

HARTWICK COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE
Minutes: March 18, 2008

Senators Present: Blea, Fiteni, Gaines, Green, Harrington, Jones, Kelsey, Kopstein, Lillie, Negrich, Madzar, Parker, Pringle, Ramos, Rubio, Simmonds, Woskoff

Senators Absent: Kazaks, Arnold,

Senators Late (15 min. +): Shipman,

Passage of Minutes:

- **Fiteni: motion to pass minutes**
 - o **Kopstein: seconded**
 - o **Motion Passes**

Committee/E-Board Reports:

- *VP of Campus Affairs, Whetsel:*

-Nothing to report

- *VP of Finance, Utterback/Kendall:*

- We have two SMRs

- It was passed in committee last night that we're removing the clause that Senate will not pay shipping and handling in the Financial Bylaws

- *VP of Judicial Affairs, Rudy:*

- Nothing to report

- *VP of Senate Affairs, Post:*

- We have a Senator up for Removal tonight. Senator Kopstein

- Kopstein: I've been here in Senate; I've had three absences, two because of illness and one because I'm pledging a fraternity. I also work. I missed my three and I've worked pretty hard, I'm active in all my committees—campus security, judicial affairs, I've never missed a meeting. I've never missed what I haven't had to and never asked anything from any of you to keep me on. There's not much I can say—much of you know me. I put myself before you guys and ask you to keep me on. I'm in it for the long run and plan on doing this for four years and this year was a little bit of a set-back that I couldn't have seen beforehand and I didn't realize it would come in conflict with Senate.

- Gardner: do you anticipate missing any more Senate meetings?

- Kopstein: yes, I anticipate missing about four or five. The pledge process is very secret and inflexible. I work for Wick Wire, too.

- Gardner: the reason I ask is because the next time you miss, we have to bring you up again... then the next time you miss we have to bring it up again. It might be an issue that will come up.

- Kopstein: well in my committees I can still make and there's no conflict.

- Kendall: is that four or five more?

- Kopstein: it's from now on... probably four more.

- **Harrington: if we were to grant him to stay could we make a motion to not have to do that every week?**

- Yes

- Green: how many more meetings do we have? I mean we only have 7 more?

- Post: the thing is, with the fraternities he could miss five or two ... he really doesn't know.

- Rudy: he might not be correct in saying that it's five because the pledging process ends in four weeks.

- Rubio: he can stay, he won't miss much, and he's pledging my frat.

- Rudy: I've been on top of this as well because my assistant manager is pledging. I would really feel hurt if he left because he is so active... he's one of the ones where I send an e-mail out and he responds in 10 minutes. This is the first semester that I have members that have consistently done what I've asked them to. He'll only fall short... He might even miss zero meetings.

- Lillie: his Wick Wire schedule, he only has to work three days a week. He already asked for Tuesday's off, just to ask it's really hard to switch schedules up.

- Harrington: motion to keep Senator Kopstein in senate and not having to go through the process of having people vote over and over.

- Forst: it wouldn't seem that he's going to miss many more. **I motion to reset Kopstein's absence level to zero.**

- Jones: I second Senator Harrington's motion

- Forst: the way I understand the motion is that if we approve him for that it can no longer be brought up, he can no longer be brought up for removal.

- Parker: I think everyone here is good people... so if everyone misses three and are we going to just excuse it? I mean last semester I was told that having too much work was not an excuse for an absence. Good guy, reset? Then there's no point in having an attendance policy.

- Ramos: yeah, pledging does take up time, I'm working 9 hours a week. I still find the time to make finance meeting (except when I was sick).

- Roll Call Vote: Motion Passes

- I hope you all got the e-mail from josh. The petitions to run for an E-board position. Debates will be held April 8th 7PM in Stack, senators—you should go. Tell friends to go, voice your opinions. Elections will take place thurs-sat April 10-12. We'll do outside the commons as well as electronic e-mail.

- Jones: I'm not familiar with the Senate process. What are the debates about?

- Forst: it's not really a debate; it's more like speech giving. Each candidate has the ability to make a speech, and then you can open the floor to questions. There have been funny and serious events. I request personally that you go, ask good questions, etc etc. In the past, it was a requirement for all senators, we set it at 7 and you can go right after to senate. Hopefully the debates will get over right at 8 and we can walk over.

