

HARTWICK COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE
Minutes: March 4, 2008

Senators Present: Arnold, Blea, Gaines, Harrington, Kazaks, Kopstein, Negrich, Pringle, Ramos, Rubio, Shipman, Simmonds, Woskoff

Senators Absent: Jones, Kelsey, Madzar, Murillo, Parker,

Senators Late (15 min. +): Fiteni, Green, Lillie,

Passage of Minutes:

-Forst: motion to pass last week's minutes

-Kopstein: seconded

-Motion Passes

Committee/E-Board Reports:

- *VP of Campus Affairs, Whetsel:*

-In case you guys don't read your e-mails, senate is no longer having a relay for life team, because there isn't enough time to get it organized. Let me know if you still want to do it.

- *VP of Finance, Utterback/Kendall:*

- We have 5 SMRs tonight. In committee we passed one gas SMR and one Reallocation.

- We have 14,256.04 for the SMR pool for the remaining 10 weeks of the semester. In gas funds we have 5,000.

- *VP of Judicial Affairs, Rudy:*

- Nothing to report

- *VP of Senate Affairs, Post:*

- Is anyone confused about what committee their on? Okay just wanted to be sure.

- *Secretary, Roods:*

- Nothing to report

- *Chairperson, Riviello:*

- Absent

- Gardner: Next time you're walking around campus and notice the three gorgeous new minivans and if you see Dan thank him for them.

- *Vice President, Forst:*

- We had our first Laura's Café meeting. I've been in contact with maintenance and food services. The committee has its assignments; we meet 12:30 on Mondays at the senate office. I'm also meeting with the new director of Pine Lake... it looks like Pine Lake day will be on May 11th now.

President's Report:

- Gardner: so you're all aware: this coming Monday the 10th we will be announcing the bands for OH Fest, I can't tell you now. I'm only telling you that so you will get mad at me.
- Gardner: in addition to when clubs submit budgets this year we'll ask that they submit copies of their current constitutions. We just want to have the most updated version of every club's constitution in our possession and Student Life also wants them. We figure that as they're turning in budgets they can do this as well. If you're on a club let your e-board know.
 - o Kendall: and that's electronic copy, right?
 - o Gardner: yeah, electronic is preferable.
- Gardner: the part of the OH Fest Committee that we're up to at the moment is the street carnival part. We are pretty much getting everything organized as soon as possible with that. Yesterday I was asked to solicit any ideas from Senate. This will be your only chance to voice your opinions. Any ideas are welcome:
 - o Ramos: what have we had in the past?
 - o Forst: last year we had mechanical bull, the running blow-up thing, I think the first year we had sumo wrestlers and a bouncy-bounce. There was a dunk tank the first year. Things along those lines.
 - o Ramos: can we get a bouncy-bounce for big kids?
 - o Roods: how about a live band at the carnival?
 - Gardner: we're going to be doing a battle of the bands this year and hopefully the winners of the band will be playing on Main Street. The battle of the bands is April 14th and it will be downtown at the foothills.
 - Rudy: have we had the idea of switching which campus it is on? I guess why would you drag that off campus?
 - Gardner: so everybody is aware—the deadline to submit yourselves as a band to compete is Tuesday, April 1st. Like we said already, the actual battle will be Monday April 14th. Not everyone in the band has to be from Hartwick. It's kind of a first come-first serve.
 - Green: What about a dunk-tank?
 - Ramos: something my high school did—we had a water-balloon toss. I know it doesn't sound too exciting but we broke the world record for number of people doing a water-balloon toss at one time. We had 2,000 people there and it was substantial. It wasn't way beyond what we could do. That might be something.
 - Rudy: did you put the mechanical bull down?
 - Forst: I believe so. Just to interject, I was almost killed on that ride last year.
 - Post: have you figured out a slogan officially?
 - Gardner: we're still not sure if its one town or one night. Or amazing or wonderful. To recap: Three bands, two schools, one amazing town? Maybe?
 - Gardner: any other ideas for the street carnival before SMRs?
 - Ramos: what about food fight/food eating competition?
 - o Kopstein: like a pie eating contest?
- Gardner: I think that since we've been discussing the student activity fee, tonight we can have final thoughts and next week we will bring a proposal and obviously we can vote on that, change things, things like that.
 - o Kendall: I ran into Larry Malone the other day, he read the minutes and he said we can raise it next year but we need 75% of the campus to vote?

