

2. Alex Therriault, NVUnity: Will we receive email updates regarding the progress for these projects.

a. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: We are doing the updated club contact forms tonight to be able to communicate with clubs about updates we may have over the summer.

ii. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Adirondack Chairs, we have found two locally sourced options. Option 1: Wayfair (\$2,800), Option 2: Locally made plastic chairs (\$2,100), Option 3: Locally made wooden chairs (\$1,000)

1. Alex Therriault, NVUnity: I like the locally made option. They are both visually appealing and the cheapest option. Since they are cheap could we look into getting more chairs?

a. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Yes.

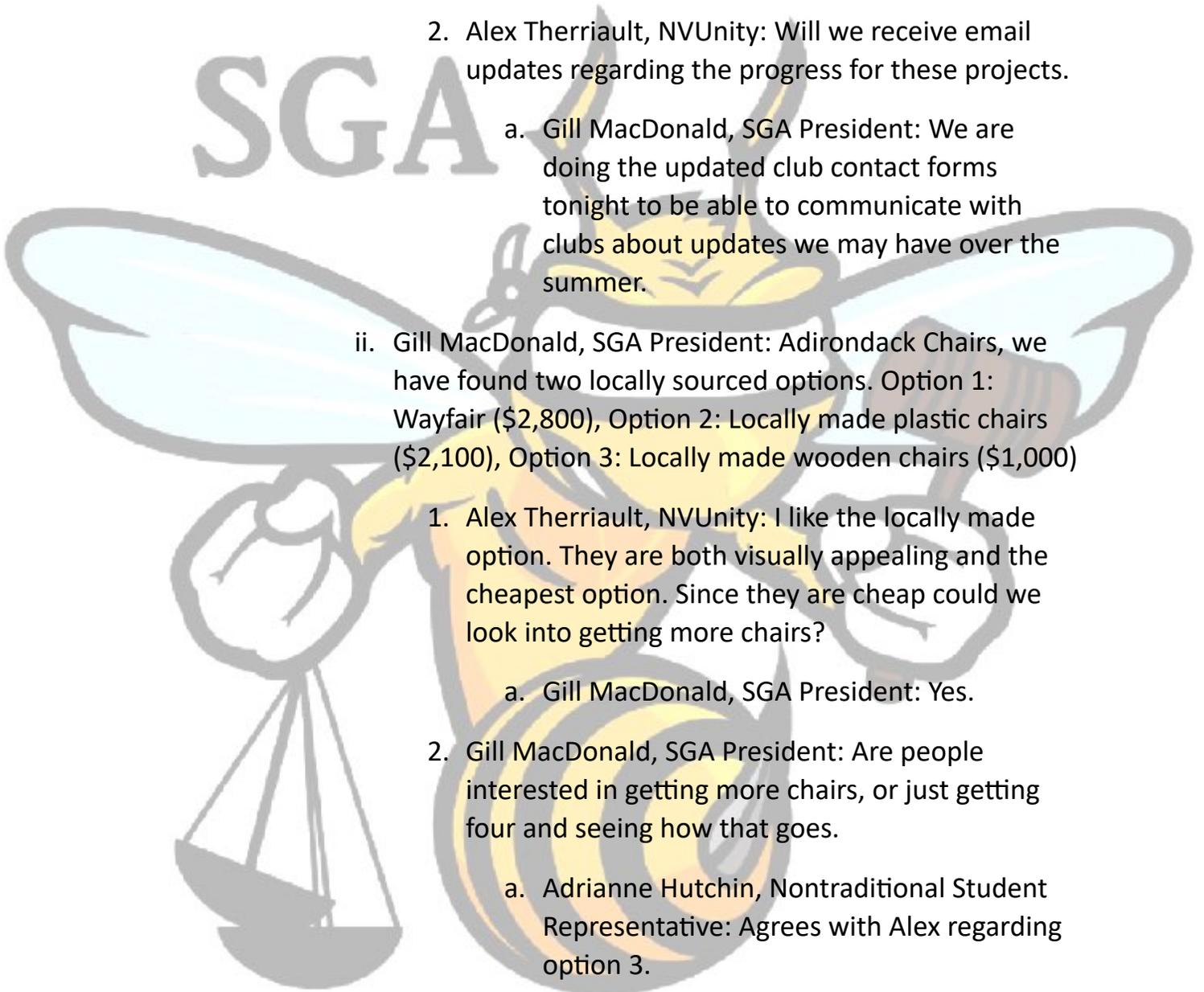
2. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Are people interested in getting more chairs, or just getting four and seeing how that goes.

a. Adrienne Hutchin, Nontraditional Student Representative: Agrees with Alex regarding option 3.

b. Most students are in agreement regarding Option 3.

