



**Hartwick College Student Senate**

**Meeting Minutes – December 7<sup>th</sup> 2010**

**Recorder: P. Cody Fiduccia**

**12/07/10**

- **Roll Call**

- Senators Present: \*Now via Electronic System\*
- Senators Absent: \*Now via Electronic System\*
- E-Board Present: Associate Coordinator Maquet-Lambert; Coordinator Morris; Associate Treasurer Militello; Treasurer Shipman; Executive Secretary Fiduccia; Vice President Schultz; President Carboni
- Closed at pm

- **Minutes**

- Passing of the minutes from the previous two meetings (11-16 & 11-30)
  - Senator Diehl – motion to pass the minutes
  - Senator Strong – Second
    - Motion Passes by a voice vote
  - Closed at 8:11pm

- **Committee Reports**

- President's Report:
  - OPT for J-Term
    - Working on a new bus route for J-Term (reversing the order for J-term due to safety and security purposes)
  - Election Process
    - President Carboni discussed the new election process, using the ELMO for visual assistance
    - Current Process:
      - Fall election (at-large & hall council)
      - Spring election (spring semester senators [in addition to current level])
    - New Process:
      - Goal of 30 senators
        - 22 senators in hall council
        - 8 at-large
      - Fall election
        - NO at-large elections (only hall council)
      - Spring election
        - Elections for a 1 year term (including the following Fall)
      - Late Spring election
        - E-board elections
        - Any remaining at-large seats (due to seniors graduating & leaving senators)
  - End of the semester
    - Thank you for being wonderful senators this semester – many big projects coming in Spring and we look forward to it!
  - Closed at 8:33pm
- Vice President's Report
  - Senator up for removal

- Senator Omotosho
      - Senator Steffens – the Hall Council also wanted to remove you, so this is also an issue there
      - Senator Clampitt – Motion to keep senator Omotosho
      - Senator Strong – Second
        - Motion Passes by voice vote
    - Laura’s Café
      - Meeting with Andy Binder, Joe Mack, Meg Nowak & Gary Ballard about renovations in the space
        - Removal of bar & booths
        - Looking into estimates for other renovations
      - Closed at 8:41pm
  - Treasurer’s Report
    - J-Term Programming
      - President Drugovich has expressed concern about the lack of programming, especially during J-term and especially for students who are not members of specific clubs
      - Proposal (resolution) for J-term programming funds
        - Resolution was presented (reference the actual resolution for specific questions)
        - Some minor wording changes were made to decrease potential liability of Student Senate
      - Senator Diehl – Motion to pass the proposed resolution
        - Senator Strong – Second
        - Motion & Resolution Passes by voice vote
    - SMR Pool
      - \$4,892.00
    - Gas Pool
      - \$996.35
    - Closed at 8:50pm
  - Secretary’s Report
    - Nothing to report
    - Closed at 8:50pm
  - Coordinator’s Report
    - Good luck on finals!
    - Closed at 8:50pm
  - Hall Council
    - Greek Life
      - Nothing to report
    - Saxton Hall
      - Nothing to report
    - Holmes
      - Nothing to report
    - Wilder
      - Nothing to report
    - Smith

- Nothing to report
  - Van Ess
    - Nothing to report
  - Leitzell/Townhouses
    - Nothing to report
  - Oyaron/Hilltop
    - Nothing to report
  - Closed at 8:52pm
- **Unfinished Business**
  - Computer usage in Yager hall (public access)
    - Nothing has been researched and/or discussed, but people are looking into this issue and it will be reported back ASAP.
  - Closed at 8:55pm
- **New Business**
  - Questions & comments about Senate/Senate business?
    - Senator Gray – is there a reason for Ad-Hoc committees not being formed?
      - DR: Mostly because the heads of those committees (faculty or administration members) have not needed or called for meetings
    - Senator Steffens – clickers next semester?
      - DR: Yes we will
    - Senator Gray – give ideas for guests in the Spring term?
      - DR: Please provide the guest and the particular topic of discussion by the guest
  - Programming
    - President Carboni – in the recent discussion with President Drugovich, she feels there is a lack of programming on campus. If there were more availability to funds, what would you like to see?
      - Senator Diehl: HCAB seems to be making large-scale events (ones where we have to pay), where it would seem more beneficial to have smaller-scale and free events on campus
      - Senator Gray: Some problems which may occur; students may have trouble being students & make decisions for programming too
      - Guest Valliere: Comedians would be a great treat!
      - Senator Steffens: A coordinated event for sledding/tobogganing
      - Senator Schultz: More engaging events (engaging students with each other and with other members of the campus community) i.e. Ooze Fest
      - Senator Diehl: A good dance with a good DJ, on a Friday night – even Laser Tag
      - Senator Strong: Some activities are not advertised properly, it would be better to have better marketing for events
      - Senator Woodhouse: Arts & Crafts would be nice

