



Hartwick College Student Senate

Meeting Minutes – February 22nd 2011

Recorder: P. Cody Fiduccia

2/22/11

- **Roll Call**

- Senators Present: *Please reference roll call sheet*
- Senators Absent: *Please reference roll call sheet*
- E-Board Present: Associate Coordinator Maquet-Lambert; Coordinator Morris; Associate Treasurer Militello; Treasurer Shipman; Executive Secretary Fiduccia; Vice President Schultz; President Carboni
- Closed at 8:06pm

- **Minutes**

- Passing of minutes from December's meeting and previous meeting of 2-15-11
- Senator Steffens: Motion to pass
- Senator Flynn: Second
 - Motion Passes
 - Closed at 8:11pm

- **Guest Speaker: Allison Green**

- J-Term Programming
 - There was \$4,000 passed to be put towards J-Term programming and it was a great success.
 - Recap of events:
 - All the funds were controlled heavily
 - Had a roller skating party
 - "Winter Welcome Back" – Hot Chocolate Bar in all of the residence halls
 - Snow Tubing at Platteville, took a bus and had the whole mountain to themselves
 - Laser Tag
 - Bingo Night
 - Trivia Nights
 - NFC/AFC Championship
 - Chicken wing eating contest
 - Large, double-sided screen
 - All above events were promoted under the umbrella of Student Senate funds
 - About \$160 remaining from the \$4,000 allotted for J-Term
- Closed at 8:15pm

- **Swearing-In of New Senators (Smith Hall Representatives)**

- Megan McGregor
- Timothy Bell
- Closed at 8:17pm

- **Committee Reports**

- Senate Affairs Report:
 - Board of Trustee Meetings
 - Facilities Meeting
 - "Does facilities have any effect on our retention rate?"

- Spoke about the quality of facilities (specifically Van Ess & the other residence halls)
 - No-Sort recycling systems, students can put all their garbage in one receptacle and the sorting happens later
 - Johnstone got new boilers
 - Van Ess Project entails re-doing all the sprinkler systems in the building
 - Enrollment
 - Hartwick is trying to get in touch with incoming first-year students
 - Heavy use of social networking
 - Four Square, Facebook, MySpace, etc.
 - Zumba Organization
 - The organization is not considered a club, but the instructor is being paid work study money to have the course. Every day at 7PM in Binder
 - Closed at 8:21pm
- Secretary's Report
 - Board of Trustee meeting
 - Academic Affairs
 - Spoke about tenure candidates, promotions to assistant and full professor, and candidates for sabbatical
 - Closed at 8:12pm
- Treasurer's Report
 - SMR Request: \$2,811
 - Chemistry Club
 - Rep: Soren Anderson
 - Proposal: Two conferences will be attended this year, one in Maryland and one in California (Biochemistry & Chemistry, respectively), where students will be presenting their thesis work. Requesting \$2,922.66 for lodging for these two events.
 - Questions
 - No Questions
 - Finance Committee
 - Recommended the full amount
 - Senator Diehl: Motion to pass \$2,922.66 for the cost of lodging for two conferences
 - Seconded: Senator Pennings
 - Motion Passes by voice vote
 - Board of Trustee Reports
 - Degree Audit
 - Passed the budget three months ahead of schedule
 - Endowment has increased and finance has positive reviews
 - Closed at 8:28pm