- Forst: where did he say that came from?
 - Kendall: he just said that's the rule
 - Pringle: does that mean that 75% of the campus has to vote? So out of 1400?
 - 75% of the campus has to say yes.
 - Ramos: besides it has no bearing on graduating seniors, do they vote? Do we subtract their number? When is the deadline for this vote to take place?
 - Kendall: as far as I know we can do it at any time because the student activity fee is under our control.
 - Harrington: in the past, have the students had to vote or is this something new?
 - Kendall: every year we've brought up and every year the E-board has dropped it without saying why. This might be why.
 - Harrington: but in the past when the activity fee was set did they expect 75% of students to do this?
 - Woskoff: I know my sister already applied and she already got her package.
 - Gardner: Well I only think that would apply if you got full boat.
 - Utterback: loans will cover your student activity fee. That could be an issue as far as applying for loans. Did he say it could be changed next year?
 - Roods: since we represent
 - Gardner: I will look into whether it's true, we will neglect that issue. Let's continue on this topic of discussion not including that. If this is true we can work on that next week. If its not lets continue working on what can be put into the proposal.
 - Ramos: Whatever number it's increased to, I and the students I've talked... what exactly, how much money will go to clubs? What about their proposals? What would they do with the money? So we know it'll increase but will we just give it out to lots of clubs? I think we should do it in a way that will benefit the student community.
 - Simmonds: has there been anymore development on whether Union will be coming out from under us?
 - Gardner: that won't fully flesh out because we're still meeting with them. That might not flesh out for a few more weeks. An increase in the student activity fee will undoubtedly affect them.
 - Rudy: We're looking for numbers, right?
 - Gardner: we're just discussing any issues. The numbers we can put a number into the proposal and then the actual number can be discussed within the proposal? Does anyone have more feedback on it besides the actual number?
 - Simmonds: I talked to some Pine Lakers and many of them were in favor of an increase, they understand that of all the things we've said—that programming on campus is abominable and we really need to do something about it. Even something to the effect of going from 200 to 250 dollars would be significant. 26 out of 30 people would be willing to do that, if that's any kind of valuable information.

- Rudy; I've had similar responses. I've discussed it with several people and I haven't heard one person say that they didn't want to see it increase.
- Pringle: I was just thinking that if it is increased it should be 150 and then set with a percentage each year after that until we decide to change it.
- Ramos: I talked around to about 20 students, 3 or 4 were upper classmen, and the rest were freshmen. They all approved it before I even pulled a number. I pulled 500 they said it was okay.
- Rudy: my concern with raising it on a percentage would be that people would feel that they're getting hit up for money. Right now we're in such a deficit; we need to take a big step all at once.
- Pringle: so we can raise it a large amount straight off the bat.
- Harrington: does the student activity fee go towards sports teams? I've had people on the equestrian team say they're paying for their own clothing
 - Gardner: that's an athletic thing. Thank you and we'll have a proposal next week to discuss