3. Motion: Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos.

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4. Second: Alex Huff, Model U.N.

5. Call: Dan Carniero, CAB

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6. The Vote Passed

a. Club Representatives: 12 yes, 0 no

b. Elected Representatives: 5 yes, 0 no

iii. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Club Bulletin Boards:  
Approval from Mike Stevens to hang cork or vinyl  
bulletin boards.

1. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Yes. A lot of people have  
struggled with stuff falling down and needed to  
get gaff tape to keep things up.

2. Alex Therriault, NVUnity: yes, it will look so much  
nicer and even.

3. Motion: Stephen Sandor

4. Second: Jesse Munroe, Ultimate Frisbee

5. Call: Shane Johnston, Student Investment

6. Vote: Majority in Favor, 14 yes

7. Gill MacDonald, SGA: We will offer updates over  
the summer regarding the process on this board.

a. Alex Therriault, NVUnity: How many bulletin  
boards will be getting?

i. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: We  
will get enough bulletin boards to fill  
the entire wall. Clubs will receive  
equal sized sections of the wall.

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8. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Do we want vinyl or cork? Do we want visuals?

a. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Visuals

b. Shane Johnston, Student Investment:  
What's the difference?

i. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: The appearance and the price. Vinyl is more expensive.

iv. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Pavilion; Budgeting \$50,000 for a pavilion but Jonathan Davis, Dean of the Students, is actively working with Mike Stevens about what would be a good location for a pavilion.

1. Alex Therriault, NVUnity: Would like to see this happen, thinks this would get used a lot. Space for Students to hang out and connections in addition for event hosting.

2. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Could we rent it out to there community for different things.

3. Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club: Are there any pictures of the general idea of what it would look like or also any ideas as to where it would be because location is very important factor on how frequently it will be used.

4. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Expect updates on this topic over the Summer.

b. SAAC

i. Cassie Black, SAAC: We will be hosting a Strike out the Stigma event next week since May is Mental Health

Awareness Month. Next week on Tuesday, May 11 at 1:30 p.m. will be having student athletes from different teams bring canned food items to be donated to the food pantry or donating money towards Brown House. Looking for \$2,500 for t-shirts and snacks for the event. Hoping to encourage students to get outside during finals week.

1. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Can we get specifics on how much the t-shirts cost and what snacks and how much you will be getting.
  - a. Casse Black, SAAC: Planning to get 275 t-shirts for \$9.00 each. The remaining funding would go towards snacks and other expenses related to the event.
2. Alex Therriault, NVUnity: are the t-shirts going to be free and what sized will you be offering?
  - a. Cassie Black, SAAC: The t-shirts will be free and all sizes will be available.
3. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Was disappointed that only one of the t-shirt designs were provided in the fall. Also why has there been no SAAC representative during previous SGA meetings.
  - a. Cassie Black, SAAC: There was a mix-up between her and their SGA Representative.
4. Renee Chaples, SGA Administrative Vice-President: States that she has been sending SAAC the SGA minutes and Agendas. Has there been an issue with SAAC receiving the emails?

a. Cassie Black, SAAC: Does not know why the SGA Representative has not been showing up.

5. Renee Chaples, SGA Administrative Vice-President: How was it decided to order 275 t-shirts? This number is greater than the number of residential student on campus, which will be lower due to students leaving early or not being on-campus due to final exams.

a. Cassie Black, SAAC: They have considered ordering less, but used this number based on last semester.

6. Becca Fauteux, The Critic: 275 t-shirts for \$9 each comes out to \$2,475. Does SAAC plan to spend just \$25 on snacks?

a. Cassie Black, SAAC: the \$2,500 amount is a rough estimate.

7. Moving to Discussion

a. Motion: Alex Huff, Model U.N.

