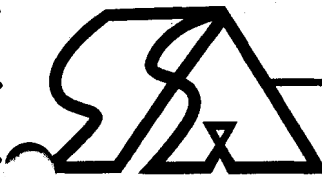




Senate
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13th Meeting
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SenateMinutes

- I. **Call to Order: 6:06PM**
- II. **Roll Call: Crocker, Swenson, Belser, Strum, Coleman, Farrell, Mott, Lamphere, Durgin, Ward, Mapes, Hubert, Kinneer, Metcalfe, Robinson, Hershkowitz, Westfall**
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
 - Motion to approve minutes: Crocker, 2nd Belsar
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**
 - Motion to approve agenda: Farrell, 2nd Ward
- V. **Public Comment**
 - Meteorology Club**
 - We will soon be attending the North Eastern Storm Conference. Last year we took 8 people and this year we are able to take 12.
 - We were a Tier 2 this year so we saved \$500 of that specifically for this conference. However, we still need about \$900 more.
 - This trip is going to be about \$130 per person and that will cover the conference, breakfast, lodging, etc.
 - It is a huge impact for us to go to this conference. We learn a lot from other schools and learn how we can improve here.
 - Robinson- Are the individuals going expecting to pay any money on their own?
 - Meteorology Rep.- Yes they will pay about \$30 a piece.
 - Robinson- How many people are there in your club?
 - Meteorology Rep.- There are about 30 now.
 - Westfall- What does the \$900 cover?
 - Meteorology Rep.- That will cover food, travel, lodging, gas, etc.
 - Habitat for Humanity**
 - This year we are taking the 5th annual trip to the Alternative Spring Break and we are going to Baltimore MD.
 - When we are there we are going to be helping with the production of houses.
 - Students that are interested apply by application and this year we had 25 spaces and 25 people applied.
 - We are asking for \$2000 for the cost of the trip. That would cover transportation, gas, food, housing, etc.
 - We are doing fundraising this semester such as the bowl-a-thon and bake sale.
 - Each student going on the trip is asked to pay \$100.
 - We have people from all grade levels and from many different organizations going on this trip.
 - We are sure to promote SUNY Oswego on our trip as well.
 - Belser- Does the National Habitat group help you pay?
 - HfH rep- No, because we are so small we don't get any money.
 - Hershkowitz- Have you worked with any organizations to see if they would help you fund the trip as well?
 - HfH rep- No we haven't.
 - Hubert- How was the site for the trip chosen?

- HfH rep- We chose it because they had room for us to bring 25 people and that's about how many seats we were looking for. We almost doubled the amount we took last year.

NYPIRG

- We have started planning for the Student Action meeting which helps us to reach out to the campus. The meeting will be Wednesday, February 9 at 7:00PM in 105 Lanigan. We have a few student speakers already set up to come to the meeting.
- We will talk about all of the different groups that we have within NYPIRG such as Campaigns, Elections, Hunger and Homeless.

(Speaker switched to a board member)

- As a representative, I get to vote on the budget.
- We have a bill tonight about the question of referendum.
- NYPIRG and SA agreed to the question on the bill already.
- Please honor the question put into the contract and vote for the bill.

Oswegonian

- We are currently looking to upgrade our computers and software for next year.
- The Oswegonian is a student run newspaper that produces weekly issues. We have been around since 1935.
- Our goals include increasing leadership, getting more interesting stories, printing the front and back in color. We went to the Palladium Times to see if they would be able to work with us on printing in color and they said they would let us do it.
- Both our hardware and software is old and needs to be replaced.
- The things that we would need are Quark layout software, Photoshop, Mac Operating System 10, Power Mac G5. We also need to update our graphing capability.
- Some of our editors are willing to give up their salaries to help pay for these improvements but we are still going to need some money.
 - President Sutherland- Have you talked to anyone from graphic design to see if you could get some software from them?
 - Oswegonian Editor- The only problem with that could be software registering.
 - President Sutherland- I just suggest that you look into it, it could be a possibility.
 - Robinson- What happened to the Senate Report that you used to print?
 - Oswegonian Editor- The person that we put in charge of that either wouldn't go to the meetings or would go and take bad reports so until we can find someone to do it permanently, we could publish the bills that come up for the week.
 - Director Smith- You may need to talk to Cynthia Donovan about your editors' salaries that may not be allowed. There shouldn't be funds used for payroll to buy things for the club.
 - Oswegonian Editor- I will set up a meeting to talk to her about that.
 - Hubert- How soon do you need to have this money for the computers?
 - Oswegonian Editor- Well it is the sooner the better, but we are going to printing in color definitely by the fall.
 - Director Drogo- Would your website be updated if you got new software because currently it isn't being updated.
 - Oswegonian Editor- We have problems with the Webmaster and we wanted to get Dream Weaver so that we can update every week.

