

**HARTWICK COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE**  
**Minutes: October 14, 2008**

**Senators Present:** Bassett, Blea, Gray, Jones, Madzar, Meyering, Montefusco, Pearson, Post, Pringle, Schultz (Eric), Thomas, Vachon, Woskoff

**Senators Absent:** Brennan, Damus, McDonald, Mere, Rubio, Schultz (Victor), Shipman, Spahr,

**Senators Late (15 min. +):**

**Passage of Minutes: Jones: motion to pass the minutes**  
**-Thomas: Seconded**  
**-Motion Passes**

**Committee/E-Board Reports:**

- *Vice President, Rudy:*

- We have cards for Nick Filippone, we're going to be sending them around. They're sympathy cards so please sign them if you please. We're sending them to the family, it was brought up last week to send them to the family. We'll send them on behalf of the student body and senate. I'll forward them on to the families.
- Rudy: a proposal has been sent to the director of facilities for the storing of the Senate tent and they'll be reviewing it and getting back to us next week. We have two members up for removal tonight. Senator McDonald and Senator Mere.
  - Forst: we need to technically get them out of those positions so they can be filled. We'll go through the process anyways. Usually they'll have a chance to defend themselves, however they have not come in at all—so, they aren't present to defend themselves. So someone makes a motion to carry that out.
    - **Meyering: motion to remove Senator Mere and Senator McDonald from Senate**
      - **Blea: seconded**
      - **Motion Passes**
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- *Finance Report, Treasurer Utterback, A.T. Negrich:*

- We have three SMRs. We had a few pre-gas SMRs that went through

- *Senate Affairs, Coordinator Fiteni :*

- For all of you who have been responding to my e-mails about club e-boards. I have most of them, I'll send out one more. Everything is due this Friday otherwise the senate accounts become frozen. We have two constitutions to review next week.

- *Secretary, Roods:*

- Nothing to report

**President's Report:**

- Forst: Last Thursday I was able to attend the safety walk with Joe Ebstell, Dale Clap, and Tom Kelly and Zach Brown. The memo just went out today that goes over everything we found on campus. They're just observations and recommendations about improving safety around campus—speed bumps, road signs, etc. If anyone has any particular interest in looking over this memo I can forward it on to you. Saxton lighting, lighting from Perella to Shineman, replacing bulbs with higher intensity lights, fixing issues with rocks by the Wright stadium, light pole # 7, Mohawk trail on curve around New Res, looking at extra lighting for new res lot by the townhouse parking that has spilled over into, adding fire-lane paint near the laundry room near townhouses, Van Ess and townhouses light to expose crosswalk, adding light near the first entrance by Smith, looking at do not enter signs, a light out by Anderson. This is circulated through safety and facilities so they'll be taking care of those issues.
- Forst: going back to last week, there's no real huge issues that we brought up in the meeting. We covered issues with the readership program. The proposal to move back the swipe-card time was created by Senator Blea and Senator Post. That's all I have currently.
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### SMRs

- Orchestis \$1,981.79
    - o Basically, the light scrollers make lighting a lot easier—it's every color there are. They make lighting for the event a lot easier, it's a really hard job for the person doing the events. We usually got to rent them from the high school, we aren't allowed to do that anymore
      - Forst: why was that policy changed?
        - I'm not sure on that—the high school said “no”
      - Forst: so you use this equipment for orchesis show, do you have places to store this equipment and share with other clubs?
        - Yes of course, there's a storage location.
        - Rudy: what's the difference between these lights and normal stage lights?
          - o These rotate mechanically and have all colors inside of them
          - o Meyering: I know what you're talking about a little bit, but would you say these supplies will last you a long time?
            - Yes, very long time actually
            - Rudy: have you tried speaking with the theater department?
              - Yes, the treasurer Seth Lucas spoke to them and they said they wouldn't use them often enough to co-purchase with us.
          - o Pearson: do you need this to perform or is it helpful?
            - It makes it a lot easier—it makes the show look a lot better.
- o Finance Committee recommended \$1,212.66. One power supply, 2 scrollers, and one of each cable.
  - Jones: would policy permit them to charge the theater department?
    - Utterback: theater department yes, not clubs.