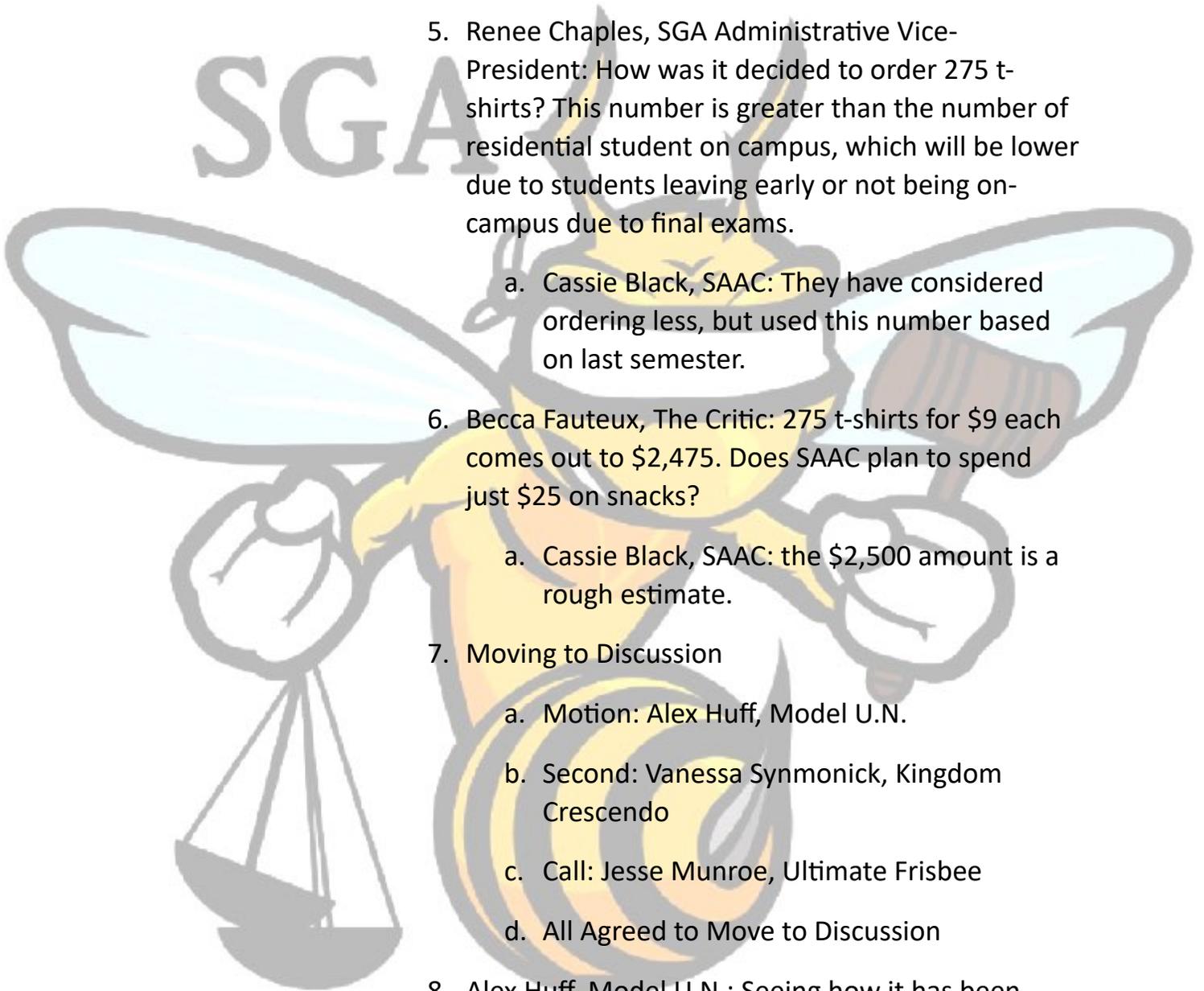
b. Second: Vanessa Synmonick, Kingdom Crescendo

c. Call: Jesse Munroe, Ultimate Frisbee

d. All Agreed to Move to Discussion

8. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Seeing how it has been proven there are not that many people on campus. \$9 per shirt for 150 shirts including costs for shipping and handling, taxes, and snacks. If student do not show up because they are not here

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physically there is no option to disband the executive cabinet, believing that there needs to be some level of responsibility for clubs who do not adhere to the SGA constitution. There is no way not to unless you are purposefully not knowing your job requirements and other Executive board members should step up if that is the case.

9. Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club: Agrees with Alex Huff's sentiment, for Spring Day how many shirts were given out?
  - a. Michael Secreti, Assistant Director of Student Life: Friday we had 63 students attend, and Saturday we had 58 students stop at the table. We can't say everyone got shirts but that is a rough estimate.
    - i. Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club: With that I agree with Alex Huff's Model.

10. Renee Chaples, SGA Administrative Vice-President: Will the t-shirts arrive in time for Tuesday, May 11th?

- a. Cassie Black, SAAC: Based on previous event we expect them to be here in a few days.

11. Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club: Wants to see this happen, but is frustrated about the timing of the request.

12. Alex Therriault, NVUnity: Renee's email gets sent early and can get buried with other Emails. This year, clubs have been meeting and doing things differently given the unique circumstances.

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- a. David Pardy, Gaming Community:  
Understands what Alex is saying, but the SGA has met every other Wednesday in all his time here at the University.
- b. Alex Huff Model U.N.: Renee's email is sent on Sunday not Monday.

13. Motion to Move to voting

- a. Motion: Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club
- b. Second: Becca Fauteux, The Critic
- c. Call: Alex Huff, Model U.N.

14. All Those in favor to change voting amount to \$1,500

- a. 13 in favor, 1 opposed.

15. The Vote did not pass.

16. Voting:

- a. Club Representatives: 5 yes, 6 no
- b. Elected Representatives: 1 yes, 3 no
- c. 35.2% in favor- did not pass (need 2/3 majority)

17. David Pardy, Gaming Community: I think the amount should be lower because the amount of students during Spring Day is less than what we are voting for right now and I doubt that the amount of students will attend this event.

18. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: How many athletes will be participating?

a. Cassie Black, SAAC: At least 30 Athletes.

19. David Pardy, Gaming Community: Does that include club members?

a. Cassie Black, SAAC: Yes.

20. Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club: Are you anticipating more or less than 30, or is 30 the estimate?

a. Cassie Black, SAAC: at least there will be 30

21. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Do you guys have a number for attendance.

a. Cassie Black, SAAC: that depends on people's finals. We are hoping for 100.

22. Becca Fauteux, The Critic: Concerned about how much marketing has been done for this event.

a. Cassie Black, SAAC: Mostly social media. Waiting for approval of Tonight's funding to start advertising.

b. Becca Fauteux, The Critic: How long has SAAC been planning this event?

