

HARTWICK COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE
Minutes: October 7, 2008

Senators Present: Blea, Brennan, Gray, Jones, Meyering, Pringle, Rubio, Schultz (Eric), Schultz (Victor), Shipman, Thomas, Woskoff

Senators Absent: Bassett, Damus, Madzar, McDonald, Mere, Montefusco, Post, Spahr

Senators Late (15 min. +):

Passage of Minutes: Jones: motion to pass the minutes from last meeting
Pringle: Seconded
Motion Passes

Committee/E-Board Reports:

- *Vice President, Rudy:*
 - o Absent

- *Finance Report, Treasurer Utterback, A.T. Negrich:*
 - o I sat on the finance committee—they went through every investment that the college makes—for two hours—at 7 in the morning. They did ask for student input on financial affairs. They were very “this needs to happen” about the Student Activity Fee, but they felt it should be in cycle. They really want a student vote—a huge student vote, across the campus. So, it’s going to probably involve busting down doors to get everyone to vote.
 - Forst: as you can see, the trustees do not have a written process for how these things are brought up. In talking with the student life committee, the discussion recorded in the minutes, lays out that a student senate passed proposal is all that is necessary to bring this to the trustees. Because of apathy, student votes never pass by 2/3 majority or anything other than just a simple majority. That does not mean we can’t proceed in that direction, it’s just a ridiculous hurdle we’ll have to overcome.
 - Utterback: all of the trustees sit on different committees. When it goes to an actual vote, it goes to the entire board of trustees. The perspective I got from the Finance Board, because they do every other budgetary thing on campus, the more data the better. If it was a good idea and they wanted to pass it, I don’t think they get the apathy thing around campus. I don’t think they get it. It may mean that we have to go door to door on campus and making students vote. That isn’t to say that the trustees can’t vote, they do have the power to pick whatever fee they want. But it can’t hurt the case.
 - Forst: we do things like have votes, Laura’s, OH Fest—not every student participates, so therefore we wont be representing the student voice.
 - Shipman: random sampling? Is there any way we can randomly pick people and then we’ll have an accurate representation?

- Forst: I'm certainly open and I'll bring this up with our next meeting with President Drugovich. At this time there isn't much more we can do.
 - Blea: I'm getting the feeling that it might be good to have this information before the next Trustee meeting?
 - Forst: my stance is to discuss it with President Drugovich and see how she would like to proceed. It would help us if we could get their full support.

- *Senate Affairs, Coordinator Fiteni* :
 - The E-Board gets to go to all of the Trustee Subcommittee meetings. I was on development, facilities and academic affairs. Development is all of the institutional advancement, where they raise money. I'll talk about facilities. The first one was Aramark—they control the food, they introduced two new staff members to us and have a third coming on board. There is a lot of discussion of how we judge and evaluate Aramark and how it works well with us. The next major thing was facilities master plan—for all of you who don't know what that is, they take everything and put it into a list of what we should be doing. This would allow Hartwick to see 20 or 30 years into its future. Academic Affairs was reporting back on a couple of things—for those of you in the spring, the Student Scholar Showcase Day—the faculty voted to have it again May 8th. It was very successful and there was much positive feedback. If a few things change, we may have more people included—we may venture off having not just honor students, as well as more senior thesis projects. They want more of us presenting at it. In addition, they talked about research grants for faculty. They're still moving along and getting some new ideas going. Development, they talked about how much they raised, about Golisano—it has been fully paid by fundraising. In addition, they talked about more-or-less how do we fundraise more, they discussed alumni weekend vs. reunions. They want to see more of reunions—so each individual class is more involved. They get more money out of it—so they're trying to separate these two out. The IA meeting was rather long—a lot of talk about the next capital campaign and planning that. That's the three I was on.
 - Fiteni: I had to e-mail all the club presidents and treasurers—if you know of people who haven't e-mailed me back, please tell them. The due date is October 17th. I need to know their names; if they do not e-mail me their accounts will be frozen.