- Madzar: these would be the best lighting equipment the school would have easily. I've looked at the boards, they're old. You might need the 150W power supplier—the cables aren't the problem. Smart color scrollers are not necessary but they would be amazing. As someone who has done lights, you can make colors mesh and light drops and you don't need to have fully automated a gel color scroller. However, if they did have this, anybody and everybody would want to use those lights—so they would get used.
  - Forst: so, in your opinion, do you think that there is equipment to run these things?
    - Madzar: I'm not sure
    - Pringle: they rent this exact model from the high school, so since they've already used it they know it works.
    - Madzar: yeah, it works, but if they got all that it would be nice.
    - Negrich: I thought that the power supplier wasn't actually what it says it is—it's actually the computer programs the whole thing. They said it was actually what programmed.
    - Madzar: did they list what the name of the program was?
      - Negrich: they explained it was the computer that programs the moving of the lights.
  - Thomas: how much money is left in the SMR pool?
    - \$17,468
    - ESchultz: if we're only going to grant them two, should we clarify whether we need the power supplier?
      - Utterback: if they take the two, they'll still need the power supplier.
      - Pringle: did you just say that they would need to get another one?
      - Utterback: if there was a lesser one, if they didn't need the 150Watt one now, they might need a larger one later.
  - Forst: I'm of the mind that it would be of the most advanced equipment on campus, **I motion to approve the SMRs full amount of \$1,981.79.**
    - **Seconded**
    - **Roll Call Vote: Motion Passes full amount \$1,981.79**
- Alternative Realities: \$340 for Registration tickets
- Basically we're going to NYC for the big apple nation expo. It deals with different realms of actual gaming stuff. On different videogames, different comic books paraphernalia. Different shows, panels, etc. What we're SMRing for here is registration tickets. We're leaving Friday, we're staying at a couple of member's houses. From there we're moving on Saturday to the convention, staying the night again Saturday, leave Sunday to come back to Hartwick. All the members are paying for transportation as well as food expenditures and

anything they want to eat there—we're just SMRing for the actual registration costs per each person.

- Meyering: you have 17 people going? That's just in your club or have you opened this to the whole campus?
  - We plan on opening it up to the campus. We're also doing two events and we're hoping that the money raised for those events will help off-set the cost for members and anyone else who wishes to come.
- Finance Committee Recommended the full amount: \$340
  - **Roods: motion to pass the full amount of \$340**
    - **Jones: seconded**
    - **Motion Passes**
- Campus Ambassadors: \$150 for Concert Tickets
  - Our club is looking to go to a benefit concert for Love146. The concert tickets are 25 dollars each and we have 6 people going.
    - Love 146 is a nonprofit that works to fight against children trafficking, especially child sexual trafficking. They take children out of brothels, it's mostly in Southeast Asia.
    - Rudy: are you funding any of this out of pocket?
      - At this point, no. we have SMR gas money from senate finance.
      - Rudy: when do the tickets need to be purchased by?
        - Blea: they've already been purchased and they're giving the money to who bought the tickets.
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    - Finance Committee had funded the gas to its entirety and felt that the concert tickets, because it was more "for fun" that they could pay that out of pocket and get the gas to get them there. Also, because it's a benefit that you give something to go to the concert and now, knowing that they bought the tickets I'm not sure if we can give them money.
      - Meyering: I was going to say, I had a similar problem with Hilltops last semester where we had purchased shirts and were told we don't reimburse.
      - Blea: there is a church that hosts campus ambassadors. Because these tickets had to be bought early, they were purchased. It isn't a reimbursable to a student. This is going as a joint thing for SUCO. It's already been done. Now we have to pay the costs to go.
      - Rudy: how come when I asked if there was a deadline they weren't aware.
      - Gray: I know I got an e-mail about it from one of my professors.
      - Roods: motion to pass the full amount of 150
        - Jones: seconded
        - Thomas: can my club go to warped tour for team bonding? It's still a concert, they said to us at finance that they were going to pay their own costs. If they only plan on putting out that money, I don't understand why they want this money.