SMRs

- Hilltops (\$277.50) School Newspaper
 - We're SMRing for a new computer. We haven't had a new computer in 4 years; ours is crashing approximately right now. It has basically no memory; every now and then it has no signal. Other problems... basically anything that you can name. We really need a new computer with more memory to keep producing papers and creating a backlog in case professors want them. Right now we don't have a CD burner so we're saving on floppy disks. If this passes we will be eternally grateful.
 - Tech Services is selling computers from the old computer lab. It would be the cheapest we could get one for. We've eliminated nearly all programs except the one we need for the paper and it's still slow.
 - Gardner: what are you going to do with the old computer?
 - We're actually going to keep it so we're going to have word on it so people can write their articles on it. People right now use their own laptops, which is reasonably okay but not the best. If we have two then one person can be writing while the other is editing.
 - Finance Committee Recommended the full amount. This is the cheapest they're ever going to find a computer on this campus used.
 - Harrington: is there anywhere on campus where there is a lot of computers where we can take one of those to them?
 - Kendall: this is what this computer is. It's from the Clark Lab.
 - Green: the only thing that came to my mind is that in the computer tech room they sell Hartwick 1gig flash drive cheap.
 - Kopstein: how old is this computer?
 - Green: I think they talked to tech people and they said it was 3 or 4 years old. The one they have now is 7 or 8.

- Ramos: also, newer computers have like 100 times the ones from 99, 2000. I have more computing power in my cell phone than my PC from 99.
 - Kopstein: if this computer is pretty old and the other is pretty old, I'm not saying the other one is bad they would save money and time if they thought about giving them a grand. It could save a lot in the long run.
 - **Woskoff: motion to pass the full amount**
 - Utterback: I just want to say that as far as new computers, that's going to be in the 1000 dollar range. It's the same ones that are in the old labs. Compared to what they have it's a huge leap
 - **Simmons: second the motion**
 - **Motion Passes – \$277.50**

- Fly Fishing Club (\$150.00)
 - This is our big spring-term event. It's a fly fishing club, we do in conjunction with trout unlimited. All the proceeds that TU gets from this event goes towards community outreach. If we can cover the cost of 5 students, they'll allow as many Hartwick students want to attend for that flat rate. Fly Fishing Club is a relatively new club and we're trying to expand and get the word out there. This event goes a long way towards spreading the love. I think that is it.
 - Roods: so just so I'm getting this right, you can have 20 students and it will still only be 150 dollars?
 - That is correct.

 - Finance Committee recommended the full amount
 - **Ramos: motion to pass the full amount**
 - **Simmonds: seconded**
 - **Motion Passes – \$150.00**

- Circle K (\$381.00)
 - I'm here on behalf of Circle K. I'm fortunate and pleased to say that there are 5 people including myself that will be going to this conference. It will be in Albany, it will include many events—teaches us better leadership skills, encourage membership, make the club be as productive as possible. Since we do have 5 people, we're looking for two rooms for two nights. That's 89 times 4. The registration fee is 85 dollars times 5.
 - Gardner: are members paying anything out of pocket?
 - We're willing to pay out of pocket 20 dollars.
 - Gardner: so this shows nothing, you not paying anything out of pocket.
 - Harrington: what club are you?
 - Circle K, and we're kind of like beyond boundaries but we do things on a smaller scale. We're doing a Circle K charity ball, some fundraisers like a candy sale. We're doing a locks of love event—we kind of fill in the gaps. We're a networking service of campus community service programs.
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 - Kendall: the committee recommended each member pay 20 out of pocket, which would bring the total to 281 dollars.