- *Secretary, Roods*:
 - Nothing to report

President's Report:

We will be meeting with president Drugovich

- If you are interested in OH Fest please see student union or see Andy Binder
- I Spoke with USA Today about readership program- wanted to get your sense on how is it going- are students taking use?
 - Meyering: I enjoy reading the different papers and some classes like journalism require you to read newspapers.
 - EShultz: I find that in Oyaron the baskets are basically empty
 - Blea: how do you get into the Dewar one- I have tried it every which way

- Jones: why do we need locked case? The lib one is open
- Forst: the faculty were using that location the most and that card reader keeps the data to know which papers are being read and when- it knows – they would like to see Hilltops added to the racks- it would be more or a commitment from Hilltops
- Thomas: I would love to see that happen for Hilltops
- Forst: Hilltops members would have to bring them there.
- Utterback: The case is built for 3 would it be an added cost
- Forst: That case would likely stay with the 3. Adding a rack for other dorms would be easy
- Pringle: the rack in Lietzel has a lot of Chinese menus in there
- Forst: one of the questions was how does the townhouse deal with distribution- could they do laundry room, home delivery
- Forst: it is paid by issue and I don't know as far as hand delivery
- Thomas: what about weekend papers
- Forst: I will check on that and look into the financial cost of that
- Utterback: From a townhouse perspective- it isn't that far
- Thomas: what were the other issues you discussed with the readership reps
- Forst: the have other programs such as emails compiling topic specific emails for classes such as education, finance, political issues- didn't get too into it most wanted to see what we needed it for
- Forst: in the past we have done service project with beyond boundaries- VP Rudy will be heading that up- we've done Thanksgiving Baskets in the past- this year we will help with PR and then we bring them down- distribution Nov. 10 hilltops Nov. 15 and then mailbox stuffers the week before- great project for the community
- Forst: The student activity fee did not pass for this spring. It will come up in the spring meeting—where the Trustees make financial decisions. Because of the crisis that the country is in right now, they said they wanted to hold off on a decision. There would be no increase in the SMR pool, and projects Senate funds in any way. It is very unfortunate that the Trustees chose this course of action. It's been on the agenda for the past 6 months.
 - Forst: Tom Kelly gave a very nice report; he also outlined a few of the short-term and long-term goals. He also talked about the student life side of things; we just recently hired the new VP of student life. I met her, Raimie met her, and she is very interested in getting to know students. She'll be here throughout the semester and joining us December 1. It may be possible in the future for her to attend one of these meetings. There weren't too many other concerns brought up in the Student Life committee—it was focused on the student activity fee proposal.
- I also attended the enrollment meeting; they've been compiling a bunch of research data. A lot of that data is still being analyzed. The trustees are really happy with the way that's going. What's really involved with student retention? It should play a major roll with the retention task force that a number of students are serving on. We should see a lot of result data on that.
- Forst: I'd like to introduce Tom Kelly, the director of safety on campus; he's our welcomed guest for this evening, if you'd give him a round of applause.
- Kelly: Thanks for the invite. I'm really hoping for more questions, I could go on and on about things we're doing. I could tell you quickly some relevant things and if you have any questions just let me know. We have a new student life VP, Meg Nowak, she

will start Dec. 1st. She was here for the inauguration and she came for the board of trustees—we're looking forward to having her come here. Andrew Fiteni has been involved in the process since the first search.

- We have a walking tour of the campus—we wait until it's dark out and walk the campus with Joe Ebstell from facilities and the Senate President and Zach Brown—we're doing that this Thursday. We look to make sure there aren't any spots that are a danger for people walking. Anything that can pose a danger to anybody on campus. If you see things and say "wait, this branch needs to be cut back, someone could hide behind it". You can always e-mail me and we can make sure we take care of it. That's what we're doing Thursday; we do it once in fall and once in spring.
 - We have a text messaging system that's provided by the state. That will be the mass text messaging system if we need to communicate to you in case of emergency. Today President Drugovich e-mailed the entire campus about the death of a fellow student. If we needed to get that to you immediately it will be texted. That will be an opt-in system—you will choose to provide your information, parents can opt in as well. That will be coming out soon.
 - We started something new with your Res Hall meetings with your campus safety officers coming to the meetings. That's something we hope to improve upon. We're in the process of providing whatever training we think students may need; if you think of something you think we can provide to you that will help on campus please let us know. Nick has mentioned something as simple as "In Case of Emergency" number for your cell-phone. We try to get out safety e-mails out, I'm open to any type of suggestions—but more importantly, I want to hear what kind of concerns that you have—any student life issues also. So I welcome this opportunity for questions, Nick is and Josh was last year very good at getting these to us
 - Behind Anderson one of the lights is out and it's really quite dark. It's be the amphitheatre there's a light right there next to the music circle.
 - VSchultz: the emergency blue light by the tennis courts has been out for some time.
- Kelly: we had the blue light company on campus last week and we went through all our blue lights—we have about 25 on campus. Those blue lights on top of the polls, when they go out, they have an ignition that completes a circuit—if it burns out, you have to replace the entire top which costs 3,000 dollars apiece. At the student life committee meeting I gave a report that we need these blue lights repaired. The phone themselves works, the light on the top of the tube stays on all the time. When the phone gets activated and the button get's pushed the light strobes so people know where to go. Now the phones are all working and facilities have prioritized the polls so they get the retrofit first. Then we'll go to the yellow box phones that really aren't blue phones—they were intended so that if you were coming back late at night and call your buddy to come down and open the door. After that need was no longer there, they were changed to emergency phones, it goes right to the switchboard. The location goes right on the read-out and we know where the emergency is. The campus safety officer goes every Sunday morning to every phone on campus and gives a report to me and facilities. He does the same thing with the lights—one of the guys who work every Friday night checks every light on campus. Every week, Joe Ebstell get's the light that are out around campus. When we do our walk, we won't find anything that hasn't already been told but we may see "hey, we need another light here"—those are some things we'll be looking at. You guys have the eyes and ears at night—let us know and we'll take care of it. Any other safety issues? Escorts?

