



Senate
40th Legislative Session
13th Meeting
01 February 2005

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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.

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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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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

VIII. Committee Reports

- Policy: We met on Thursday and went over the bi-law changes and the BYPIRG Referendum question. We will be meeting this Thursday at 7 in the library.
- Procedure: We went over the rights and responsibilities of at large senators so I will be e-mailing you about the senator at large position. Things like they have to go to a certain number of hall council meetings. We have the online journal and they can do postings in the Oswegonian, off campus and at large senators will be responsible for those. Our meeting next week will be Thursday at 8PM.
- Finance: We met last week and went over the bills that were brought to us. For the Oswegonian bill there are going to be several changes because we found out that they are unable to use their editor payroll for the computer upgrades. The Habitat for Humanity bill we agreed to without amendments. We feel that it is for a very good cause, they are giving up their spring break to work and are already paying \$100 of their own money. The Meteorology bill we recommend it because we went back to them and found out some more information. The special orders bill for tonight we agree to with amendments. Our meeting will be Thursday at 9PM.
- Involvement: We are currently working on advertisements for the elections coming up. I (Senator Kinnear) would like to nominate senator Strum for Involvement committee, 2nd Robinson.
- Health & Safety: We will be meeting next Wednesday at 9:15 in the SA office.
- Elections: We met last week to go over the petition process and we met with NYPIRG. We are meeting Wednesday at 8:30.
- CCRT: I have been in contact with Jen Hill and she is excited to do this, we are definitely playing softball and having a pizza party! The mayor was all for her coordinating it.

IX. Special Orders

1.) SLE.40.31 Chinese Culture Club Dinner- They would like to ask for \$500 to celebrate the Chinese New Year. This will take place at the Global Buffet and can accommodate about 45 people. I would like to amend the bill and cut the amount down to \$250 from \$500. The Global Buffet is making a real Chinese dinner so we felt that the people could pay about \$10 each for their meal. 2nd- Belser

- Robinson- Is this open to anyone?
- Ward- I am not sure, it is not specified.
- Mott- I think that they reserved a special room in the restaurant.
- Hubert- If they are getting some SA money and they are selling tickets but don't sell enough, do they make up the difference that we didn't give them or do we?
- President Sutherland- We would be left with it.
- Belser- So we are left with the rest if they don't sell enough tickets?
- President Sutherland- I don't think that they will have a problem selling out.
- Mott- If we only authorize \$250 then aren't they responsible for the rest if they don't sell out?
- President Sutherland- Yes you're right, I'm sorry I misunderstood, we would not be liable.
- Hubert- The \$250 that we are giving them is that covering the members or are they going to have to pay also?
- Ward- They also have to pay for theirs.

Vote on amendment: 15-0-1, amendment passes.

- Westfall: On line 21, I think that inconclusive should be inclusive.

Vote on the bill: 14-1-1, Legislation passes.

X. General Orders

1.) SLE.40.26 Oswegonian Computer Upgrade- Amendment: This bill was going to be partially paid for by the payroll of some editors but they are unable to do that so we have cut the bill down from two towers to one tower and software. The total is now \$1737.90 from \$1300. We will look into other alternatives for another tower.

- Hubert- So the software that you are going to buy was going to be used for both of the new towers so couldn't they get software from another organization at school?

- Mott- There are still liability issues. 2nd to amendment, Hubert

Vote on amendment: 15-0-1, amendment passes

- Farrell- How much is in account 6505?
- Mott: I have \$2008.11, that account is a fixed capital account.
- Tossas- I am also on the e-board of another organization and I just wanted to ask if the Oswegonian really deserves these computers. My question is, how effectively are they going to use these tools. I don't think that 6000 students really read the Oswegonian and I think that there should be added requirements before just giving them the money,
- Hershkowitz- Do you mean that they should do fundraising because we can't force them to do it. Many organizations don't receive the amount of money that they need but they survive with what they get. This organization has a huge budget and we only give them a fraction of it, they do very well with what they have.
- Mott- Their budget is \$4500 and that isn't even near what they need. You said that you want them to step up well that is exactly what they are trying to do by getting computers. Maybe 6000 people don't read the Oswegonian, but most students have heard of this organization and know what they do compared to many others.
- Tossis- I may have worded what I said wrong. What I meant is that we could give them a small project when we give them the money so that there is a new perspective of SA organizations.