- **Harrington: motion to pass 281.**
 - **Kopstein: seconded**
 - **Motion Passes - \$281**
- The Managers (\$1,587.00)
 - I'll explain what the managers are. We house sound equipment bought by student senate to be used by student clubs. Anyone that wants to use it can use it, it's free for students. There's a slight charge if they do a show and get paid, we take a small percentage. If an office on campus uses it they pay 10 dollars an hour for our services and the equipment. We basically have one huge PA system. Today, I'm here asking for a feedback eliminator, an effects processor, a gator pop-up rack, power cables, and a glorified surge protector. The feedback destroyer gets rid of that loud screeching noise that comes over the speaker. It's a really big problem. All of our venues are really small, when you get a certain amount of microphones at a certain level at a certain proximity; you get a lot of feedback. It inhibits our ability to put on a good show, sometimes it makes us put on a bad show. We haven't asked for it up to this point because it's kind of expensive. The effects processor—it takes all the information you send to the speakers and it sends it back out at different levels, it gets rid of unheard frequencies. You don't hear them but it screws the sound up, it cleans it, makes it more dense, makes it sound a lot better. I have a note from a professional voice coach, basically explaining that feedback eliminator and condensers are 100 percent necessary. If you read the letter they're really expensive. We're getting them for a cheaper price. The gator rack holds these. It's on wheels. Right now we have racks; one is big, weighs 100 pounds. It's carriable but it gets banged around. Things are getting worked. The pop-up part is where you fit your soundboard in. That has all the levers and knobs. When we bought this other equipment 2 years ago we didn't buy even a case for it—so it's been in its original box, that's been seriously dropped twice. Luckily it's durable and could take it. The cables are just all the cables you need to hook the stuff up. The power conditioner is a glorified surge protector that fits in the rack; it's designed for this kind of equipment and enables you to get the best productivity out of it.
 - Harrington: did you already have the cables? You need new ones?
 - When we bought the equipment we bought cables but unfortunately they're the wrong kind.
 - Green: you said that those cables are just for the processor?
 - They're for everything.
 - Forst: how many times this past semester, fall and j-term has this equipment been used?
 - It's been used at least once a month... Smithstock, another concert in smith, J-stock, we've used it a lot last year for Student Life. Admissions has used it, Not So Sharp uses it, and the Gentlemen Outfit is using it tomorrow. This equipment gets used all the time. We use it for rehearsals as well, that's not documented. We've used it Sunday, we had a manager's session and we put everything together and we're putting together. Right now I'm the only person that knows how to do anything with this. We've been trying to get this all together in a manual. We typed up a prelim and get pictures and that will be all done. There are more shows this semester that we plan on using it for.

We used it for two soccer games last semester. We put it on top of the press box and played around there a little bit. They get used a lot.

- Kopstein: they last a long time?
 - Yes, everything we buy lasts a long time. We had one repair in the last two years. It was a driver, it's basically the part of the big magnet on the back, and we had to buy a new one of those. A lot of that came from the original equipment being tailored for a lot of use. We recently bought the main speakers, that will eliminate that problem, but that also creates the problem of feedback. You can't turn it up. It gets really technical. Using different types of mics you can put close to your mouth, there are ones you can put over in that corner and it'll pick me up great. There's so much sound going through everything that it would scream.
 - Roods: since you're the only person whose trained to use this, what will happen when you graduate
 - Well, I'm the only one that's 90 percent. I've thought of that and invited a prospective future president of this club and I'm planning on training him. It's open to anybody. My plan is to train other perspectives I haven't been in direct contact with. That was the issue in the beginning is that it could sit in a closet and anyone could use it. It's so expensive we need the right people to use it.
 - Forst; what has your club done as far as retention? It seems to me like you just pick out people and invite them into the club. Do you advertise that you're open to everyone?
 - Not a ton, most of the members are ensembles that have wanted to work with the equipment.
 - How many members do you have?
 - 17 on the books, my goal is 30.
 - Forst: how many people show up and do work?
 - That's kind of hard to say because they have to show up and use it.
 - Rudy: I'm familiar with the constitution; they're all considered active by your constitution.
 - Yeah, they're all very active I'd say. I would like to get more people who don't necessarily perform but are more interested in the technical usage of it. I'm trying to put this person in a position of leadership. I perform in the group of Not So Sharp so that's an obstacle. It's hard to get someone 100 percent committed for you to ask: we're going away for the weekend, want to come and not get paid? Anyways, I'm hoping to get more people. I'm saving up

fundraising for organizational components. Currently we have one big plastic box with all our chords in it, I would like to have several, with individual labels perhaps, categories, and that's about it. I do realize this is a large SMR and it's early in the semester, but I wouldn't be here if I didn't know that this stuff was absolutely necessary for what we need to do on several different levels. I hope you keep that in mind.