- Secretary, Roods:

- Nothing to report

- Chairperson, Riviello:

- Absent

- Vice President, Forst:

- Forst: In terms of my committee report, the meeting after break—Dean of Experiential learning Katrina Zalatan is going to present on the experiential learning/student presentation day. She's going to come in at 8 right after attendance. In terms of Pine Lake committee, I'm still in talks with the director and certain students. They're drafting up their proposal. In terms of Laura's, we met. I met with food services, I won't speak for anyone but it's going places, doing a lot of things... I don't want to

reveal anything that food services wouldn't want me to reveal. Look for a release of different information and plans of action after break.

President's Report:

- Gardner: so brief recap of the last few weeks: swipe cards for Greeks on campus and Pine Lakers should be working now. A bike-rack location has been found near Wright stadium now they're just waiting to get a bike rack. The issue of hall councils using Senate vans. Thus far, no one seems to have a problem with the idea. We just need to write it down in the actual thing—if you asked for the vans at this point you wouldn't be turned down. The phone stuff for Pine Lake, I was told that I have to go through Brian Hagenback. He e-mailed me personally. That's something they're looking into, possibly over the summer so it will be ready for next year. There are no problems in that it is expensive. ZHD is fixed, right? Right. We are still looking into the process of raising the Student Activity Fee. It's just being discussed and looked into. There's not much progress on that. I'm not 100 percent sure if Zach wanted me to bring this up so I'm just going to bring it up. What I was told is that after spring break, all laundry facilities will be only wick-it usable on campus. So you can't use quarters because if you go online you can look up a way to use pennies. I'm going to tell you because you can use pennies to do your laundry. Since it costs the school money to provide that students. Before everyone starts doing it they're going to put metal covers over that. To preempt the most inevitable comments that "I don't use wick-it". Everybody who has a student ID can put money on their wick-it card. If you don't have a checking account, you can take a bag full of quarters that you would have used to do you laundry up to student accounts and they will put that on their wick-it cards.
 - o Lillie: our washing machines love to break in Van Ess and the dryers too. They might want to look at that.
 - o Forst: did Res Life look into places where Wick-It is not available? Not all facilities have Wick-It.
 - Gardner: Pine Lake doesn't have it, I'm guessing—for your machine to not work because its hooked up to Wick-It is because it's programmed into the Wick-It system. I don't think it will really apply to those. You may want to ask Zach Brown.
 - Forst: where is it written that they can just change policies like that?
 - Gardner: I see where that's kind of going
 - Forst: I mean, if Josh hadn't have told us we would come back from spring break and this would have happened.
 - Gardner: well I'm sure they'll e-mail you. Plus it might not be for sure happening when it's going to happen. I see your point, I'm sure they can change their policy at will with reason.
 - Fiteni: I guess is this the treasurer that makes those decisions.
 - Ramos: can we ask them to wait? I k now this might not happen. Can you say, not do it after we come back from break, maybe a week or so in April. Students won't check their e-mail over break, they'll come back and want to do their laundry and be like "what the heck". I'm a little upset that they didn't ask us with any input. How much trouble could this be?
 - o Gardner: a. to call it an "inconvenience to put money on your wick-it card is very overrated. It really takes less than five minutes. It takes even less time if you do it online. Students were consulted, as in I was consulted. It was simply asked if I thought there would

be major issues. I told him people would probably freak out because it's a change. But since money can easily be put on Wick-It in five minutes because that will be the major factor, it shouldn't be an issue because—why would it be? I do doubt that they lose a lot of money on this, but the issue remains that the more people find out about this the more money they'll start to lose. To allow that to continue they're going to head it off at the pass.