Vote on bill: 14-0-2, legislation passes.

2.) SLE.40.27 Money for Habitat for Humanity- This is a bill that comes up every year and they are only a Tier 2 organization. We feel that it is a very worthy cause and that they deserve the whole amount.

- Farrell- How much is in 6502?
- Mott- \$5169.66
- Ward- I did Habitat for Humanity for 2 years and I always had to pay for all of my expenses. I support this bill.
- Belser- These students are going to work over spring break and they are already shelling out \$100 of their own money.

Vote on legislation: 13-0-3 legislation passes.

3.) SLE.40.28 NYPIRG Referendum Question- This is part of our contract, we need to ask the students if they still want NYPIRG on this campus and want to pay \$4 a semester for that.

- Dr. Scharfenberger- You should strike the 2nd Whereas on the bill, lines 6 and 7.
 - Director Smith- We currently have a contract with them and they are budgeted, if we charge the \$4 it will go over our budget. I think that we need to consider the \$4 per student.
 - Belser- We are speaking about the question itself, not about the amount that we pay.
- 2nd to amendment: Durgin

Vote on amendment: 16-0-0, amendment passes.

- Hubert- So if we pass this are we in violation of the contract?
 - Director Smith- We would violate the trustees policy contract and we would go over the budget allocated.
 - Farrell- If we don't ask the question then we are violating the contract with NYPIRG.
 - Hershkowitz- The referendum is non-binding so then it is up to NYPIRG.
 - Dr. Scharfenberger- What you are proposing is that is how it is stated on the contract.
 - Mott- Point of Information- Does it say in the contract that we have to say \$4 per fee paying student?
 - Dr. Scharfenberger- Yes, it is in the contract.
 - Hubert- We can put anything we want in this if its not a legal contract and Dr. Scharfenberger says it should be as specific as possible.
 - Farrell- If we keep it as is, are we in violation of the SUNY Board of Trustees policy?
 - Dr Scharfenberger- Just try to make sure that you fulfill a commitment.
 - Hershkowitz- Amend Line 2 put in "following advisory"
- 2nd to amendment: Robinson

Vote on amendment: 16-0-0, amendment passes.

- Hershkowitz- Contract issues should be dealt with by NYPIRG President and President Sutherland.

Vote on the bill: 16-0-0 legislation passes.

4.) SLE.40.29 Meteorology Club Conference- They are asking \$900 to go on a conference March 18-20. I believe they are going to use money in their account to pay \$35 for 12 members. That should come up to about \$1400 total.

- Swensson- Do they do any fundraising?
- Ward- They gave me no indication that they have.
- Swensson- They are basically asking for the money that we didn't give them in the fall.
- Director Smith- They didn't do any fundraising. They have \$948 left in their account from the last bill.
- Tossis- It looks like they are trying to get us to pay for the whole event. Each person will be paying \$35 it doesn't seem right.
- Mott- What did we give them money for last semester?
- Director Smith- Whatever their budget request was, their account went up to \$1100
- Mott- It was my understanding that they are using \$500 from their account for this conference.
- Hubert- Last semester they said that they wanted to improve their labs did they do that?
- Ward- Could I check my e-mail to be sure of the information?
- Vice President Beck- Yes you can go check it now.
- Robinson- Do they need this money now or can we re-refer it?
- Ward- I don't know when they need the money by for the conference.
- Mott- In finance we voted to re-refer this bill so since there are still unanswered questions, I motion to re-refer this for a week to finance committee. 2nd Robinson.