First off, we don't encourage anyone to walk by themselves, especially ladies. We have an escort service so if you're going from Dewar to new res, a campus safety officer will walk you. If you're by yourself or there are two people we'll give you a ride. Some of the freshman have to park by Johnstone and walk to smith. Let them know they can call campus who will then walk them down and make them feel safe. It's good that a lot of people know about that—it's a great service that we provide. Put the campus safety on your cell phones. One more word on cellphones—if you dial 911 from my cell phone, it doesn't go to campus safety; it goes to the local county 911. If you go to campus safety you have to either dial the campus safety number.

- Forst: there have been considerable debate whether the time at which students are allowed into dorms—the time now is 7pm—moving that back to a later time.
 - Kelly: if I can put a plug in to facilities, it was a master key lost that could get into the resident halls—a worker had it and lost it—I don't think anybody has it, but it was lost. So we changed all exterior doors—but, if it was a student who had ill intent, we had to change every single 7 or 800 dorm rooms. You wouldn't notice but the pins were changed—they went to every res hall room. They did that in about three days on campus—they did a wonderful job. We had to do it to keep you safe because we didn't know where the key was. We disengaged all the swipe cards so you couldn't get into any res hall but your own. All the locks are back and changed. 7oclock? I don't know where that came from, but I'm open to discussion as to what it should be. We're doing it for a safety reason. After a certain hour, we'd like the people going into a certain hall to live there. I'm open to reexamining it. What time do you think it should be?
 - Blea: the suggestion was 9 o'clock.
 - On the weekends it could be Friday or Saturday night, it could be later.
 - Kelly: Could you make a recommendation as a body? It's an arbitrary number, we're open to talk.
 - Forst: we appreciate you coming in and we look forward to seeing you again. Thank you very much.
- Forst: second, the student activity fee did not pass for this spring. The SMR pool as it stands will be the same.
 - Utterback: now it's down to 18,000.
 - Forst: know that the SMR pool will not get any bigger at this time.

SMRs

- Fencing Club SG12ST machine \$1050
 - It's a scoring machine. We've been working towards this for a couple of years; this is the next step for getting a real competitive team.
 - VSchultz: will this allow the fencing club to host competitions?
 - This will only accommodate two fencers. We would be able to host a tournament—it would be intercollegiate, very small, we would be going up against informally other schools—we'd have to have all sorts of paperwork filled out.
 - Forst: would you say this is a step in the right direction?
 - Yes, it would be a big step—part of our normal routine would be getting competition hosting, getting more outside involvement from the community—all sorts of

stuff like that. We are now a gym class for a few selected students—they don't have any money to give us, but they do get gym credit for it. They have me "teaching" it. I have a syllabus. They get a little more involved with the class; they have to write a paper. Recently we tested our electric gear and that's working nice and fine—we won't have to worry about any repair costs. Our club has a personal relationship with this company—we've been working with them for several years so they know us well.