- Kendall: first, is there a way that we recommend till the new school year? It's kind of pointless to change things right now.
- Woskoff: my only concern is that, the nice thing about Wick-It is that they hold onto our money if we don't use it. If we put money on my wickit, is there a way I can get it back?
 - It rolls over.
- Roods: they didn't look into fixing the problem with the pennies?
 - Gardner: the machines that they have, there are schools where their laundry costs a penny. I don't know how it works; I haven't gone online to see. There is a way to get your laundry done for a penny. The issue is there are schools that it's designed that way for a point. We bought those not realizing. The cheap and simple fix is that the company comes in. The more expensive fix would be buying new machines. That's really not an issue.
- Gardner: does everybody know what's on April 26th? OH Fest. Good. So that's quickly approaching. We're in the process of starting to look for volunteers for the day carnival. As senator's you're all required to volunteer at some time. And you get a free t-shirt to do so. I will tell you that when I did it my first year, I stood street barricades all day. And I've stood barricades at the concert until I got heat stroke and I left. I will say this—no one will be on volunteer duty to the point where they would miss OH Fest. We will be needing people to help out and obviously any time you can contribute is time that will be greatly valued. For now just know that it's coming up and we'll be all needing your help and your friends help.
 - Jones: is the clean-up that night or the next day?
 - Gardner: that night as much as possible and if it's not good enough for the city we get called at 5am the next morning to go "make it better". We are looking into a number of things to prevent that from happening which segways into my next point. So, as you all know we had 18,000 of debt coming in this year, 12,000 was forgiven. That left 6,000 just sitting there. The president told me that if I found a project, that 6,000 would be forgiven. It's coming up on the end of the year. This is my idea. OH Fest is obviously very important to both college campuses and the community. Since we have this windfall of 6,000 dollars. I was hoping... since volunteers are extremely important. Last year the issue has been that people sign up and then don't show up and then we're screwed. I was wondering if it would be okay if I took

that money and used it towards—clubs will be asked to volunteer as groups. For example, Chem club has 5 members that say they can volunteer. We say “you guys take the tick-tack-toe game and you guys staff it” what I’d like to do is take this money and give it to the clubs like a gift they can put into their agency accounts. It’ll go towards something good. We’ll get people to go to OH Fest, work at OH Fest, and be responsible. It will help benefit the clubs. Start yelling at me.

- Jones: do you think the president would okay that?
 - Gardner: I talked to him and he said that was okay
 - Harrington: I think this is a good idea.
 - Pringle: this would be after they do the volunteering?
 - Gardner: another thing, if Chem Club is only there from like 1-3 they would get nothing, they have to be there the entire time they say they would.
 - Forst: I also know that the OH Fest committee was entertaining having a volunteer raffle. Would that money be used for that as well? **I move to pass the President’s use of the 6,000 dollars.**
 - **Post: seconded.**
 - Kopstein: with the clubs, maybe Greek Life, too?
 - Gardner: any Hartwick organization—that is, Greeks, Athletic teams. All the money would stay benefiting Hartwick.
 - Green: what about senate?
 - Gardner; senate, too.

- **Motion Passes**

- Gardner: huzzah. I will give you a brief overview of what the E-board did, minus VP Utterback. Probably a month ago, I was contacted by the president of Elmira College’s Senate. She found that Hartwick seemed to be most similar to Elmira in terms of size, purposes of senate, e-board positions. She wished to contact our E-board to get together to discuss how we do our different things because we do those things we do. So, this Sunday, the e-board minus VP Utterback drove two hours to Elmira, we woke up at 7 in the morning to go, then spent the next 7 hours discussing the differences. It appears we’re similar on paper but not in practice. Basically we went around the table, everyone described their positions, what senate on our side does, what their side does. I got this page full of bulleted notes on things they do that we don’t, just as ideas. Its things I thought were interesting. So, I think that the outcome was that we all learned a lot about each other. We both got a lot of good ideas of things we don’t necessarily do. Or things that they do that maybe we don’t want to consider—ever. And so, that’s just a basic update on that. At the end we sat in on their senate. Their Senate is very different from our Senate.
 - Ramos: is it possible to type up that list of things differently?
 - Gardner: we’re going to discuss this in our E-Board meeting on Thursday. After we discuss that we’ll bring certain ideas to senate. If you want to personally look at it you can, why not?
 - Roods: I thought you guys also do very well, compared to their senate. You all take part in discussion; you all make your points. They have the ability yet chose not to.
 - Gardner: we’re going to invite their E-Board to invite us, let them see how we do it. Everyone be on good behavior that night if they come. We’ll let you know if they’re coming.