- Rudy: I think when you make this vote you should keep in mind that we have established rules.
- Utterback: when they bought the tickets, was it just for the students at SUCO and at Hartwick that said I want to go?
  - Blea: he bought a set amount before they said they wanted to go.
  - Utterback: then that's not a reimbursement
  - Pringle: they did say that they were—at least two—would be paying the 25 dollars no matter what, they would essentially be donating that to the charity, which since they're going to pay this no matter what, it would essentially that we would be donating 50 dollars to this benefit, because they're money is going anyway. The extra money is going to them.
  - Blea: is that what they said? They could have been talking about how I bought a ticket myself.
  - Utterback: they didn't feel that a benefit concert was something that should be paid for by senate so they were thinking that they would personally benefit the cause and put in 25 dollars regardless. Viewing it from the SMR, it should be viewed as "the ticket".
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### **Old Business:**

- Pringle: with the speed bump thing that you were talking about, is there any way they could have bigger speed bumps up at binder? Even if you're going at 1 mile per hour it still hurts.
  - Forst: that came up. We were pulling cars over that were speeding while we were walking in the dark. That was a concern that came up—they saw what type of speed bumps we use. They're looking at switching to the larger ones that are the rolling hill rather than the huge mountain. They're also looking at doing a speed trench which would be so that snow plows can go in one whole big sweep.
    - Pringle: would they indicate that it's there?
    - Forst: yes, it would be posted on both signs.
    - Utterback: how deep are they? If you have a low car can you get over it without bottoming out?
      - Fiteni: yeah, no matter how slow, you won't bottom out.
      - Pringle: they would have the same problem at the speed bump bottoming out.
      - Forst: I would just say, it is a concern, they're trying to find the best solution to it. Sometimes it's not plowed properly because they have to lift the plow up, drive over, and then put it back down.

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### **New Business:**

- Forst: This is technically under announcements. We were thinking that it would be beneficial to have a “bring a friend/stranger to Senate” night. This would be good to get people who have never heard or like Senate to come to senate, get them keyed in to what we do and how we function.
  - o ESchultz: can we bring more than one friend?
    - Forst: that would be the coolest thing and bring a tear to my eye.
    - Rudy: if you want to bring a lot of people, we’ll find another spot.
- Gray: I heard somewhere that Student Union bribes people to go to their meeting and do a raffle and they can win a TV at the end of a semester.
  - o Forst: yes, they raffled off an I-pod, they’re raffling off a television. Yes, they do. I don’t know what our official financial procedure is on that, I don’t know if that would be the most prudent thing to do, if that’s what it takes, I don’t know if I’m really prepared to start raffling things off.
    - Pringle: I don’t think that having a raffle is going to bring people who are going to sit through the meeting in the first place.
    - Forst: in terms of this suggestion, everyone would be in favor of bringing at least one person to the meeting? Bring your roommate, bring friends, teammates, anyone.
    - Meyering: you talk about strangers coming to meeting—to they have to be Hartwick students?
      - Forst: I would encourage that it’s mainly students, faculty, and staff.
    - **Forst: I motion to make the next meeting the “bring a friend/stranger to Senate” official meeting**
      - **ESchultz: seconded**
      - **Motion Passes**
- Thomas: how is the process going for the student activity fee and bringing it up to the trustees?
  - o Forst: that’s in the hands of the student life committee—it’s in their minutes, it’s been circulated out and been forwarded on to the trustee body in general. Currently, it isn’t going anywhere. They have it, it’ll be on the agenda for the next meeting. We’re making sure we have our best foot forward. We’re in talks with President Drugovich and improve upon the proposal. More up to dates and timelines if we need them, we’ll probably be brought before the end of the semester. Those can be brought up. I can forward the current copy to the senate and put it on the website. We’ll be talking to President Drugovich about whether there needs to be a campus wide vote. As of now, that’s all up in the air. It also is an ongoing discussion, it is important to the student body and I’d encourage anyone to voice there opinion. Talk to your friends and classmates. It affects everyone. Please get out there and see what people are thinking.
  - o Thomas: if there was a survey to give to our dorms, would that help?
    - Forst: I think that would be a swell course of action if senate feels that is necessary and in our best interests.
- Negrich: the food services committee met last week. We discussed a lot of things. The main thing was that we talked about having a better variety of certain foods, it’s kind of hard to say what we want, so. Ric Accordinio asked if we could get input from the students—like specific things, dishes, and/or events to have in Laura’s and they also said that we could maybe have a recipe contest that people could send in a home recipe and the winner would get their dish made by the commons. Apparently that’s where Martha’s Casserole came from. I don’t know how we could get input.