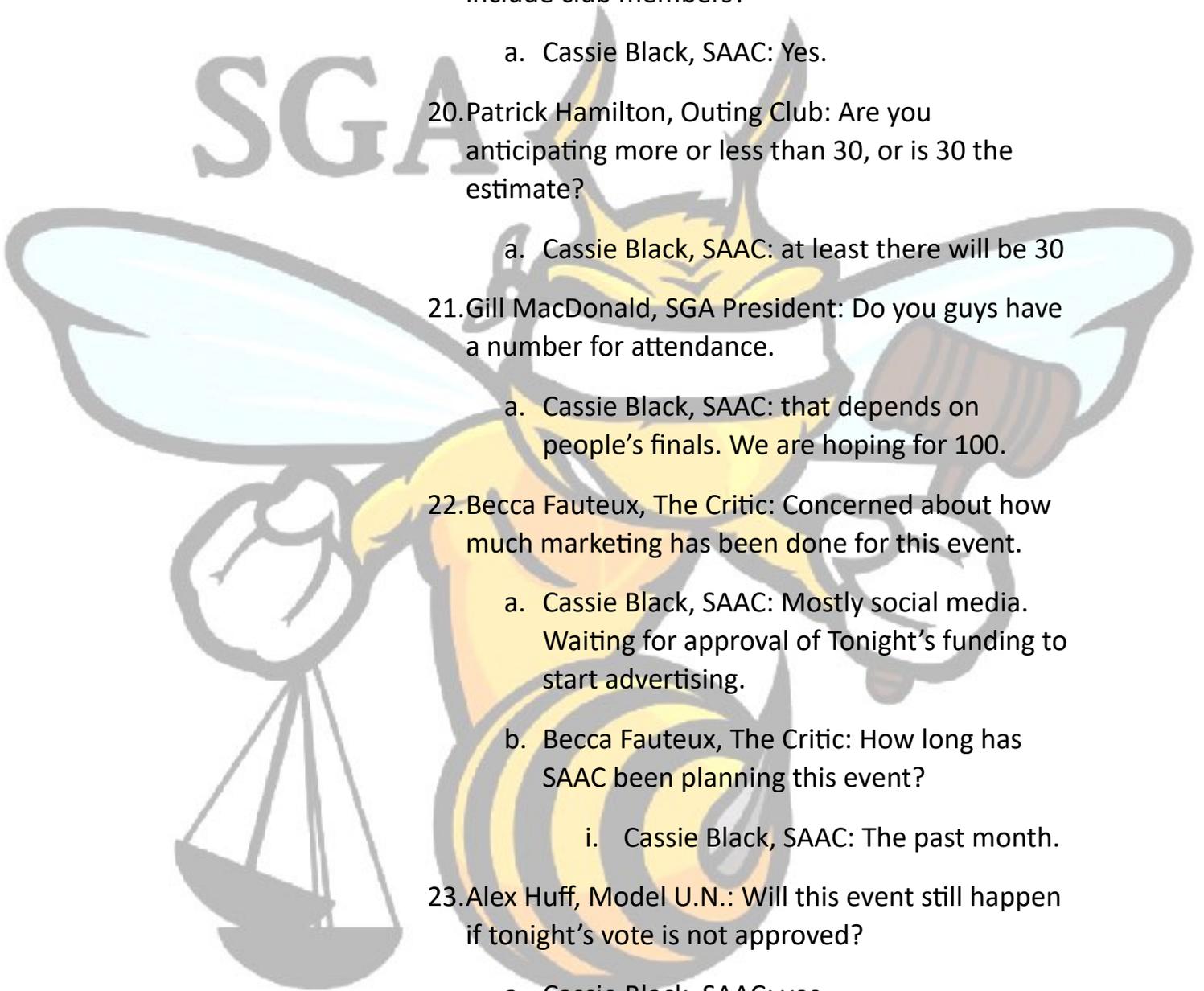
i. Cassie Black, SAAC: The past month.

23. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Will this event still happen if tonight's vote is not approved?

a. Cassie Black, SAAC: yes.

24. Adrienne Hutchin, Nontraditional Class Representative: Proposes to only fund snacks and not t-shirts.

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25. Stephen Sandor, Resident Assistants: Believes not providing t-shirts at all is a bit extreme as there is a projected 30 attendees.

26. Adrienne Hutchin, Nontraditional Representative: What happens if these shirts are not given out or available sizes are given?

a. Cassie Black, SAAC: Shirts will be used for awards or another event.

27. Alex Therriault, NVUnity: There is \$46,000 in the General Fund. Even if SAAC does not spend all of the money, the SGA has the money available.

28. David Pardy, Gaming Community: Proposes funding SAAC \$1,200-\$1,080 buying shirts. (120 shirts) 4x the expected amount of people, shipping and taxes.