- Gardner: update on the readership. As stated last time, the USA Today Readership is up for renegotiation. We've been asked—the price is going up. We've been asked to pay 3000 of the percentage. I don't want to re-pick that back up. So, 80 different issues come up. Is the USA Today readership actually worth the money spent? Are there other readership programs available? Who should actually be funding this—academic affairs? Should student life? All of these questions. We are having the meeting with the USA today rep on the 8th of April. So... I just want to know, from students. Does anybody feel that it's actually worth the money to do this? Now—just some information. On average, 20-30 of each paper is read each day. 20-30 NYtimes, 20-30 daily star, etc on average. On a side note, USA Today had the most average which I don't believe but whatever. So, there's that. Clearly some people are reading them-or taking them. The other is, these newspapers can all be accessed online. USA Today and NYTimes can be accessed online. I contacted the chairs of departments. I wrote them a long, two-paragraph e-mail and one of the sentences was “do you feel this is still beneficial; if so, would your department help fund a part of this?” the only sentence they focused on was the money part. All of them said “we don't have the money but we can't fund it.” Professor Elder gave me good ideas on who I should hit up for money. All of that, do students think it's worth it?
 - o Harrington: I think that it's important, I think the New York Times should stay. I think that we need that just because we need a newspaper. The other ones are campus newspapers. Is that all? I think the Daily Star we could check online. I think we should keep NYtimes and USA Today.
 - o Lillie: did they rearrange the dorm to move the newspapers to the main entrance? Right now when you walk in all the newspapers are right there.
 - o Parker: they actually put in another rack, so there's one in the kitchen. The ones on the rack are gone right away. If you are to keep them I feel it's a wise investment.
 - o Simmonds: if the numbers reflect that the majority of these papers we get are used then fine. From a sustainability standpoint, we should look at reducing the total amount that we get and make it very well-known that the NYtimes are available online for free. You can maybe even send something out to clubs or to the various departments and know if they want their students to do this they're online and they don't have to pay for it.
 - o Rudy: are you saying that we need to pay for all three together? Are the separate contracts?
 - Gardner: well, it's the USA Today readership, so whatever happens we have to keep that junky piece of junk. We could get rid of them both, get rid of one, or we could pick up two different newspapers.
 - Rudy: so we have to keep USA Today?
 - Gardner: yes, we have no choice, unless we went with a different readership.
 - Rudy: so we can't just get the times? We can refuse to pay for it.
 - Gardner: yes.
 - Rudy: I just want to refuse to pay for USA Today.
 - Whetsel: I think it's important to have at least some newspapers on campus. I do like picking up a newspaper and reading it. If we cut it down, it doesn't need to be in every dorm. If it's in a couple central locations like library and Dewar that would be more than enough.
 - Gardner: and remember that number taken does not equal number read.

- Jones: um, just a personal view, I always get the newspaper from Dewar even though they are available from New Res.
- Green: do we know how much cost it would cut down if we cut down the number of papers we would receive?
- Gardner: I won't know any numbers until the meeting. She'll try and sell us the same thing if not a bigger, expanded product. Basically we'll get her a bunch of numbers and tell her she needs to leave so we can discuss it. I ask now because I won't have those numbers available until that meeting. I want to go into that meeting with a general idea of what we want.
- Harrington: when would we do this? This year?
- Gardner: for next year.
- Harrington: it might be good to cut down and see how people react. I feel like if we take it out there will be a huge problem and people will be upset
- Fiteni: I think that getting it out of the dorms is a good idea. At least in Saxton, I don't think that throwing it out of Dewar or the Library would be a good idea. I think it's a good idea to keep it. I disagree with your diss against USA today. Even though I read both, a lot of people—especially younger people read USA Today, because it's a shorter paper.
- **Post: I motion to table this until we get the final numbers from the USA today rep**
- Kendall: will getting rid of the Daily Star impact the Hilltops contract with them and their decrease with their pricing?
- Ramos: I personally find out about other possible readership programs.
- Forst: and you guys can correct me, it seems to be that the general trend is that people still need the newspaper, its important for academic departments. **I move that we reduce all the newspapers to just Dewar and the Library and remove them from the dorms.**
- Jones: I don't think we can make that motion yet because we don't know if we can go that low with the order, we might be at the minimum already.
- Gardner: I don't want any motions, so before anything gets seconded, I just want the general idea of the student body. I'm not going to pledge money until I come back with actual numbers. I'm not going to pledge support until I know what we actually want to do. I just want to know what I'm going into this meeting representing the student body and saying. Does anybody have comments that aren't motions or suggestions that I go into this doing something. Just ideas. They're all ideas? Good.
- Fiteni: Johnstone door and library are the best places. Bresee will be mostly administrations. At this point, I think it's good to put them there.
- Simmonds: would it be possible to find out if there is a NYTimes readership and what other options are available. **I second VP Post's Motion.**
 - **Motion Passes**