XI. New Legislation

1.) SLE.40.30 Men's Rugby Coaching and Player Development Camp – Refer to Finance

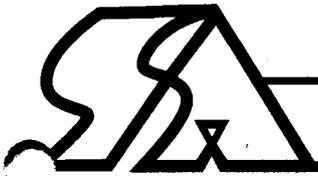
2.) SLE.40.33 SAPB Weekend Movie Series- Refer to Finance

XII. Roll Call: Swensson, Belsler, Strum, Coleman, Tossas, Farrell, Mott, Durgin, Ward, Beal, Hubert, Kinnear, Robinson, Hershkowitz, Westfall

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Farrell, 2nd Hubert

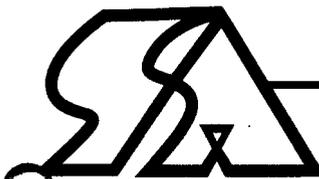
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 - 3. SLE.40.36 WTOP Funds Transfer
 - 4. SLE.40.37 SUNY Oswego Gospel Choir Account Transfer
 - 5. SLE.40.38 Men's Club Hockey
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- III. **Approval of Minutes**
 - Motion to amend: Westfall, 2nd by Robinson
 - Strike Senator Robinson's comment about disliking Senator Mapes, it was made in jest
 - Motion to approve minutes: Chadaev, 2nd Farrell
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**
 - Motion to approve agenda: Bacanskas, 2nd Mapes
- V. **Public Comment**

WTOP, Matt Romano, General Manager

 - Failed to hand in budget because of communication error within the organization. It was a mistake, and I apologize.
 - "We are in great shape" although it has taken us a long time to install the new equipment
 - We have nine newscasts a week. Increased sales revenue compared to the past 3 yrs. Up to 21 student productions
 - We are pushing to get new equipment now so that we are updated to move into the new union
 - We sincerely apologize about the late budget. I throw myself and the organization on the mercy of the senate to please accept our budget.
 - We are the best student TV station at any SUNY school.
 - o Robinson: Why didn't you get on air last semester until Halloween?
 - o Matt Romano: We were updating our station, we were analog at the end of last year, and we completed updating at that time.
 - o Belser: What guarantee do we have that you won't go off air during the school year again?
 - o Matt Romano: We can't guarantee that.
 - o Hershkowitz: Do you have your budget ready now to present to Budget Council?
 - o Matt Romano: Yes, I have it right here.
 - Vice President Beck: I'd like to ask Director Smith what procedure to follow at this time.
 - o Director Smith: I'd like senate to vote on whether or not they feel WTOP's budget should be accepted late.
 - o Hershkowitz: We are letting you come here out of the goodness of our hearts.
 - Vote on late acceptance of WTOP budget: 19-0-0, budget accepted
 - Matt Romano: Thank you, please visit our website at www.oswego.edu/wtop

Muslim Student Association, Fahad Samad, President

 - We are holding a program for Black History month on racism this Saturday.
 - o Hubert: How was the speaker for the event picked?
 - o Fahad Samad: He is from NYC and he is very knowledgeable, and a known speaker, he is in college now and people can relate to him, that is why we picked him.

- Hershkowitz: What time and where?
- Fahad Samad: Formal lounge in Hewitt Union, Feb 19th 1pm. The speaker will talk about hate crimes and racism.
- Raquel Crocker: please support this bill because it has to do with what is going on in the world.