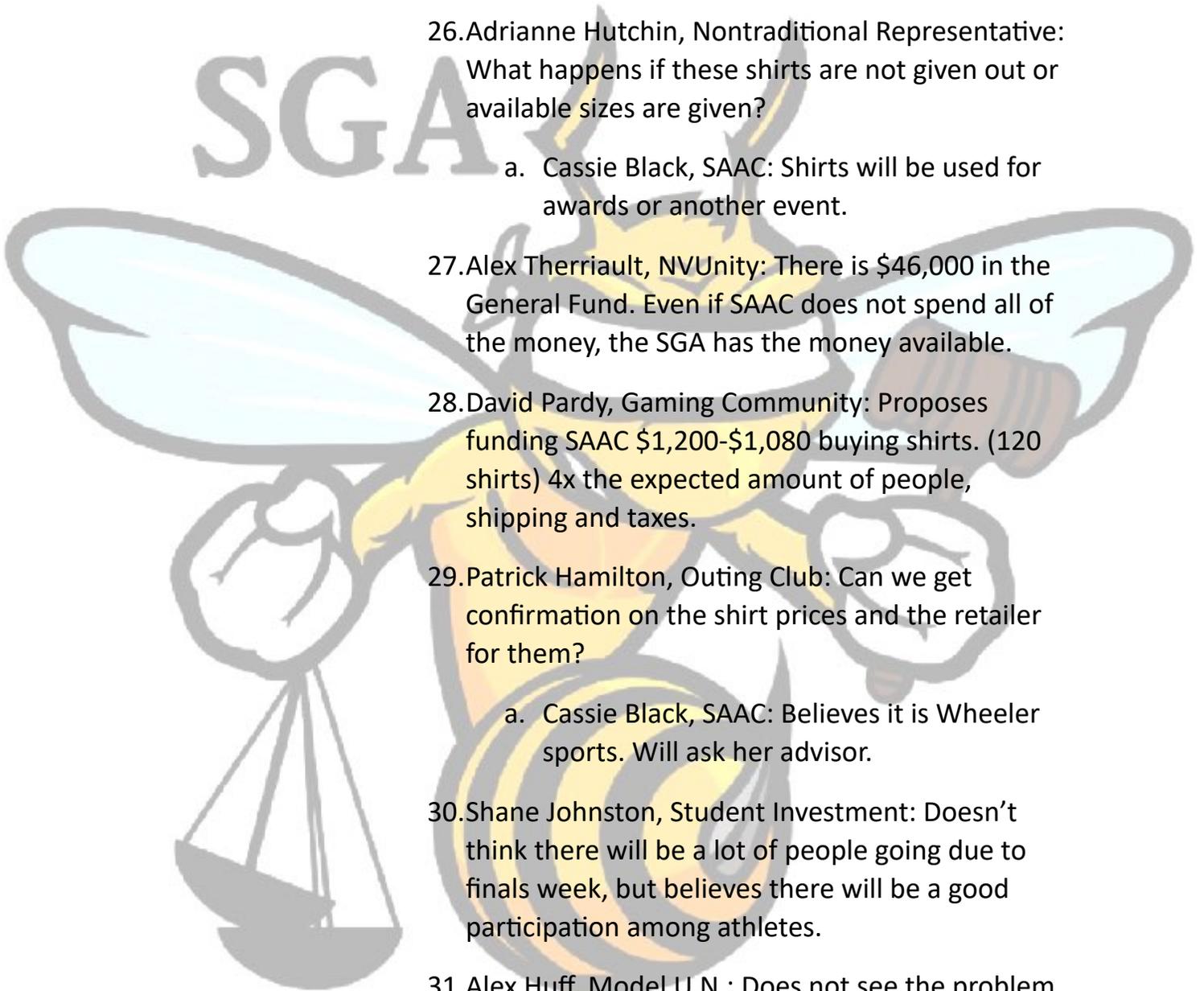
29. Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club: Can we get confirmation on the shirt prices and the retailer for them?

a. Cassie Black, SAAC: Believes it is Wheeler sports. Will ask her advisor.

30. Shane Johnston, Student Investment: Doesn't think there will be a lot of people going due to finals week, but believes there will be a good participation among athletes.

31. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Does not see the problem of giving the money that may or may not be used but rather the concern that the money is being spent wisely. The money gets carried over into the next year. IF we are ending the year with \$47,900 for a better next year experience or combining it

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with the 49900 account towards other projects. Even if there is a surplus budget, having that surplus next year would be a really good investment. T-shirts are not required for students to attend events. Going forward we would appreciate better planning those events.

32. Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club: Have other people have any other amounts to pitch? Motion to move for a vote of \$1,200?

33. Motion: Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club

- a. Second: Alex Huff, Model U.N.
- b. Call: Becca Fautuex, The Critic

34. All Agreed to move to voting.

35. Vote did not pass:

- a. Club Representatives: 8 yes, 3 no
- b. Elected Representatives: 2 yes, 2 no
- c. 61.4% In favor- did not pass (needed 2/3 majority vote)

36. Renee Chaples, SGA Administrative Vice President: 50 t-shirts (\$450) and (\$150) towards snacks and shipping for a total of (\$600) towards this event. This is based on the attendance of Spring Day which includes people running the events.