- Rudy: all of the numbers on the components, is that essential to have that number? Just think about it in this perspective... we'll have to deliberate money. I would like an idea of what you see absolutely necessary and can't live without.
- The feedback destroyer, the reason there's six of these and four of these is because of the input of the units. With this I can destroy feedback on two channels for each unit. With the effects processor we can process four channels per unit. It's even numbers, as of right now with members in performance ensembles, the largest is 11 so we have to get 12. It would be best to get 14 for each channel that we have. For a drum kit, that's 4 or 5 mics in itself. We're talking 10, 11, and 12 anyway for just a regular sized band. We've had shows where... I don't even know what we did and the show must go on is what it comes down to.
- Rudy: I think we could make more of an educated vote if you could give us an idea.
- If I eliminate one thing it will lead to two and three and so forth. The least important thing on this list is the effects processor—or the three of them. So if you must cut, cut there. If you cut anywhere else things might get kind of tricky.
- Forst: if you do receive all the funds for these things, when will these pieces be in?
- Depending on Student Life turnaround and where they are, it's in Morris, its 15

minutes away. They're the biggest national distributor in the nation. They have everything but sometimes it's in Philadelphia. The longest I've waited is probably about 3 weeks, but they've been really good about getting things here. We're saving 34.06% off the list price for the whole unite and we don't pay shipping costs because I go and personally pick it up. For our last budget that saved us 3,400 dollars. We're conveniently located 15 minutes away. I want to get it just as quickly as anyone else. I'll do anything in my power to be a pain in order to get it. And I've got the printouts here.

- Finance decided to table this till senate because we couldn't decide.
 - Utterback: the issue is that it's a really big SMR and that it's early in the semester. Maybe we'll get more SMRs, maybe not.
 - Kopstein: I don't think he would have come. If it's going to be useful, a lot of people use it. The fly fishing club doesn't have as many members. This services many different members
 - Blea: this is a good club to have, obviously it's a large SMR but if it grows, it supports many other clubs on campus.
 - Gardner: my only concern is that the managers already have so much and they constantly are asking for more and every time they ask for more its always "so necessary" and they cant function without it, yet they always function without it. I'm not inclined to see that this is as necessary as he said. Keep in mind, that brings us down around 11,000 for the next 9 senate meetings for SMRs. That pool cannot grow; we have no more money after that.
 - Ramos: Two things—we discussed yesterday about the vans, about 3,000 we would hold in reserve in case something went wrong.
 - Gardner: do recall we still have 6ish thousand dollars of debt left.
 - Ramos: and the club started 2 years ago? So not even two years? If we take out the processor that's only taking out 345 dollars and it's kind of paired together there... it would make sense to do this now.
 - Simmonds: I wonder how this is going to affect Laura's... would this be a wise investment. If this would be something that would affect the draw we would get in Laura's café... would it open up new possibilities to that?
 - Forst: a lot of this equipment is for on-the-road use. Laura's is already integrated to hook up equipment. A lot of this is superfluous.
 - Kopstein: the thing I was trying to stress is that Hartwick is trying to strive for better technology. If this

is technology, it could help us out with competing for other schools that are getting this stuff that we don't have.

- Harrington: I understand it's a lot of money, but I also think that by doing this we don't know when their equipment is going to die. It could die and then we won't have an event. All year we've been trying to hold more events, have more bands, this in the long run would be here forever... for a long time.
- Lillie: if we were thinking of passing this, is there a way they can sell the old equipment.
- Green: that came up in finance, they're using all the equipment they have and replacing equipment, this isn't replacement, it's adding on which is why they need the rack and the powercord is going to plug in the new things.
- Utterback: I think as far as why its constantly growing equipment is that when the Managers started off they were worked with the Acapela group. Now that they've expanded they're trying to hook up different things like guitars. Now it will hold up to what they're using it for.
- **Rudy: I motion to pass the full amount**
 - Harrington: this club is supporting senate and hall council by having Smithstock and I feel that we kind of owe it to them.
 - Whetsel: I say we purchased that equipment for them so we don't owe them anything. We need to know what is useful and what is necessary?
 - Roods: Marty said this himself "the show must go on", just keep that in mind.
- Blea: obviously they can function with what they have. This will help them grow, put on bigger and better things. But they're still growing; expanding and we need to support that.
- Forst: I know they're a relatively new club, they purchased a lot of new equipment this year, last year, and they function on equipment. Marty comes in here and says that they need this new equipment in order to function, but they already function. It doesn't seem like their club is growing except for the fact that they have one more member that might be president one day.
- Kopstein: I know that, I hear that they keep coming back. **Maybe that needs to be watched. I will second the motion to pass the full amount.**
- Gardner: in terms of what they consider necessary to function. For the entire time I've been on Senate, WRHO has come in for things that are necessary because they're working on things that are decades all. However, we don't have the money to fund these capital projects. This club is asking for things they say is necessary. I'm more inclined to doubt the necessity.