- Senator Flynn: It would be much better to have smaller, free events rather than “big name” events where we have to pay
  - Senator Denny: It should be spread out throughout the evening or something, it is hard to make the events – trivia nights are fun!
  - Senator Gray: Smaller or open-mic night bands in Laura’s Café
  - Senator Steffens: Smaller events during half-times of sporting team events
  - Senator Diehl – Corporate sponsorship? Lego® building contest?
  - Senator Woodhouse – Festivals and fairs are attractive as well
  - Coordinator Morris – Homecoming parade or event would really increase pride and popularity of Hartwick ideals on campus
  - Senator Diehl – theme weeks?
  - GENERAL CONSENSUS: Smaller, free, more frequent events
- Internet
- President Carboni – there will be no decision made tonight, simply discussion, and remember to listen before speaking. Also, remember you’re representing the student body with this conversation.
    - Facts about the internet:
      - Currently, bandwidth is 75mbps
      - \$41,200 per year for that speed
      - Option to increase the bandwidth
      - If Student Senate (Student Activity Fee) would pay for the upgrade, **two-year minimum contract**
      - 100 mbps for a cost to senate of \$8,856
      - 150 mbps (doubling speed) for a cost to senate of \$24,060
      - This would be re-evaluated after the two year period
      - Questions: What is the student activity fee used for? What should it be used for? Should this money be spent for this upgrade and why?
      - The money will be pulled from the “Amount remaining for clubs” line – current \$272,670.84
  - Discussion:
    - Guest Valliere: The internet would be a worthwhile investment, and it is equitable to \$16 per year per student, as opposed to the average individual cost of \$75 per individual per month of normal plans
    - Senator Flynn: This would be a great help to campus, especially when it takes over a minute for a page load
    - Senator Schultz: This money would be taken away from club budgets, and if it truly is only \$16 per person – why can’t this be added to the tuition?
    - Senator Diehl: Because the student activity fee has been raised, this seems like a good idea to take from the pool. Even though the clubs’ money would be taken from clubs, it seems like a good investment

- Senator Steffens: This should not be taken from clubs, we give money to clubs for a reason – we should raise student activity fee/tuition
- Senator Strong: The average departmental budget at Hartwick, at the high end, is about \$6,000 – and many club budgets are way over that. Are we giving clubs too much money?
- Senator Hunt: Once we find club homes, aren't there going to be a few clubs NOT under senate anymore, and couldn't their budgets be used toward this expense?
  - DR: It is possible, but it could be risky to assume that this extra money will be available
- Senator Flynn: This problem could be solved by trimming club budgets
- Guest Valliere: To standardize this fact, this means approximate 8% of the average club budget, this leaves them with 92% of their budget remaining
- Senator Gray: From a club perspective, you need the extra room to budget for, and it would be taking away from club's abilities to put on events
- Senator Flynn: The student activity fee should go toward all students – and most of the money goes to clubs (specific groups) this should go toward all students first
- Senator Gray: There is a lot of extra money in the accounts for clubs, but perhaps a more involved and general SMR process would be useful (so that there are more specific abilities to the students to regulate the money pool)
- Associate Treasurer Militello: There are a lot of new regulations and policies that will be passed, this will encourage a more accountable process
- President Carboni: This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the student activity fee – clubs are still learning how to spend this money
- Senator Woodhouse: Everybody uses the internet ALL THE TIME for everything – academic and social uses. It would benefit everybody
- Senator Omotosho – This is the best place that the money should come from, and there is not another option for pulling money from. Perhaps make a new line on the budget for internet usage (also the faculty usage as well)
- Secretary Fiduccia – Is club funding being given for club-specific events or for campus-wide events
- Guest Valliere – I'm not sure how many clubs there are, but it would be a good use of money, even if only 2/3rds of campus usually participates in club events
  - Closed at 9:55pm
- **Announcements:**
  - Please reference the Senate PowerPoint for announcements

- **Motion to Adjourn: Senator Flynn**
- **Motion Seconded: Senator Lummie**
- **Motion Passed, meeting of 12/07/10 adjourned at 9:58pm by a voice vote**