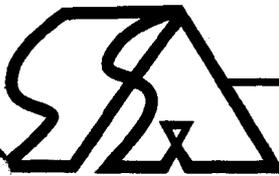


Senate
40th Legislative Session
19th Meeting
22 March 2005

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Senate Minutes

I. Call to Order: 6:08 PM

II. Roll Call: McTiernan, Swensson, Belser, Strum, Coleman, Barra, Bacanskas, Farrell, Mott, Lamphere, Roberts, Armelino, Durgin, Ward, Beal, Mapes, Hubert, Chadaev, Kinnear, Robinson, Hershkowitz, Westfall

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes- Belser, 2nd Mapes

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to amend the agenda- President Sutherland, Objection- Hershkowitz- I don't believe he is able to make an amendment. President Sutherland- The senate has allowed me to do so before.

President Sutherland- I wish to add SLE.40.48 to the agenda, 2nd Hershkowitz.

Motion to approve the agenda- Bacanskas, 2nd Belser

V. Public Comment

SAPB

- Next Saturday is going to be the spring event. It is going to be a comedy show instead of music. We are having the Best of the Chapel show. We only need \$7000 on this concert to make our income line and I think that is very feasible. It is a little late to announce this but we have PRSSA and others working hard to promote this next week.
- I have spoken with Dr. Hughes about May Day and with our money that we have left over we are going to be having some acts come and play for May Day. Two of the acts are nationally known and a few are local but working their way up. All together there will be about 8 or 9 bands. It is completely free to you and they will be playing all day.

NYPIRG

- We were very happy with the turnout on the referendum. We were working very hard and it paid off.
- I would also like to congratulate Ian and Scott on your elections.
- I want to clear up some confusion on our public comment last week. I believe that some senators were upset that one of the officers was wearing a "Vote yes for NYPIRG" shirt because they thought that it was SA funded. However, the t-shirts were actually made by my dad and me.
- There was also some confusion going around about the way that our money is distributed. We do not distribute our money like SA does.
- I would just appreciate it if you came to NYPIRG with your concerns so that we can answer any questions for you before you go to your constituents.
- In regards to the higher ed campaign, the senate and assembly passed a preliminary budget and the assembly rejected the TAP plan, the incremental plan and the initial \$500 increase.
- For the first time ever, the budget should be out by April 1st.
- The EPA came out with final mercury information and it turns out that the levels are going to remain.
- This Thursday we are attending a press conference about getting unclaimed deposits distributed differently.
- We are having our Easter food drive Saturday April 2nd.

Men's Rugby

- We just wanted to come here and thank you for the funding you allowed us to go for our certification; we should now be set for about 3 years.

Great Lake Review

- We are looking to put the literary magazine back on campus.
- We just stepped up to this about a month ago and we feel that the creative writing department needs an outlet as well. We already have many people interested we just need the funding to get it going.
- We only need money for printing and we took out the artwork and the color on the cover of the magazine.
- We are hoping to turn the organization around next year and get a full board of officers.
- This magazine could be an outlet for anyone on campus, not just the creative writing majors.
- We are approximating that we will be making 300 copies but we are willing to break that in half, however that doesn't knock the cost in half.
 - Roberts- Have you looked around and done other pricing?
 - GLR- We already have a layout from when the magazine was in production before and we feel it would be more expensive if we tried to change that.

VI. Executive Report

SA President: Kevin Sutherland

- We had an amazing time on spring break.
- I don't have much of anything for you tonight; I will have more things for next week.

SA Vice President: Kristin Beck

- We have received 2 thank you cards and we also got invited to the SAVAC annual banquet. It will be on April 16th at the Press Box and you must RSVP by March 24th. I will post it by the mailboxes because we only got one for the whole senate.
- Sorry about getting the packet out to you late.
- Faculty assembly meets every other week and we need to fill the other 2 seats that are available. Senator Farrell is going to start attending and is there anyone else that is interested? The meetings are from 3 to 5 and never go beyond, that it is a set time.- Ward is interested.
- Spring break was fun but the bus rides were not. If you hear of people being upset with Breakaway Tours for that, let them know that it was the bus company not Breakaway.

Assistant Director of Finance- Kelly Lyon

- Nancy will have a bill or two for you next week.
- The applications for Director of finance and Director of Human Resource have to be in by April 1st.

VII. Senator Issues Forum

- Robinson- There have been the rumors going around about NYPIRG that they sponsor everything, if you hear this please e-mail me, it upsets me and I want to find out more about it.

Motion to close: Hershkowitz, 2nd Lamphere

VIII. Committee Reports

Policy: We didn't meet last week and I will be e-mailing everyone with the date and time for this weeks meeting.

Procedure: We also didn't meet last week and we are meeting this Thursday in the SA office at 8.

Finance: Thank you for coming to the meeting last week I know it was long. We are going to be meeting again tonight to finish budget council things and we recommend the bill that is up for tonight.