- Green: he did kind of go out there; the processors could possibly be cut. We don't have enough money for the next meeting. It might be a good idea to give him a certain amount now and then he can come back later when we know how much money we'll have.
- Rudy: the whole thing is that we have 9 meetings and this much money left. Most clubs that come to us are clubs that are self-serving clubs. These are serving 2 people for Circle K. We're talking about a soccer game that Manangers did that serviced a few hundred. This services an entire stadium. I was wondering if we could vote on the motion that's been seconded.
 - **Motion Fails.**
 - Fiteni: I did research on this to rent the equipment in addition to this. Each time they do this kind of performance, it would cost us this much to rent what they do. Each time we do a Smithstock it would cost this much.
 - Whetsel: how about they function for the rest of the semester with what they have and they can put this in their budget for next year.
 - Rudy: um, the only thing is I don't think it's a question of whether they can function, it's a factor of whether they can excel. Of course they can function because they have been and they're looking to go further
 - Utterback: yeah they're functioning but they cant do certain events. He mentioned the musical and I don't know if their equipment can do the musical without it. I don't know if having it in their budget would be sufficient timing.
 - **Gardner: I motion we deny the SMR and ask them to put this in their budget next year.**
 - Pringle: the only thing that seems to be important at this part would be the feedback destroyer especially for the musical. So, with that in mind, **I motion to just pass the feedback destroyers (\$774)**
 - Kopstein: why don't we have them come back at the end so we know what we have and what we can do. I know that's kind of kill-joy for everybody who wants this and this and this, but it could be beneficial. We could wait 5 meetings and before the spring musical
 - Blea: adding on to the motion,
 - Ramos: then we have to add the cables
 - **Whetsel: I second President Gardner's motion.**
 - **Motion Fails**
- Rudy: I would like to suggest that we vote on each individual thing up there. **I would like to motion that we vote on each little thing up there.**
 - **Fiteni: I second VP Rudy's motion**
 - **Motion Fails – roll call vote**

- Harrington: I understand why we would do this but in order to have one thing we have to have the other and I don't know if the results will come out how we want them to.
 - **Roll Call Vote – Motion Passes**
 - Feedback Destroyer:
 - **Utterback: motion to pass the feedback destroyer**
 - **Simmonds: seconded**
 - **Motion Passes**
 - **Gardner: I move to not pass the processor**
 - **Kopstein; I move to pass the processor**
 - **Simmonds; I second president Gardner's motion**
 - **Vote: motion passes**
 - **Rudy: motion to pass the gator rack**
 - **Kopstein: seconded**
 - **Motion Fails, roll call vote = Motion Fails**
 - **Whetsel: motion to deny the gator rack**
 - **Simmonds: seconded**
 - **Motion Passes**
 - **Rudy: Motion to pass the Hosa cable**
 - **Ramos: seconded**
 - **Motion Passes**
 - Green: I have a comment, I thought the hosa cables were for the processors? Are we sure about that? Okay good.
 - **Rudy: I motion to pass the power conditioner**
 - **Blea: seconded**
 - **Motion Passes**
 - **So the new total is 913 dollars.**
 - Ramos: motion to partially fund the gator rack at 250 dollars.
 - Forst: There was a motion to deny it which passed. I think that concludes our SMR.
- Phi Sigma Tau (\$1,250.00)
- The purpose of this SMR is an honorarium for a speaker we have every year. We have different professors to come from all around the country to come and speak. We're looking at late April. We're SMRing for a reception afterwards that would be open for the entire campus. We've received 1000 dollars already in a donation from the cognitive science department.
 - The speaker is talking about knowledge and how we know things.
 - Harrington: how much money did Kendall say was left?
 - \$14,256.04, not including SMRs from tonight
 - **Harrington: motion to pass the full amount**
 - **Kopstein: seconded**
 - **Motion Passes**