SMRs

- First SMR is Bigala.
 - o Bigala is the gay-straight alliance. The thing that will come up on the screen. We have a membership base that ranges from 15 to our most recent meeting had 30 people. Though our e-mail list tells you that we have about 60. We cover a large percentage of the student body. Our big event is our drag ball. This year we're looking to make for another successful drag ball. It attracts 65 to 80 students on campus. In the past it's been a joint event between SUCO and Hartwick. This year it's hosted at Hartwick College. We're looking to do a great job again. Drag ball I should mention is part of a larger group of event called "big gay days" and centered around the "national day of silence" to celebrate our observance event that seeks to recognize people of the LGTB community. Anyway, we're looking for these amounts above and beyond our already small budget for Big Gay Days. The speaker you see on the screen is co-sponsored, it's a 500 dollar fee total. The speaker will be a woman and I do not recall her name. Her presentation is called Fag-Bug and her Volkswagen Beetle was defaced. She now speaks on violence towards homosexuals. Publicity will be for the events on both campuses. Food, DJ and decorations. In the fall, we do our pride dance and use our WRHO. We want to make this a bigger deal because it is a bigger deal so we have in the past hired a DJ. We're looking to make this bigger and better and expand it just a little. The food I have exact numbers if you're looking for them. Any questions?
 - Rudy: who is the DJ?
 - His name is Jonas Hill and he is a community member who we have worked with in the past.
 - Rudy: what, in particular do you see this outside DJ giving you that WRHO cant?
 - A varied DJ on campus, as well as we've been having talks with something new this year. Our theme is circ de so-gay. I think it's a great name. Anyway, the DJ has decided that he would be more than willing to go with the theme, dress up, and have games and different things. We're looking for a carnival theme, something. He would do this as best he could. WRHO could do it, but probably not as likely.
 - Forst: what would the price be for the speaker to do this alone?
 - o 500 dollars. She's almost booked for SUCO. We didn't feel it would be appropriate to do back-to-back presentations on both campuses because we didn't want to expend our audience.
 - o Rudy: and the speaker is coming to SUCO?
 - Yes.
 - Rudy: how much is SUCO footing?
 - 250, its even.
 - Rudy: would you consider entertaining a more neutral grounds such as Foothills?
 - I could certainly talk to them about that, I'm not opposed to the idea.
 - o Finance recommended the full amount.
 - Ramos: does foothills cost anything?