Involvement: We didn't meet last week and I am unsure about when this weeks meeting is going to be so I will e-mail everyone to let them know.

Health and Safety: We will meet Thursday at 9 in the SA office.

- Robinson- I want to thank Senator Bacanskas for taking care of the garbage issue, it was taken care of quickly.

Elections: We concluded the elections and Senator Farrell won for President with 59% of the vote. Senator Robinson won Vice President and received 88.3% of the votes. We had 1859 people vote all together. We will be meeting Wednesday at 8:30.

CCRT: I am going to call after Easter again. I spoke with Senator Durgin about taking over my chair next year but I would still like to be a part of the committee.

Motion to relinquish the chair- Hershkowitz

(Robinson chairs meeting)

IX. General Orders

1.) SLE.40.47 Great Lake Review-Mott- In finance we talked about dropping the amount in half but it didn't really make sense since it wasn't saving that much money. I hope that you pass this bill.

- Farrell- How much is in 6502?
- Mott- \$5249
- Hershkowitz- I spoke with someone from Arts Alive and they had a problem with the bus costs and so they are not going to be using the money that we gave them so we will be adding that money back into 6502.

Vote on bill: 20-0-1, legislation passes

X. New Legislation

1.) SLE.40.48 Reserve Fund- Refer to finance for 1 week

XI. Roll Call: McTiernan, Swensson, Belser, Strum, Coleman, Barra, Bacanskas, Farrell, Mott, Lamphere, Roberts, Armelino, Durgin, Ward, Beal, Mapes, Hubert, Chadaev, Kinnear, Robinson, Hershkowitz, Westfall

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn- Hershkowitz, 2nd Lamphere
Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM



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 - 1. SLE.40.52 Social Justice Club's Get Free Times
- X. General Orders
 - 1. SLE.40.48 Reserve Fund
- XI. New Legislation
 - 1. SLE.40.49 Finance Department Accounting Services
 - 2. SLE.40.50 Amendment to SLE 36.27 Financial Policy
 - 3. SLE.40.51 Student Association 2005-2006 Budget
 - 4. RES.40.04 2005 All-Campus Election Results
 - 5. RES.40.05 Thank you Dan Preston
 - 6. RES.40.06 Thank you Vice President Kristin Beck
- XII. Roll Call
- XIII. Adjournment



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Senate Minutes

- I. **Call to Order: 6:18 PM**
- II. **Roll Call: McTiernan, Swensson, Belser, Strum, Coleman, Barra, Bacanskas, Farrell, Mott, Roberts, Durgin, Ward, Beal, Mapes, Hubert, Chadev, Robinson, Hershkowitz**
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes- Farrell, 2nd Mapes
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion to amend the agenda- President Sutherland- Add RES.40.06 Thank you Kristin Beck to New Legislation. 2nd Robinson.
Motion to amend the agenda- Roberts- Add SLE.40.52 to Special Orders. 2nd Hershkowitz.
Motion to approve the agenda- Robinson, 2nd Mapes
- V. **Public Comment**
NYPIRG
 - Last week the Senate and Assembly finalized their budgets and they rejected all tuition increases. This shows that hard work really does pay off and we got our voice out there and it was heard. The Governor still has to pass his budget but for the first time in many years it is going to be out by April 1st.
 - The food drive to benefit needy families is going to be taking place Saturday at P&C from 11-3.
 - The Earth Day Fair is in the works it is going to be held April 14th.
- VI. **Executive Report**
SA President: Kevin Sutherland
 - This is my last senate meeting as President but I will be coming back as an off-campus senator when I am done with my term.
 - I want to recap on some of the things that we have accomplished this year: This summer I went to every orientation and met a lot of incoming freshmen. The executive board retreat was a fun time for all. The SUNY Board of Trustees threw a lot of things at us but we were able to deal with them and get them done with many thanks to Ian and Nancy. With the involvement fair I would like to thank the organizations that participated and I hope that it continues. The new website is an improvement but and is still in progress, thank you to Andy Drogo for your work on that. The new SA logo is now put out there, thank you to the Senate for getting that through and to Andy and Heather McBride for your work on creating it. The DVD's in the library are already a hit, thank you to Mike Olenick and Billy Nichols for getting that going. The SAVAC garage is going to be built, I signed on it today. The Tsunami relief is going well, thank you to the organizations and Billy for your efforts in organizing that. Spring Break in Panama went well, thank you to Breakaway Tours. I would like to continue the process of moving unused funds from organizations back into the senate account so money doesn't go unused. We have had

helpful computer maintenance this year and letting organizations use the computers in the office. My e-board had a good time together this year. Kristin and I have worked very well as a team even though we disagree on some things, we managed pretty well. Nancy, we wouldn't have gotten through this year without you and your hard work. Dan Tuscarella was mainly behind the scenes but was a big help to me. Dan Preston has taught me a lot about myself since I have known him and I hope that our friendship will continue. Billy, I have watched you grow since you came to college and you have done great things already, I know you will be successful in the future. Andy has become one of my best friends this past year and I know that this year wouldn't have been the same without you. Scott Jones is not only one of my directors but a housemate and a good friend. Aida and Kelly, your assistance to Nancy has been greatly appreciated. Justin Barber, director of off-campus services has made many positive changes for the off-campus students and I'm sure the good things will continue. To the faculty and staff, Dr. Scarfenberger, Dr. King, and Nick Lyons have given me new perspectives throughout my term. I would also like to thank President Stanley and Dr. Chlemo. One last thank you to Greg Lawson for being a good friend. I think that's about it, thank you for a great year.