Old Business:

- Simmonds: has there been any development on key card access to buildings?

- Gardner: so the way I do the things you tell me, the two times I went up to see people I haven't actually spoken them yet but I re-wrote it. And the same with Greeks.
- Forst: if you live in an on-campus house it's the same thing, for what its worth.
- Kopstein: the student advisory safety committee liked it.
- Lillie: we need students to help with the VP Student Life Search. There was an e-mail that was sent out, it has both times and information on the candidates this week. Its tomorrow and Friday, stack lounge 2:15 to 3:15, I understand that it conflicts with classes.
 - Green: is there a time when its open to the senate? Don't they have two forums?
 - Gardner: the first thing which is for senate which is 1-2 is not so much a forum but more of a meet and greet. The forum is for the entire campus community to go. To jump of what Senator Lillie said, the VP of Student Life is arguably the most important position to students—they oversee everything: Greek life, any office in Dewar. It's really important that students go and ask them questions because if they don't get questions and you don't push them enough then... I lost my train of thought but its important that you go if you possibly can
- Negrich: the food services committee met. We talked about the guest passes, they're planning on increasing the number of passes to 4, but only for certain meal plans and I'm not certain which ones. It would be for unlimited and 14 a week, not for the lower ones. We also talked about how students want to use credit and debit at table rock. Ric was all for that, it was just a matter of people at the business office were against that because it conflicts with the Wick-it card. If enough students showed that they really wanted that they could work something out in the future.
 - Lillie: how often do you meet? I heard there was a bad case of food poisoning from the commons last week. I know that a good amount of people are still not functioning very well.
 - Utterback: are we sure its food poisoning? I know there's a stomach thing going around?
 - Lillie: the people I know all went to the commons and got sick at the same time. I know food poisoning lasts longer.
 - Arnold: I had it and it seems like food poisoning because its only a day.
 - Blea: just another thing, a lot of the students complain that the commons... when they increased the amount of people that there would be more food on the tables. Could people suggest the amount of clutter there with people leaving food on the tables?
 - Forst: in direct response, pretty much it's a word of mouth thing, tell your friends to be considerate. Its okay for commons staff to tell students to pick up their stuff.
- Lillie: with the library committee, I talked to Beth, if we want to have meetings with our own group she'd be happy to meet with us. This was just told to me tonight.
- Harrington: the Smith door got fixed
 - Yay!
 - Gardner: that's good, even though I haven't met with Zach Brown, I'll take credit for it.
- Mr. Nee: I heard you talking about the Student Activity fee when I walked in. when are you voting on that?

- Gardner; we're going to draft a proposal for next week and discuss it until its amiable to the senate and whatever I have to do with the proposal I'll figure out between now and then. The proposal will be voted on next week.
- Nee: I think it's a good idea. I've been in favor of a raise since freshman year. You're talking about 300 dollars relative to 40,000... its kind of a like a mosquito bite.

New Business:

- Blea: Hall Council for Hilltop House wants bulletin board
- Woskoff: Oyaron House needs a new rep
- Blea: Hilltop House also needs a new rep.
- Simmonds: Student ordered book for a class through bookstore- purchased on e-bay \$12 sold for \$48- receipt in his book
 - Forst: talk to Frank. He's in charge of bookstore- so there is an equitable compromise before legal action.

Announcements:

- Lillie: we might have a new senator for Van Ness next week
- **Gardner: move to adjourn**
 - **Fiteni: seconded**
 - **Motion Passes**