

## University of Virginia Student Council

General Body Meeting

September 4, 2018

### **The General Body Meeting began at 6:37**

**Ellie:** We're going to start with executive reports

**Alex:** Hey everyone happy second week of classes. Applications went live yesterday for recruitment, largely we want to target first years and transfer students. Those are people who wouldn't have had access to applications last season. The police advisory board is going swimmingly, I'm meeting with various student leaders to voice their concerns with safety and security issues. Just had a meeting with people in the provost office with Megha and Camilla for student input in the faculty hiring process, allowing students to be involved and give feedback. Right now we're in the exploratory stages of having conversations and we'll have a lot of exciting things to deliver in the coming weeks.

**Camilla:** So, we're now rolling into our summer projects, the chairs will give you more information on those. Go to the events, share the Facebook pages.

**Ty:** So, tonight was Studco's final part in the town halls, we did financial officer trainings. This evening at Midnight is the deadline for funding requests, so it's a busy week for funding. The CIO application opens Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Taylor:** So as Alex said the application is live now, the application closes the 16<sup>th</sup> of September, promotional materials are being made right now, be on the lookout for that I'll send that on slack. So slack Joanne and myself your profile picture for Facebook and we have a cover you can set for a temporary picture. So, do that tonight or tomorrow when you get the chance so we can spread the word.

**Ellie:** Hi everyone welcome back you might have noticed that there's no printed out legislation this week and that's because it's out on the website so every week you can look up the agenda for the meeting and public comment. We have one resolution on the table tonight, in regards to a pledge for professors to not hold exams on election day. In some more exciting news Josh and I will be getting the bid for the Align conference in the spring for low income students, I'll be introducing a bill for an ad hoc committee next week. Free menstrual hygiene begins again and Katie will talk more about that. Our foodbank opens in the Runk green room and I'll have a sign up sheet for volunteers to stock the pantry and run it during its hours. We also had our first meeting for our bylaw committee this week held by Parliamentarian Mary Alice. Now we're going to move on to cabinet updates

**Megha:** This Thursday 12-3 we're having the academic resource fair at the Newcomb ballroom where we have opportunities for students to network with different programs and there will be free food which is awesome and people can stop by and hear about the different resources UVA has to offer

**Emily:** We're working on the arts CIO spotlight for groups who might not get the publicity like acapella groups so just email me if you have any groups in mind.

**Isaac:** I have one update right now. I'd like to speak on the resolution up for vote tonight calling on university faculty to pledge not to hold exams on election day. Here at the university students face many

obstacles to voting with precincts and voter id laws and the registration process, we're asking professors take those obstacles into consideration and not hold exams on or near election day. This would be a big step moving towards the committee's eventual goal to not have classes on election day but right now this would be a great first step and voice the university's committee to civic engagement and the voting process.

**Katie:** So next week we're starting free menstrual hygiene round two, so change your cover photo and say you're going on Facebook. Make sure you stop by and grab some products, tell your friends. Also welcome to gen bod and apply to swellness. In two weeks on September 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm we'll have peer dating which is a great chance to meet new and amazing people. Today I met with Jamie Leonard director of office of health promotion, if you have any concerns I can bring them up in our monthly meetings. Feel free to slack me or email me.

**Abby:** We are very excited, we don't have any immediate upcoming events but we do want to keep in everyone's ears the bicentennial sustainability leadership summit coming up soon.

### **VPA updates**

**Taylor:** For marketing communications they're working on promotion material for recruitment so hit me up with those profile pictures, we're also making a flyer and working with athletic affairs for a twitter and Facebook account for IM club sports

**Ashwa:** Thanks for everyone who helped make the activities fair great, so I'm trying to work with other clubs to establish a better relationship with them so I'm going to the OYFA meeting to talk about hosting events together. Farther in the future we're gonna be working with marketing and communications to get cool clothes like hats, which I know people were asking for.

**Noah:** Main thing is the application is live, share it with your friends and your friends, change your profile send it to Joanne and Taylor.

### **Representative reports**

**Zahra:** My friend Leah and I are working on a guidebook for transfer students and looking for input wherever we can so we can help and make sure people aren't floundering. Please reach out if you have any additions.

**Ellie:** So, we have no one signed up for public comment, moving on to legislative session.

**Attendance is taken. Quorum is met.**

**Motion to vote on previous meeting's minutes, motion passes.**

**Ellie:** So now we're working on FR18-05 a resolution not to hold exams on election day, Isaac talked about this during updates do any sponsors want to add anything?

**Question:** I want to make sure the audience for the bill is the correct audience and to my understanding it is the registrar's office that schedules exams

**Omar:** I think that's only for final exams, anything that falls in between is up to the professor

**Ellie:** Anyone else with questions, comments or concerns?

**Motion to vote, second, passes.**

**Ellie:** That's the end of legislative session, on to community concerns lead by Alex.

**Alex:** Do we have any community concerns?

**Lukas:** I wanted to talk about the construction outside of Gibson, my professor very angrily tried to bang on the window and talk to them because they were pounding the sidewalk during the middle of class. Obviously, they can't abstain from working all day but he couldn't talk.

**Avery:** So, I talked about it last week and I get that caps is understaffed but I don't think that's acceptable. So, I'm still gonna keep talking about it until something gets done and there's straight up a session limit. So the resources first years are given isn't accessible to them for a one to two hour session and they have to pay for it, and low income students will have to struggle because there isn't an acceptable environment for mental health at the university

**Katie:** Give me until the next BOV meeting and I can give you an answer

**Comment:** I'm like totally with you but we need to be careful as students by what's truth with CAPS and what is not and simply saying students are always referred off grounds reduces our credibility so just be careful

**Avery:** I'm speaking to reference with legitimate frustrations from people I know and what I've seen. Even if the majority is not referred off grounds.

**Lukas:** So the new bus stop signs are really nice and the old sign outside Shannon is taken down and there's no sign there now.

**Alex:** There's nothing marking it?

**Lukas:** No they took down the old sign and didn't put up a fancy blue one, seems like a quick fix.

**Alex:** Anyone else who doesn't typically have concerns? I guess it's a good sign we don't have many.

**Avery:** There's no light between the walk between the language houses and Bice, that goes into the construction Lukas was pointing out.

**Issue:** I had a problem with the severe weather alert from the football game this past weekend. People weren't allowed in the stadium and it was really hard to find information about the postponed game time and we had to do that from Twitter so I think we could look into that.

**Session ends at 7:05**