SAPB, Adam Campbell-Schmidt, Cinevisions Director

- We have a bill submitted for Cinevisions
- Cinevisions has grown, biggest turnout was 500 students in one weekend
- We need to keep bringing in new movies, and have students to stay on campus
- Want \$ transferred into Cinevisions account
- "The Incredibles" costs \$800 to rent for the weekend
- We would like to show 13 per semester, we may be becoming "too big for our britches"
- We met our income line last semester
 - McTiernan: How many students show up to each movie?
 - Adam Campbell-Schmidt: About 20 a movie
 - Hershkowitz: You provide a good service for one dollar
 - Adam: we do. And we try to bring what you want. Thank you, please approve the transfer of funds

NYPIRG:

- Kate: great to see the resolution up tonight. It's important for students and parents
- Tomorrow at 9pm we are holding the NYPIRG Student Action Meeting, students can learn more about issues and our campaigns. Thank you for your time

Gospel Choir, Sheri Wolbert, President

- Thank you for letting us speak. We ask you to approve our budget for review
- We perform at organization's dinners, in both the fall and spring.
- Free dinner open to all students
- Andrew, Treasurer: We have had some problems with new e-board members
- They want their ideas express, they all have conflicting opinions, we need to work as a team. We are not getting important things done, such as the Budget.
- We are seeking advise from our advisor.
- We need more communication among the members
- The reason that the budget is late is because the diversity of the members and their conflicting views.
- We would like to get this budget approved because we want to retain the director we have from Syracuse, he is nice enough to help us despite the little amount we pay him
- We would like to keep this competitive advantage over schools like SUNY Cortland who have more money for better directors
- Sheri: We have been able to grow due to the support SA has given us. We have progressed over the rehearsals
- Our director is the best, he helps us a lot.
- We are very sorry that our budget is late, we want to be diverse and open to the campus
 - Westfall: You do not have the budget right now?
 - Sheri: We do have it we can turn it in tomorrow
 - Director Smith: There was a memo stating that the budget needed to be here for the senate to vote on approving the budget
 - Sheri: We can turn it in tomorrow.
 - Lamphere: What time tomorrow?
 - Director Smith: Can you have it to me by 1pm tomorrow?
 - Farrell: Does it need more tweaking?
 - Sheri: We need to see if anything needs to be increased.

- Vote to accept Gospel Choir's late budget by 1pm, Wednesday February 16: 18-0-1, budget accepted
- Sheri: Thank you very much

Men's Rugby, Steve, President:

- We would like to send two people to a Player and Coach Development Camp.
- Senator Mott wrote the bill.
- New York State Rugby requires one player who is certified at level 1 for coaching, we would like 2 people. The VP is one and the other is a young player who shows promise. He will be in Rochester the weekend that the training camp will be at RIT.
 - o Hubert: Do all players agree on the people that were chosen to go?
 - o President: Yes
 - o Swift: Is certification binding?
 - o President: Certification is for life, until level 2 certification, which is not required.
- We host the Greased Weasel tournament on 2 fields, designated for men's and women's rugby. The others have outdated goalposts, and one is down and one is in rough shape. We can work with the one in rough shape, the one that is down needs to be replaced. I was informed that we are not allowed to construct our own wooden uprights. The permanent structures cost around \$2000 which is too much even if we had that money. I have decided to use PVC piping for goalposts and use steel ground sleeves with caps so they are not permanent and can be removed for any other organizations. Regardless, these will last at least 10 years and might as well be permanent. They are easily stored and cheaper, at \$630. I am working on getting them stored in Lee Hall; otherwise I can leave them out where they have surplus construction equipment, but Lee hall is favorable.
 - o Strum: When is greased weasel?
 - o Pres: April 16
 - o Director Smith: How many teams will be there?
 - o Pres: I have heard from 5 men's teams, we have a new team from a boy's academy outside of Watertown who will be attending. There is a former Oswego alumni from class of 83 who is coaching a women's team in Maryland who would like to attend, so 6 teams total. A decent turnout is expected.

BSU, Raquel Crocker

- Good afternoon, I am the director of the archives of the BSU.
- Friday we had a date auction, raised 288 dollars for tsunami relief.
- This month is Black History month, this week Sister to Sister week, a guest speaker from a grant from the Women's center will be here to talk about diabetes.
- This Saturday we are holding an event with the Muslim Student Association. The speaker will talk about racism, it's very important to unite and do things together.
- February 26 is our annual Black History Dinner at 5:00pm.