37. Jesse Munroe, Ultimate Frisbee: Agrees with \$600 or \$700 to be allocated towards the event.

38. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Can account for at least extra 15 student being present at the event.

39. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Can account for at least extra 15 students being present at the event.

40. Michael Secreti, SGA Advisor: Vote only need majority approval to pass as it is the final vote.

41. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Can we vote for a \$725

42. Motion: Alex Huff, Model U.N.

a. Second: Jesse Munroe, Ultimate Frisbee

b. Call: Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos.

43. Agreed to Move to Voting

44. Voting:

a. Club Representatives: 9 yes, 3 no

b. Elected Representatives: 2 yes, 3 no

c. 57.5% in Favor- passed (needed majority vote)

c. AMS

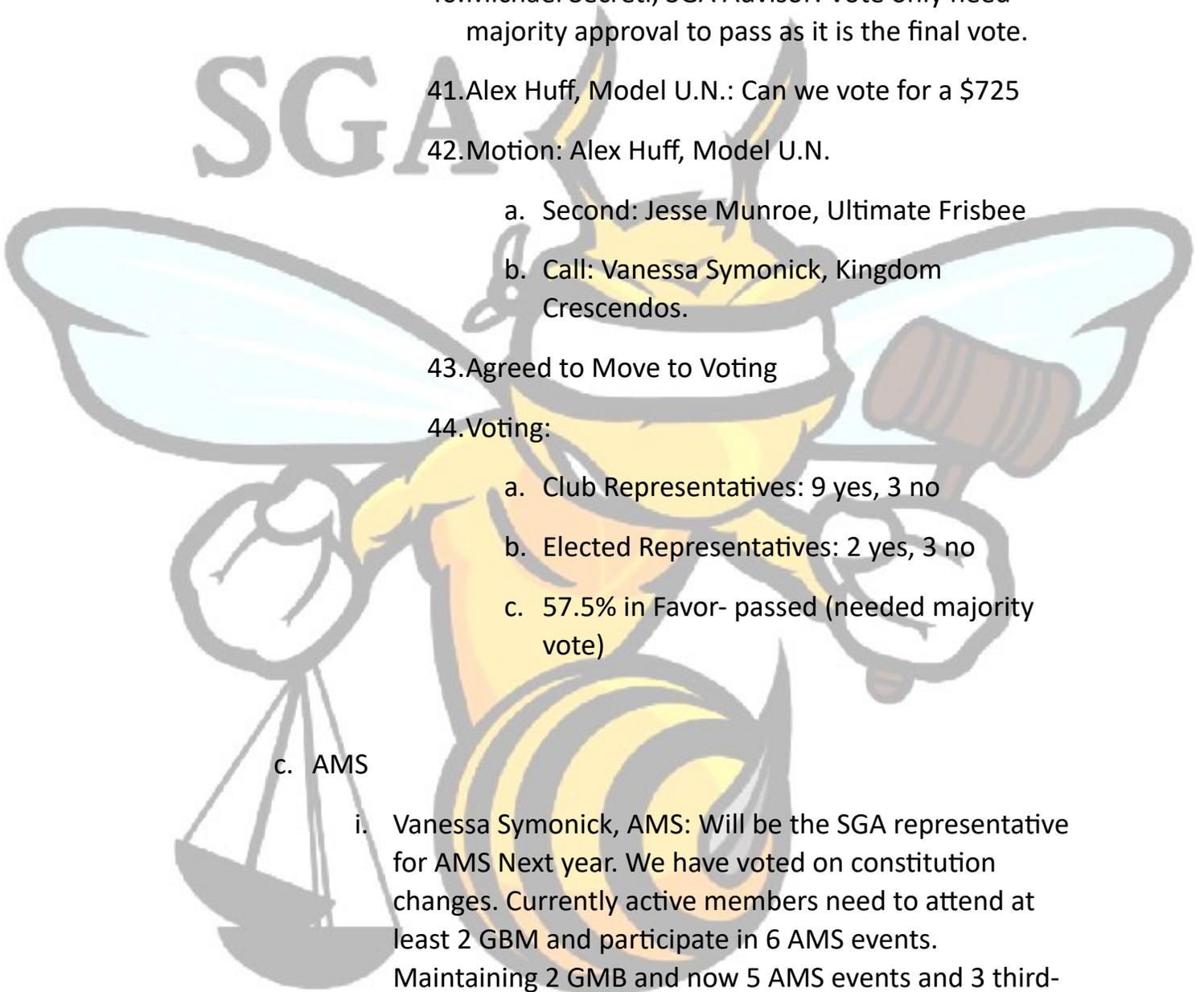
i. Vanessa Symonick, AMS: Will be the SGA representative for AMS Next year. We have voted on constitution changes. Currently active members need to attend at least 2 GBM and participate in 6 AMS events.