- Woskoff: if anyone wants to give input here, we can bring those specifics to him.
- Blea: we have a lot of breads, but not a lot of wraps—that would be nice to have.
- ESchultz: I would enjoy fruit salad.
- Forst: I think it would be great if they could continue to bring back the recipe submission event. In the past it hasn't been well publicized. We as student senate can help with that. I know I have a couple of recipes that would rock, and take you all down. That would be a great thing, also AT Negrich and Senator Woskoff and Senator Gray are good contacts to go for with this. Wherever you hail from, you should send them your ideas and they can get back to us at the next meeting. If you have any more discussion, if you think of anything after the meeting e-mail those guys.
- Blea: what is going on with Laura's, they're supposed to be moving forward on something.
  - Forst: there has been movement with the sidewalk, that would be included in any proposal made towards Laura's. There hasn't been any real substantive proposals made towards improving things—I'd like the committee to get motivated, we're looking towards including club involvement in Laura's. Hopefully it would be a capital project that they could have one huge flowing area.
  - Madzar: I played a show and it would be really nice to not have that hall.
    - Blea: last year they mentioned that and it would be pretty sick.
    - Madzar:
- Roods: I've heard that the guys who work in TableRock don't get paid time and a half for overtime. I think that's kind of messed up.
  - Utterback: apparently some students have been having issues that they get charged from Wick-it and not TableRock money.
  - Thomas: I think that wick-it card money goes to that first.
    - Forst: I'll find out and make sure that the issue is corrected. If any funds have been taken, they can track at what point that's been spent. I'll be right on top of that.
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- Post: Saxton is having a Halloween party, we're going to give out prizes for costumes. There will be bobbing for apples. Please come.
- Meyering: Oyaron and Hilltop house are also having a Halloween power. We're going to have prizes, too—except we will also be having a sexiest costume. I hope to judge that.
- Thomas: on a more serious note, there were some students who felt the student activity fee should not be passed. It's pretty split among hall council—half want it, half don't. The half who don't want it also want to have more events on campus, I don't understand that logic.
  - Meyering: their objections fall into a few categories. First, they don't want the increase to pass, second they don't trust senate to use those funds if they get them. They feel, from what they've publically stated, that senate has no oversight—or very little oversight—an example they used was: if the entire student body wanted to paint the wall green, but the senators wanted to paint the walls red, would they be red or green?
    - Forst: in a serious response, I think it's the responsibility to be in tune to their constituencies. However, I think that it would be a failure on the part of every individual senator if that were to take place. I don't

think this is a form for any one person to rise up and bully over the entire student body's feelings or thoughts. We're a community. If people were really afraid, they would come to this meeting if it was that serious. On another note, this is up for discussion. I would encourage those people to come in and speak to any of you guys—if you don't feel comfortable talking about it, you can talk to us and we can meet to discuss those issues. Maybe not everyone is on board.

- Rudy: thanks for bring in, I know that you are bring in the dissenting opinion. It's your job to represent those opinions, even if you don't agree with them. I would like to suggest that you try and encourage them to come to Senate.
  - Blea: they seemed unaware of how senate works and we did our best. We'll bring them to senate
  - Utterback: I think it's important to realize that when you vote, it shouldn't be from your personal opinion—it should be based on your personal opinion. I vote on how students as a whole feel. Get a student perspective.
  - Pringle: I would like to say one thing about it—you said it's a failure of every senator if we're not doing that, it's also the failure of every student who voted for that senator.
- Gray: Holmes hall is having a party on the 26<sup>th</sup>. That's the same day that the campus holds a Halloween party for neighborhood kids. We're trying to get thermostats put into some of the dorms—they've had heat on for the past few days and we've had residents complaining.
    - Rudy: I'm assuming that the library and all of Dewar are warm because they've turned the heat up—is there anyone who can change this daily?
      - Forst: currently, it's my understanding that the system that we used—they heat is pumped out at one end of the campus and the other, and forced into the middle. All of the heat comes up into Holmes and comes across campus. It's regulated by the outdoor temperature. I can look into it, especially if it's wasting energy.
      - Fiteni: something that I know from when I was on the board things that is not fully correct. Each individual academic building has a heating system in it. Also, Dewar is very hard to control the temperature. Dewar is built upon addition upon addition, each addition has its own heating system. The dorm buildings, there are thermostats in the hallways—I've been told that the new system they're installing—heating will be included so you can e-mail facilities directly. It has to have enough people to trip them into saying they'll change the heat
      - Utterback: on top of it being inefficient. Also, I'm a tour guide and the minute you walk into Anderson all the people say "why is the heat on in here?" Especially after you've talked about how "green" Golisano is, it makes us look bad.
      - Montefusco: I did visit a campus when I was looking for schools, and I did walk into a library there and it was scorching hot and it's the only thing I remember. I really think, especially there are a lot of buildings that are trying to go green, having the heat up and wasting fuel is really hurting us because we're almost contradicting what we're saying.