VI. Guests of the Senate:

Dr. Joseph Grant, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management:

- I appreciate opportunity to speak with you, what I circulated are documents dealing with budget increase.
- Tomorrow at 3:30pm in 101 Lanigan, the SUNY Chancellor will be here to present the budget and answer questions. This is a great opportunity for Oswego students to attend and ask him questions.
- Tonight I will give an overview of the Chancellor's issues
- Budget clarities: 84.3 million for mandatory salary increases negotiated by State of New York. There are also utility increases, inflation increases, and computer support and equipment increases.
- There will be a \$500 tuition increase for everyone at the university. This is an unwelcome change but the money comes from either from the students or the state.

- When people say, "Well we don't want a tuition increase", what you need to do is get money from the state, which is difficult. Welfare, roads and bridges, all these things give New York State a \$6 billion Budget, with a \$5 million surplus for this year, and for next year there is a \$6 billion deficit, where will this \$ come from?
- The real issue is, why do we need a tuition increase? New York State can't come up with the money for salaries and utilities, among other increases.
- Community college based aid is going up, but that is not an issue for this campus
- The budget restores \$7.3 million in EOP, which is for financially disadvantaged students. This is a \$16 million dollar program. The Governor's budget cuts half of it, and we want to get that back into the university.
- Funding the new Campus Center is like getting a mortgage for your house
- The Chancellor is proposing a guarantee program, when you come in as a new student in SUNY for 4 years you pay the same price for tuition. Similar to the Oswego guarantee program for room and board.
- Last year there was a \$950 increase in tuition.
- The logic is that small incremental increases over time would be better, is there any guarantee that this will work? No, and this is something worth talking about.
- The State supports the partnership to accelerate completion time so that people will graduate on time
- Tuition assistance program- there are \$168 million cuts in for this. Governor wants to cut it in half. The new plan is to only give students half of what they should receive during the time they are in school, and give them the other half upon graduating.
- Finally, there is an academic scholars matching incentive- we have presidential and merit scholarships here, this proposal would help Oswego with that.
 - o Robinson: For the SUNY Tuition Guarantee Program, how does this work and what does it guarantee?
 - o Dr. Grant: If you come in at \$4,500 for tuition, you pay that for 4 years and in a 9th semester you would have to pay more.
 - o Swift: With incremental raises, this doesn't necessarily guarantee against a potentially large increase like we have seen in the past or for the coming year, correct?
 - o Dr. Grant: No, there is no guarantee. It is being negotiated that the state of New York would have no more cuts during that period of time. Until then, there is no guarantee. For the tuition for next year, it is being proposed that it will increase \$500 unless they can come up with the \$83.4 million. They want to give money to elementary and secondary education, roads and bridges, Medicare and Medicaid, so will there be enough left over for SUNY? We want to get as much state funding as possible, while maintaining quality.
 - o Audience member: Assuming we cannot get the \$84 million, \$500 extra will just come from incoming freshmen?
 - o Dr. Grant: The fall of '06 would have a fixed amount with increase. Same with '05, new students pay some increment above that. It has been running at 3 or 4 percent increase each year, only for incoming classes.
 - o Farrell: It seems like \$84 million is only issue, are there any other options?
 - o Dr. Grant: One third of students get full TAP, and another third receive some amount of TAP. So it is a big deal. Only other sources are state revenues and tuition, so what we hope legislature would do is come up with \$40 million instead of \$80million; then the increase would only have to be half as much.
 - o Director Drogo: I am concerned about the fact that there are students lobbying now for their own cause, but there is no one to speak for high school students and incoming freshmen.
 - o Dr. Grant: The increase would only be at price index, only at 3 or 4 percent