Maintaining 2 GMB and now 5 AMS events and 3 third-party school sponsored events.

1. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Is this the only constitution change?

a. Vanessa Symonick, AMS: yes.

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2. Lauren Hyde, AMS Representative: Not Limited to RA, PL, or Bingo events, it can be any third-party school sponsored event.

a. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Does this include sports games, Tim Mikovitz, Tracy Sherbook events too?

i. Vanessa Symonick, AMS: These are also included in the proposed constitution change.

3. Motion: Jesse Munroe, Ultimate Frisbee

a. Second: Alex Huff, Model U.N.

b. Call: Shane Johnston, Student Investment

4. Agreed to move to voting

5. Voting: 11 in favor, 0 opposed.

6. Voting passed

## VII. Other Business

a. VSCSA Updates

i. Held meeting with other VSCSA members, Ryan Cooney has been appointed as the Student Trustee for the 2021-2022

ii. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Two recipients for the VSCSA scholarships two students, both from NVU one from each campus.

## VIII. Club and Committee Updates

- a. 10% Committee: Purchased porch swing.
- b. Cassie Black, SAAC: Event next week.
- c. Lauren Hyde, AMS: Elections last week; Vanessa AMS SGA Representative Bobby Saba President, VP, Matt Condon, and Gabby Brown both returning to the executive board. NESC was a success. Thanks for everything the past five years.
- d. Billy Tallmage, TWP: No new updates.
- e. Curtis Bates, Peerleaders: Checking in with students who are struggling with fall class registration. Held Spring training for the next staff for 2021-2022. Held end of the year banquet.
- f. Campbell Jillette, WWLR: Will be holding elections for next's years executive board members.
- g. Jason Perron, Rugby: Seeking to increase recruitment. Last meeting being held next week.
- h. Becca Fauteux, The Critic: No new updates. Thank you for a wonderful four years.
- i. Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos: No new updates.
- j. Dan Carniero, CAB: Bleach me how to Dougie with R.A. Renee, Spring Day events, Virtual Uno Tournament, Bingo, Star Wars trivia, upcoming events SALC Snack snatch and Late night study sessions.
- k. Erica Shea, Dance Ensemble: Is the new SGA Representative for the Dance ensemble. Created their bulletin board, and held our final event for club members.

l. Stephen Sandor, Resident Assistants: Housing selections ended May 1st, anyone needing changes to their selections must contact Cait Wilkins. May 8th 24 hour quiet policies are enforced. Residence halls are closing May 14th at noon. Reminder that any person not living in a residence hall are not permitted to enter. However they can help load the car. Any residence needing to stay after May 14th must submit a summer housing application.

i. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Rhonda Trucott is asking if students need their mailbox open. Was wondering if commuter students can keep their mailbox open over the summer.

m. David Pardy, Gaming: held elections, no changes to the executive board.

n. Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club: No new updates.

o. Jesse Munroe, Ultimate Frisbee: Held elections.

p. Shane Johnston, Student Investment: Held Elections.

q. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: No New Updates

r. Adrienne Hutchin, Nontraditional Representative: good luck, thank you for a great year.

s. Jasmyn Wilkinson, Class Representative of 2024: Looking forward to next year.

t. Renee Chaples, Administrative Vice-President: Thank you for a great year.

u. Katie Flannigan, Executive Vice President: Looking forward to continuing her role next year.

- v. Gill MacDonald, SGA President: Looking forward to continuing her role next year.

## **IX. Adjourn**

- a. Motion: Becca Fautuex, The Critic
- b. Second: Dan Carniero, Campus Activities Board  
Call: Jesse Munroe, Ultimate Frisbee
- c. All agreed to end meeting. Meeting concluded at 10:12 PM.