- ESchultz: what is the difference between the equipment you have now and this system?
 - This would be a scoring machine. What it has is basically a computer inside it that directs an electric current. Other equipment is components on the fencer. Basically, we have the equipment to use on you, but this keeps score, keeps time, and makes calls.
 - Thomas: so you have been talking about the fact that people are getting gym credit—does this mean outside the fencing club can join?
 - The situation that I'm in right now—if anyone came to me and said "I want to do fencing for a gym credit" I have enough sway to say "you're in" and put your name in. It would be considered any other gym class—you would get your gym credit towards your CXXI or LAiP.
 - Have you looked at used equipment? Can you look at e-bay?
 - The problem is that with used equipment you don't know its history. If they're mistreated, they are computers. This is relatively new and basically industry standard if you want to compete and be familiar with competition equipment all across the states, this is one of the machines you would get. Comparatively, the bigger machines pass this; you're looking at 4000 dollars. This is the standard because of its price and its ruggedness.
 - Blea: did you get a chance to check out the warranty information?
 - No, but I can get back to you on that if it makes a big difference. I could send you an e-mail about it. If there is a problem, they'll take it back—they're really good

with return items. We've had stuff come in and break the next day; we'd get a box in the mail before we even returned it.

- Would this machine get a lot of use immediately?
 - My advanced class has been ready to do this for two years, three years. So, we've got people now, we've got more than two people that come on a consistent basis. I'd like to see them trained and ready to go—ready to help teach and pass on this information next year.
- What's the life expectancy?
 - Given the use it will get, it won't get used for 24 hours over the course of two days; it won't see competition duty as far as times it's used. It will be used 5 times at practice 3 times a week over the next semesters. I won't see it breaking unless it's abused. You don't abuse equipment within eyesight of me or any officer. This will last us a long time. Barring the occasional software upgrade which I will pay for, it won't need any work.
- Finance Committee Recommended the full amount
 - Jones: I think these guys have been coming back and I think we should give them the full amount. **Motion to give them the full amount.**
 - **Seconded**
 - **Motion Passes**
- SMR WRHO \$162
 - We have two simple things, right now the first item is an analogue phone. The Studio A microphone is dead—when it died the phone that goes on air also died because we plug that into other working lines. We made the determination that it was the actual phone. We need an analogue phone because not only do we need to call during radio shows but I've set up being sports director at the station, being able to broadcast Hartwick sports games. In order to do that, I'd have to call the station and they would do it that way. With no phone line, I can't do that. I mean—we have our business line but no on-air business at all. The printer/copy/scanner—when we do program schedules for shows, rotation logs, we have to run to the library and does not get done in time or often. If we're able to get that in the office, Studio B, we'd be able to print as an e-board, print out flyers for people's shows and football games. Things would get out on time as opposed to two or three days later.
 - Thomas: do you know exactly what printer/copy/scanner that you're looking for?
 - I'm filling in for Justin so I'm not sure which model or make, but I do know that at least to me that seems pretty standard.

We need something that is going to be efficient, fast, and good quality.

- Thomas: I'm pretty sure WRHO was using Hilltops machine.
 - Maybe certain people were but I was in the office the other day and we were doing a printout and Justin ran over to Yager because he didn't want to impose on Hilltop's stuff. If certain e-board members use Hilltops then that's what they're doing, but most of us do not.
- Finance Committee recommended the full amount. The general feeling is that these are general things for the radio station to be doing.
 - **Roods: Motion to give the full amount**
 - **VSchultz: seconded**
 - **Roll Call Vote: Motion Passes**

Old Business:

- Blea: I will be working on a proposal for moving the time for the res halls back

New Business:

- Thomas: we had our hilltops meeting yesterday- wanted to figure out fundraising- we wanted to check with Senate to see if we can have people place ads both on and off campus
 - Forst: fundraising policies need to be approved by the college from a student life standpoint. As far as charging other clubs, that has been discouraged and it is in the student handbook manual it says you can not charge clubs- you will have to work with coordinators.

Announcements:

- Meyering: if you or someone you know is a history major and interested in education- get in touch with Prof Bloom and Dr. Quinn
- Forst: tomorrow 8:30 stack Lounge ski and snowboard interest meeting
- Blea: Love 146 concert group to raise money for prevention and intervention of child sex trafficking- Nov. 6 at SUNY Oneonta
- Gray: 5050 will be in the office for next 24 hours or so if anyone needs to talk someone regarding the recent death of our fellow student, you can stop in.
- **Jones: motion to adjourn**
 - **Meyering: second**
 - **Motion Passes**