SA Vice President: Kristin Beck

- This year has been amazing and Kevin and I have made it through our differences. Our e-board has had a great time together this year. Andy, thank you, you have helped me the most throughout this year. To the senate, most of you are new this year and I hope that you have learned a lot, it is a really good experience. I have been going to senate meetings since I came to college and I am thankful for the experiences that I have had. Greg Lawson got me into the SA thing and he has taught me everything that I know.
- Good luck to Ian and Scott in your upcoming year.
- It has been a good successful year, we have managed to avoid negative press. We didn't have any election problems and we didn't have any impeachments.
- We were able to make many amendments this year and overall I think we were very productive.

Director of Finance- Nancy Smith

- I have 2 bills coming tonight, one for the transfer of funds from 6501 and a copy of the budget that we worked so hard to get through.
- Next week is going to be the appeal process and they have to be turned in by Thursday.
- The accounts are now as follows: 6501- \$28,375.22, 6502- \$5,999.66, 6503- \$0, 6506- \$270.21, 6505- \$220.

Director of Disability Affairs- Dan Preston

- To prove that it hasn't hit me yet, I just realized that this was my last meeting so I didn't have anything prepared. The president elect can take care of the homework for next week.
- Greg Lawson also got me involved in SA the way that I am.
- I would like to thank the senators, you have done well this year.
- I have been less vocal this year in SA because our e-board had a superb handle on things and I didn't need to be as vocal. I had a lot of faith in our e-board, you guys are amazing. This administration has been the backbone of my work, I really appreciate that.
- It is going to be very hard for me to leave, but I will still be around, you can count on that.
- There will be no more homework from me, thank you again and have a fun year!

Director of Public Relations- Andrew Drogo

- I realized how much we have really grown this year, we made a great team.
- Kevin did an amazing job as president and he ran crazy hours in the office.
- Kristin has run great meetings and overall done a great job.
- Nancy, you have been great this year in dealing with the organizations.
- Billy, all the work you have done has been great and no matter what if you succeed or not, you always put your heart into it.
- Dan Preston has taught me a lot this year, if you don't know him, get to know him.
- The other directors were great too, we had made a great team, thank you for a great year.

Director of Student Affairs- Billy Nichols

- This year, without Andy and Kevin I would have been lost.
- I hope that everyone can attend the bowl-a-thon tonight.
- Camp Hollis was a really memorable time for me this year.

VII. Senator Issues Forum

- Mott- There is another off-campus luncheon tomorrow in the Forum; the first 50 people eat free.
- Coleman- The Gospel Choir is having their annual dinner Saturday and tickets are free and available at Ticketmaster.
- Robinson- In regards to last weeks rumors about NYPIRG, I have done some research and I have found that these things seem to be coming from more than one person. I was hoping that maybe we could get a committee together to investigate this further. Motion to create a committee, 2nd Mott.
- Hershkowitz- What would this committee investigate?
- Robinson- We want to clear up the rumors and find out where they are coming from.
- Hershkowitz- Have there been any complaints to the Supreme Court?
- Robinson- I don't think there have been yet but I would like to be prepared if that were to happen.
- Hershkowitz- Would this investigation be used as evidence?
- Robinson- Basically people are talking and I don't want to get into everything now that is why I want to form a committee maybe we can meet after this meeting to decide if we want to.
- Mott- I had a student confirm this rumor and out of personal curiosity I would like to investigate it.
- Roberts- Are there actually any names or faces to these rumors? It seems absurd to exploit an organization without names of first hand accounts.
- Mott- I have a name but I don't have the permission to give that information out yet.
- Robinson- Well I just want to know if most people are in favor I would like to motion to vote, 2nd Durgin.
- Swensson- Objection, if we don't know information I don't think that we should be voting on what we don't know.
- Belser- This seems like a waste of time really. We can't chase down the rumors that we hear and I fail to see how this is going to lead us anywhere.
- Hubert- The goal is to find out what is being said, not to take legal action. You have the option of whether or not you want to be on this committee.
- Hershkowitz- What exactly are we investigating?
- Robinson- I see this as a problem and I just want to further the investigation.
- Mott- Since independent people are hearing it I feel that it is an important rumor to address and with the committee it would be easier to find these things out.