VI. Executive Report

SA President- Kevin Sutherland

- I am really glad that we were able to get through the constitution last week, it was important that we got that finished.
- Last week Director Drogo gave you my report because I had to work and was unable to make it back for the meeting in time but I want to bring some of those issues back to you this week.
- As for updates to the financial policy, I want to work on inventory, fundraising, criteria for funding, student/employee payroll, travel guidelines, reimbursement approval, and internal control guidelines.
- Next week I will have more updates on the SAVAC issue.

- I am looking into getting a CD to purchase a van for student organization transportation.
- We need to build a reserve.
- As for account 6501, Dan Tuscarella works at OCNB so he is going to get information on interest rates and things like that. I believe we would have to have \$125,000 but then the interest earned could cover things such as minimum wage increases and other issues.
- My office hours have been posted and most of the other directors have as well.
- Feel free to stop in and see me or call if you need to talk to me about anything.

Vice President- Kristin Beck

- I am also really glad that we were able to get through the Constitution; it was a headache last year and I'm glad that we got it done this year.
- Please include committee meeting times in your committee reports tonight.
- I would prefer if the candidates in this year's election kept their campaigns outside of the Senate meetings.
- In the beginning of last semester Senator Mott was elected to be budget council rep and then she was chosen to be chair of finance. These two positions create a conflict so she stepped down from Budget Council Rep and we need to elect someone else.
 - Robinson- I nominate Senator Farrell, 2nd Bacanskas.
 - Crocker: Motion to close, 2nd Belser

Director of Finance- Nancy Smith

- Budget council is coming up the weekend of the 12th and 13th and will also be held the 19th and 20th. We plan to have it from 9am-4pm and I would like you to look at the financial policy and come to me if you have any concerns or issues.
- This week I will be presenting at Direct Assembly at 6Pm in 105 Lanigan and I will be talking about the budget procedure.

Director of Student Affairs- Billy Nichols

- There will be Direct Assembly Thursday in 105 Lanigan at 6PM.
- I will be going to a meeting on Date Rape Awareness; I have been working with many other organizations on this issue.
- The Movie Project is underway, movies are being purchased and the movies will soon be available in the library.

VII. Senator Issues Forum

- **Robinson-** There are some people on my floor that are mad about the rule of "NO snowball fights." Is there a reason for this?
 - **Hershkowitz-** I believe that it has to do with liability, people end up chucking ice and people get hurt.
 - **President Sutherland-** It was the actions of a few individuals that have ruined it for everyone. UP will get you in trouble if they see you throwing snowballs.
- **Crocker-** This month is Black History Month, I would like you to all come celebrate at the events.
- **Hershkowitz-** This semester is very important so you should really try to stay on top of things and make sure that you go to your committee meetings, do your job as a senator.
- **Mott-** In regards to the Oswegonian bill, I know that there may be some issues with the payroll and we are getting that figured out but if you have any other questions or concerns with the bill, please feel free to contact me.
- **Westfall-** I just wanted to congratulate the people who were involved in Laker Days, it went very well and the attendance was great.
- **Metcalfe-** This semester I am taking 14 meteorology credits, an internship, and WTOP so I am going to have to resign from being a senator, I just don't have the time.
- **Mapes-** Motion to close, 2nd Coleman.

VIII. Committee Reports

- **Policy:** We didn't meet last week and this week we are going to be meeting Thursday at 7 and we will be going over the bi-law changes and the Constitution.
- **Procedure:** We will be meeting Thursday at 8:30 in the SA office and we will be going over the bi-laws changes and senator rights and responsibilities changes. We will submit the bi-law changes next week.

- Finance: We will meet Thursday at 9 in the SA office and I request that everyone in the committee please be there.
- Involvement: We will meet tomorrow at 9 in the SA office, please come if you can.
- Health & Safety: We are meeting tomorrow at 9:15 in the SA office and we will be talking about snow removal methods.
- Elections: At our last meeting we talked about petitions. This week (Wednesday) we will be meeting with NYPIRG at 8:30 in the SA office. Senator Dugandzic resigned so there is an open spot on elections committee.
- CCRT: President Sutherland gave me a number of someone who really wants to get this going so I will be calling them this week.

IX. New Legislation

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X. Roll Call: Crocker, Swennson, Belser, Strum, Coleman, Bacanskas, Farrell, Mott, Lamphere, Durgin, Ward, Mapes, Hubert, Kinnear, Metcalfe, Robinson, Hershkowitz, Westfall

XI. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Bacanskas, 2nd Hubert
Adjourned at 6:51PM

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 - 1. SLE.40.30 Men's Rugby Coaching and Player Development Camp Certification Course
 - 2. SLE.40.33 SAPB Weekend Movie Series
- XII. Roll Call
- XIII. Adjournment



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Senate Minutes

- I. **Call to Order: 6:08PM**
- II. **Roll Call:** Swennson, Belser, Strum, Tossas, Bacanskas, Farrell, Mott, Durgin, Ward, Beal, Mapes, Hubert, Kinnear, Robinson, Hershkowitz, Westfall
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
 - Motion to approve minutes: Belser, 2nd Bacanskas
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**
 - Motion to approve agenda: Farrell, Objection: Hershkowitz, We need to add SLE 40.31 Chinese Culture Club Dinner to the special orders section. 2nd, Farrell.
- V. **Public Comment**

Racquetball

 - We went to our 3rd tournament this weekend and we did better than we have ever done. Oneonta and Binghamton were in the tournament and we lost to Binghamton and won against Oneonta.
 - We just want to keep you updated on how our club is doing.