- Vice President's Report
 - Board of Trustee Reports
 - Development
 - Discussing the gap between graduates ('70s-'90s) and how specific graduate years are not giving to the institution. Though giving is up (special gifts, one-time gifts), annual giving is down. Online giving, giving APPs, etc. were discussed as to increasing the amount alumni are giving to Hartwick.
 - Closed at 8:30pm
- President's Report
 - Board of Trustee Reports
 - Facilities
 - Complaints or concerns about facilities? Specifically?
 - Senator Steffens – General disarray of bathrooms and residence halls
 - Guest Stuligross – Facilities has the ability to attract students to the institution
 - Senator Flynn – Icicles “chill” outside doors and buildings waiting to impale people
 - Senator Bell – Is there any way to have student helpers with the cleaning staff?
 - The facilities employees belong to a union, and Aramark employs these staff members. Unfortunately, it would be hard to do.
 - Guest Forst – Work study for the cleaning positions?
 - Senator Boardman – Stack Lounge project?
 - DR: The capital campaign is working on this space, several years off, and Laura's will be worked on.
 - Senator Diehl – I get compliments on Holmes lounge spaces, and I'm proud of it
 - Student Affairs
 - Reported on what Senate did in Fall and what we're doing in the Spring
 - Increase in programming (HCAB, Student Affairs, etc.)
 - Increase in reaching out to students via social networking
 - Hartwick is introducing a Ride Board
 - Where people are going for certain weekends/days, and carpooling can be available through the use of this board.
 - General Assembly: Awesome idea!
 - OPT Bus
 - Coming up soon, President Carboni will be renegotiating the budget and contract for OPT.

- ASSIGNMENT: Ask people you know who use the bus if they would be willing to pay \$0.25 per ride.
 - Guest Stuligross: Will they be able to pay through the WickIt?
 - DR: This is also something you would have to ask your constituency
 - HCAB
 - This Thursday, the Senate e-board will be meeting with the HCAB e-board to discuss the miscommunication that occurred which resulted in a lack of funds to HCAB (which they are requesting for during this meeting).
 - SLAF Fund? Questions about this fund and where it comes from.
 - Out of the \$125,000 budget HCAB has, they have spent all but \$10,000 – now they are requesting \$17,000.
 - Closed at 8:52pm
 - Hall Council
 - Greek Life
 - This week is “Rush Week” or “Sorority & Fraternity Recruitment Week”
 - Last week was National Hazing Awareness Week
 - 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 8:54pm
- **Unfinished Business**
 - NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - Closed at 8:38pm
- **New Business**
 - Advisor Green –
 - Director of Athletics has been notified that the Men’s Basketball Team has been asked to (for the first time ever) the conference in Hoboken, NJ. A

“spirit bus” is being organized, a bus of fans to support the team in the conference match.

- This is not a club
- Retention rate can be affected by events like this
- How did we go about giving Student Affairs money for J-Term?
 - Instead of giving money to the department, Student Affairs acted as a proxy and used the funds
- What would be the process to allocate funding toward the spirit bus trip?
 - This is what the SLAF Fund was originally designed for!
- **Student Senate Resolution #2**
 - VP Schultz
 - Going over resolution, it needs to be unanimous
 - Senator Diehl
 - Is this only a one-time thing?
 - DR: Yes
 - Senator Bell
 - Can we take the money out of the control account?
 - DR: Yes it says so in the constitution
 - Senator Stuligross
 - It will add advertising to Greek life and Senate
 - Senator Bell
 - Can you guarantee that people are going to actually ride the spirit bus?
 - Senator Diehl - I think there will be
 - VP Schultz - They wouldn't have asked us for the money if they didn't think there was going to be people to ride the bus.
 - Senator Bell
 - I don't see many people supporting our school. Football is above basketball.
 - Senator Diehl - Motion to approve resolution as presented to Student Senate (see resolution for further details)
 - Senator Flynn – Second
 - Motion passes via a voice vote
- **Motion to discuss potholes in the Johnstone Parking lot**
 - Senator Carncross – Second
 - Discussion
 - This needs to be fixed and should be addressed immediately
 - It will be brought to Tom Kelly
- Closed at 9:59pm
- **Announcements:**
 - **SAI recruitment is next week!**
 - **Taste of Wick is Friday from 4-6pm**
 - **Awakening applications are due Friday the 25th**
 - **Friday there is a Contra Dance at Pine Lake**
 - **Ski & Snowboard club is putting on Snow Fest this Saturday 3pm-7pm**
 - **Leadershops will be happening in the next few weeks**

- **This week HOPs will be on campus – you get \$25 on your WickIt card for hosting students**
- **Monday & Sunday are HOPs as well**
- **Blood Drive tomorrow!**
- **Motion to Adjourn: Senator Berkey**
- **Motion Seconded: Senator Diehl**
- **Motion Passed, meeting of 2/22/11 adjourned at 10:03pm by a voice vote**