next year”. That is a problem, we need to find out what’s actually happening.

- Post: you can go to tech services and bring your computer that you’ve brought from home and for a low fee of 25 dollars you can get the Hartwick software
- Utterback: it depends on your computer. It can do wireless, but not Ethernet. One of the kids in my class has vista and that was the problem.
- Thomas: I was talking to people in the laptop department. They were asking if would be possible to have a laptop issue that’s separate for students who have declared an art issue. They’ve been smacked down a couple of times.
- Rudy: I think it might be advantageous to not necessarily get rid of it but make it optional. I think it’s a good selling point. Its one thing I liked as a prospective. If we make it optional then it’s the best of both worlds.
  - Forst: it’s been brought up in past years that maybe we could put that money towards the j-term event. At other colleges, if you’re involved at another college, where you need your computer, that’s built into signing up for that major and the supplies you need for that major. When you apply for NYU for illustration, they ask for 12,000 dollars. I’ll talk to President Drugovich tomorrow and make sure we’re all clear on the issue.
  - Woskoff: if they’re going to get rid of the program they should really take that off the website—it’s still there.
  - Vachon: I think they should give people an option of what to use. I dislike my computer and I’d prefer to have a Mac to use. If we could get options for people that would be nice.
  - Blea: the problem with offering options is that—one of the reasons is that we get four year warranties—we have to work with all these departments, different prices, and get trained in repair. It would be a nightmare—you’d have people to have us fix whatever and we can’t do it. That’s why we don’t do that kind of thing. If we went to an optional thing.
  - Utterback: I think getting rid of it would have that very big issue that if it was completely gone, tech services wouldn’t know what to do—that’s also a concern. Regardless of whether or not it was abolished, tech services needs to be looked at as far as we needed to invest in having people who are trained in more diverse areas as well so you’d be able to support that.
  - Thomas: I think that regardless, someone should be trained in Mac operating software because they’re becoming more mainstream. If we switched to Mac, everyone would have gotten that. We should look at, in the least looking at bringing Macs to campus.
    - Forst: it would be a huge undertaking. Okay we can hire a part-time person who can do Macs, but then how many Macs will we get if we say “we can handle Macs”. I would encourage the tech services committee to talk

- to tech services. We'll look at a more concrete solution to this problem.
- Fiteni: one last thing, I personally love using the Mac, when you get outside of school, they do not use it whatsoever—it's a horrible thing. If you look at major corporations, they use Windows XP. Every corporation is using more PC because it connects easier. It's a big problem at universities that are coming across this problem because they're not used to PC. I don't like all PC functions either, but reality-business-check time.
  - Utterback: I think that depends on where you are—in business that's not the case, in the art world its all about the Mac. A lot of schools are starting to go Mac.
- Rudy: part of your duty for being here is to set aside your time from at least 8 to 10. In the future, if you think you'll need to leave early send me or Secretary Roods and e-mail. You are expected to be here from 8 to 10 at least.
- Forst; you guys are the exception because you're all here. Its been the case that we go until past midnight. Or we've come in on a Saturday for budget hearings. I think you know Senate is a huge undertaking—you can't just shrug it off and not come to a meeting for two months. Spread the word. We're a team and we succeed as a team.

**Announcements:**

- Meyering: tomorrow night (Wednesday) in Stack lounge is the debate party at 9PM. Friday at 2PM in Eaton lounge there is a meet-and-greet with the President where you can meet her.
- **Jones: motion to adjourn**
  - **Forst: seconded**
  - **Motion Passes**