NYPIRG

 - The Student Action Meeting has been moved to Wednesday the 16th at 6PM in 105 Lanigan Hall.
 - We were recently in the paper for our position on the tuition increase.
 - This month is Raise Your Voice Month, we will be participating in many activities along with this including Tsunami relief, open mic, community service, etc.
 - Tonight is our bill for the referendum question, please support us.
- VI. **Executive Report**

SA President- Kevin Sutherland

 - I have been doing some number crunching and there will be an increase of our budget in the 2005-2006 year so that will probably mean an increase in the SA fee again.
 - I have found a \$30,000 CD for a van that we could potentially use for organization transportation.
 - There are increases in a lot of aspects of our budget such as health insurance, Paychex, Student Services, officer insurance, the Ontarian, and also all of the Tier 3 organizations.
 - If we were to get a van for organizations, the gas would be very expensive so this is still something that we are working on doing.
 - Hershkowitz- I believe that in years past they have wanted to do this as well and have decided against it because of the cost.
 - Director Nichols- I found that it has been thought about but no one decided to do it.
 - Dr. Scharfenberger- Some people tried to get this done about 6 years ago and didn't want to end up with the repair costs like SAVAC does.
 - So the van CD that we found is about \$35,000, we could also use this money for SAVAC and their new ambulance that they will need in a few years. At the end of this year, they will have \$10,000 saved to go towards the ambulance. A new ambulance costs them about \$110,000 and they won't want to buy a used one.
 - Director Nichols- Do you know what they could get for their current ambulance when they try to sell it?
 - President Sutherland- No, I don't know I have not discussed that with them.

- Hershkowitz- Do you have any idea how much you are going to have to raise the SA fee?
- President Sutherland- I am not sure how much but I know that there will be an increase.
- Hershkowitz- Regarding the Tier 3 organizations, they don't have to go back to the amount that they used to receive.
- President Sutherland- Yes, we can save money that way and also there will be about \$15,000 going towards the SAVAC garage a year so we have that increase in the budget.

Vice President- Kristin Beck

- We currently need another member for Elections committee.
- If you have any questions on the upcoming elections, go to Senator Mapes.
- I still need information on the new Senators that are coming, I would like to train them all at the same time.
 - Hershkowitz- A point of information; On the agenda SLE.40.26 is the Oswegonian bill and I have the Meteorology as the same thing.
 - Vice President Beck- The meteorology bill is SLE.40.29.

Director of Public Relations- Andrew Drogo

- I am passing out brochures that have our new logo, these are going to be available to people on campus and the idea is to get across how many organizations we really fund.
- We are also printing one in full color and that will be going out to incoming freshmen.
 - Hershkowitz- How much is it going to cost us to print these in color?
 - Director Drogo- I am not sure yet, we will only have to pay for the printing though, not the postage.
- The posters are also sent out and being made for us.
- We had a big ad in the Oswegonian.
- I have met with Involvement committee and we are going to be doing some PR for the elections and putting things on WNYO, WTOP, the Oswegonian, sitting in the Union promoting it with fliers on the 13th and 27th.
- The Oswegonian is going to have themed papers from now until the election.
 - Tossas- What do you want to come from all this advertising?
 - Director Drogo- We just want to increase awareness of SA on the campus.
 - President Sutherland- We have been exempt from doing the referendum this year and we won't have to do it again for 3 years now.
 - Hershkowitz- Could we update the website and post peoples contact information?
 - Director Nichols- Could you also put information about the committee chairs.
 - Director Drogo- Yes I will get on and update the site.

Director of Disability Services- Dan Preston

- I have had a few meetings and I have some ideas for the bookstore.
- I am hopefully going to meet with Kevin about starting a disability oriented student group. This is something that I have wanted to do for a long time.
- Homework is back- Directors are not exempt. If you have done this one before, you still need to do it but come up with a different answer. You must identify one disability and its disadvantages. You can e-mail me, leave me a voicemail, or come by my office hours to tell me what you come up with. These are due by Monday and then next Monday you will have to give me the affects that these disabilities have on higher education.
- I am still looking for someone interested in taking over my job when I graduate so please let me know if you have anyone that is interested.

VII. Senator Issues Forum

- **Mapes-** We have senate dinner every week and I am disappointed to be there and see many other senators sitting with their friends and not us, you can sit with us and bring your friends!
- **Strum-** I am going to be dropping one of my committees to join another one.
- **Mott-** The off campus luncheon is going to be taking place next Wednesday from 11:30-1:30 it is a free lunch so if you live off campus come and bring your friends.
- **Robinson-** I would just like to say to senator Mapes that we just really don't like her.

Motion to close: Mapes, 2nd Belser

