understand these issues. Lucy asked if there was any research conducted to understand the reasons why the Odanak was questioning the identity of the Vermont State recognized tribes. Justin replied that the video of the UVM spring event was enough reason to take a stand and draft an apology letter.

IV. Dan Cotou, a guest, and member of the Vermont

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- rather than an issue of validity of the Abenaki population in Vermont. The position of the Vermont Abenaki tribe is that the Odanak stop with their aim of destroying an entire population with their claims. He further stated that the Odanak claims are neither valid nor healthy.
- V. Colin Levaunt stated he had great fear of being placed in a position to choose certain native voices over others and had moral difficulty trying to figure out which way to go in the matter. Ijaz explained that we all have the right to vote or not and there is nothing wrong in the choice of our voting options. Patrick Payne suggested that there might be a need to have the discussions on the matter offline before voting so that senators who feel hesitant to discuss such topics can find time to clearly understand the issues and express their discomfort.
- VI. Nina Smolyar, a graduate student at the Rubenstein school stated that a group is working to invite Dr Kim Tolbert, an indigenous person and expert on identity issues to speak on such matters. She also emphasionartims:nedetaine more 1060.00ata2asix/anda3siz/0604450i9415-24108.0f7/F1 11.04 Tf1 0 0 1 108.02 61.

Committee reports

- The Stipends committee has been able to investigate the differences between colleges ability to pay graduate student wages.
- Propose that all colleges work towards paying the 32k that RSENR is able to pay students and figure out what steps are involved in the process.