- Not sure.
- Green: just throwing it out there, I have a problem splitting the price with an event when we're not having it here. It's not available for our students. I understand throwing 150 bucks towards it but not 250.
- Rudy: I agree completely, especially since SUCO doesn't face the same problems we're facing here. SUCO has almost 1 million dollars to have these events. I just wish it would happen here instead.
 - Whetsel: this is a good chance for the campuses to work together. There's also the option that someone in Bigala could rent a van and have them run a shuttle. I don't feel its that big of a deal.
 - Gardner: also, its not like SUCO is a 10 minute walk. The issue of it being "all the way over there" isn't really an issue.
 - Forst: I agree with a lot of the comments, I feel that it would be nice if she would talk at SUCO but also do something on our campus. That way we're not paying for Hartwick kids to be sent over to SUCO
 - Kopstein: he made mention of something always being here. The Drag ball?
 - **Parker: well can I make a motion to pass the recommended amount with the stipulation that transportation can be provided.**
 - Green: I agree that it is fair that we have the vans, they have the speaker, how much are they putting in for our dance.
 - Kopstein: they're probably splitting the bill.
 - Harrington: I just want to say that we just had the Relay for Life and a lot of Hartwick Students showed up. I think it's a good idea.
 - **Kopstein: I second the motion with the stipulation.**
 - Rudy: the other thing I want to say, I understand the desire to have this DJ. WHRO is readily available and we're talking about 200 dollars where we can put another club to use. They say they've been satisfactory in the past, is it really necessary to go outside of here?
 - Green: these things were originally in their budget but they're speaker cost is what went over. Could we possibly approve it to whatever, and then tell them that they have to ask SUCO for some of the money towards the dance? Maybe hit up SUCO for 50 bucks and we'll be more than willing to entertain you guys?
 - Whetsel: the dance is not co-sponsored, they're welcomed to the dance because it's a big deal for the gay community. We don't ask them for money because honestly high schoolers could come. I don't think its fair to ask them for money because its our event.
 - Simmonds: I understand the monetary concerns, but I also want to make it known that getting an outside DJ would be part of bringing this additional programming on people. We can have people take this extra step and

reflect further on issues when we want to raise the student fees. Giving people faith in us that we're willing to improve programming.

- Kopstein: what happened last year? They must have asked for money
 - Utterback: for food there is already 100 dollars, so this is 50. DJ was originally 250, so there is 60 dollars in their budget. Decorations there was already 50 dollars. Just so you know.
 - Harrington: I think that its important that the whole campus needs to know about this and get an e-mail sent out every week.
 - Kopstein: I don't know how appropriate, I think it would be a good way to have them come out and see the party; it would be a good way to get them to come over.
 - **Motion Passes**
 - Green: Are they going to have to put another SMR for a van?
 - Utterback: no that's dealt with in committee.
 - Harrington: will they be sending out e-mails?
 - Ramos: in response to that, I remember looking at the sheet and the way they were going to advertise it. Every spot for advertising was checked—WRHO, e-mail, there's 7 or 8 different ways to advertise that you have listed on that sheet.
 - Green: and the decorations were a great idea. Pink feather boas.
- SMR 2:
- Utterback: the next SMR is, if you all remember the tent issue? For the past couple years during Spring Fling weekend, WHRO sets up a tent on Frisbee field and sets up shop every weekend. It has sides that close. Every year they run this SMR to rent the tent that's over 1000 dollars. Last year we wondered if we should just buy a tent so we don't have to pay 1000 every year. They approved a tent last year which, when Treasurer Kendall went to look, the cheapest one was more expensive than the budget. This would pay for the extra amount for the tent. The new issue is that the shipping and handling is an extra 350 Dollars. It usually has never been an issue but this is sizable. That stipulation is no longer in the bylaws.
 - Green: you guys talked about the possibility to find a tent in another location? Closer?
 - Kendall: we found one just recently. I was hoping that we can order it soon. Because if we don't order it soon it wont be here.
 - **Forst: this issue has dragged on for more than a year and a half. I motion to pass the full amount.**
 - **Rudy: seconded**
 - **Motion Passes**

Old Business:

- No Old Business

New Business:

- Parker: I hate to be the one to bring this up, can we talk about the inaccurate article that was written in Hilltops. When someone from Hilltops wrote to me, they only way to fix it is that if I went and wrote a retraction, which I don't have the time to do. I'm throwing that out there, with actual, real facts as opposed to the fake article.
 - o Gardner: you know what the last sentence was? That I didn't comment on the topic? Basically the last paragraph is ways to get in contact with me. I'm going to e-mail that to Hilltops tonight. Hopefully its not to late. Look for my sarcasm coming soon.
 - o Jones: I think I missed something.
 - o Gardner: Christopher Soto wrote an article about our discussion on the Student Activity Fee increase. First problem at the beginning is that we discussed it on a particular day where it was over several weeks. He said it would be an increase of 50-100 dollars, we haven't agreed on anything. He sighted the debt of 25,000 but there is no debt because it's all forgiven. If he had read the article the week before which had the letter from the Financial Investigative Committee in Hilltops. The one I liked was that I didn't comment which was I thought was my fault because I don't check the Senate e-mail that often. There wasn't. He just didn't contact me. All of that was wrong which was not very long. I'm writing the response.
 - o Kelsey: I'm just curious, where did the writer get his information from?
 - o Lillie: he read part of our minutes and went from that.
 - o Ramos: I hope that he didn't... okay... let me start over. I was approached. I told him we were thinking about it. That was the 2 sentences I said to him.
 - o Gardner: there's nothing personal on him, I make no comment on his person or anything like that in my letter. I just want this to be kind of a general lesson to anybody who writes for hilltops in the future that it's really not hard to get in contact with senate if they want actual information.
 - o Parker: I just wanted to say that I'm pretty sure that he has never attended a meeting, which in addition should be where he's getting his facts. It doesn't matter what Senator Ramos said, yeah he based it off the minutes. If you're going to write a front-page article, maybe he should attend the meeting, especially the one where we talked about the minutes.
 - o Kelsey: one of my concerns' was that he did talk about definite amounts and talked about people. The fact that there was that specific amount mentioned makes me worried about the ramifications if we increase it by 100 dollars, by 150 dollars. What kind of effect will that have on the student body?
 - o Jones: if our minutes were in hilltops like they were in Elmira.
 - o Rudy: in response to that, that's something the e-board has talked about. If it goes my way, we'll have it. I have questions. Who reviews the articles before they go to print.
 - Dani Peloquin.
 - Rudy: could we have some kind of conversation like—if we're going to fund you, please look over them? I'm just saying, like, if we're going to fund them they shouldn't burn your bridges.
 - Gardner: that's like, borderline censorship.
 - Rudy: if the information is factual that would be well and good.
 - Gardner: when I e-mail Dani that I would like her editors talk to me. There was a thing about OH Fest in the first semester, someone interviewed me via e-mail. I'm going to find out who wrote that, and that will be my exclusive interviewer. But, yeah, I'm going to suggest...

not that it's her job that she suggests to her staff that if they write anything.

- Kendall: on that note, when I e-mailed Dani the Committee report. She e-mailed me back that if there was anything we wanted reported on to let her know.
- Lillie: is there a way we can make Chris write a retraction and say that he was wrong and did not do what he was supposed to do as a journalist. Anybody that wants to become any type of reporter needs to check his facts first.
- Forst: I suggest that the senate not ask that. Anybody can go to hilltops as individuals and ask that and have their reporters uphold the strictest account of professionalism. On a personal note, I would enjoy a retraction.
- Whetsel: I was just thinking, our secretary last year did every week put a little paragraph about what senate is up to. Perhaps secretary roods could keep up that practice.
- Rudy: I would like to suggest that if Soto does not make a retraction that Senator Negrich takes it upon herself to bash him, write a little blurb.
- Gardner: do you have a verbal response?
 - Negrich: no?
- Green: is there any way that we can cause them to put it in their constitution, or some kind of ramification about muckraking and yellow-journalism.
 - Gardner: we can't really dictate to a club once they're a club what they put in their constitution. We can, within reason, to make sure they're in compliance with Senate's constitution and what-not. In terms of that, I don't know, I feel uncomfortable, it comes to the point of censorship that we have our thumb on them. I have no problem with them publishing things. If they want to publish lies is that its going to come back at them when I publish my article. He's going to lose credibility in the eyes of Dani, the eyes of the staff, anyone who believes my story over his.
 - Fiteni: may I request a manner of professionalism. Sure, he is a freshmen. Juniors and seniors can we get over this?
 - Forst: I'd like to comment, for the sake of business on the agenda, I'd like to move on. We no longer do that.
 - **Rubio: motion to table this discussion**
 - **Simmonds: seconded**
 - **Motion Passes**
- Harrington: the side of wilder, the door is a little—it won't open very well on the parking lot side.

Announcements:

- Kendall: sigma alpha iota will be putting on a community service event to collect musical instrument cases. It's a good program. We will send it to third world countries to help their music programs. And instruments or cases would be appreciated
- Fiteni: somewhere online, the new VP of senate affairs will be announced March 24th, after President Elect Drugovich approves of who it is

- **Gardner: move to adjourn**
 - **Simmonds: seconded**
 - **Motion Passes**