- Raquel Crocker: With the proposed plan for TAP, what happens to the money if you don't graduate because of financial reasons?
- Dr. Grant: If you don't graduate, you would get half the money from the state and borrow the other half and then you would have that loan, or you could have the college pay it for you and we would have to come up with other half, and if you didn't graduate the college wouldn't get it back. So either you or the college wouldn't get the other half.
- Hubert: For the TAP, I understand it would help the budget this year, but a couple years down the road when they have to pay back what hasn't been paid wont that create the same problem?
- Dr. Grant: Everybody would be in that spot, so if we keep pushing it off, yes you would have to get \$ back in 4 years, the new students will get money the deferred, and so on so the issue keeps getting deferred. It is a 4-year cycle of deferment.
- Audience member: If money is such a huge problem, have they looked into not spending money on new buildings, or freezes in administrative salaries?
- Dr. Grant: citizens will spend a lot of money. Freezing salaries all together, we don't negotiate salaries locally, unions UUP negotiate salaries, we are committed to paying those salary increases. About \$1.4 million a year makes up the increases, in recent years we were given no money and it was absorbed by the budget. This really doesn't make up a lot of our money, so it's not a huge concern.
- Hershkowitz: How much money are SUNY schools getting to increase programs and pay salaries and stuff, how much money are we getting for increasing programming?
- Dr. Grant: None, its all for other stuff. Also, some of the money gets sent out to other campuses, leaving hardly any left over.
- Ward: If this budget passes, would it increase Oswego's operating budget?
- Dr. Grant: That \$84 million represents the operating cost of all SUNY campuses, and ours is a fraction of that.

- Thank you I appreciate time, I urge you to go listen to the chancellor tomorrow

VII. Executive Report

Director Drogo presented for President Sutherland

- Kevin's grandma passed away so he is in Syracuse, we would like to send him flowers or something on behalf of the senate and E-board.
- Kevin did budget council last weekend, Kristin Ian and Nancy can be asked questions about that.
- Kevin wants to go around to committees to talk about moving money from stagnant organizations and moving to it an executive account instead of having it just sit there, he will be going to Finance Committee and some others, and he wants a bill transferring this money by next week.

Vice President- Kristin Beck

- We are missing clerk tonight, thank you to Erica and Kelly.
- Budget council was this last weekend, and this coming weekend, it is going well so far. We have seen about 20 organizations. President Sutherland will not be there Saturday, so I will step up as President and Senator Hershkowitz will be Vice President.
- Introduced three new Senators, McTiernan from Cayuga, Swift - Off Campus, and Chadaev from Seneca

Director of Finance- Nancy Smith

- This weekend was first session of BC, went well, still have 18 organizations to go on Saturday and Sunday. There were 5 who did not turn in their budgets last Thursday as I mentioned in the email. Two organizations were here earlier and were approved by Senate, but there are 3 others that should have been here and have not responded, I ask the Senate to vote down acceptance of late budgets for COPE, Outing Club, and Del Sarte .

- Dr. Scharfenberger- Why are we doing this differently?
- Vice President Beck- There was nothing written in the Financial Policy on how we should handle this situation, and Director Smith recommended this procedure.
- Hershkovitz-T will be allocated \$0, because they should have been here. Budget Council came up with a way to try and get the organizations the money, what I think will happen with this procedural vote, is that it will be non binding, there will be a 0 in the book for their accounts.
- Dr. Scharfenberger- I assume that if there is no budget there will be a 0.
- Nancy- If they have no money they will have to come to senate, should they be dropped to tier 2? Yes, but that is not in the Financial Policy.
- Hershkovitz-Either they will receive no money or be budgeted based on last year's request. It is up to Budget Council, they can allocate whatever they want
- Vice President Beck- If their budgets are not accepted tonight, they go to \$0?
- Director Smith- Yes
- Vice President Beck- If they are accepted, they can go to Budget Council to work something out.
- Director Smith- Ultimately Senate can say what we feel they deserve; we could continue funding, or give them 0, and have them come ask for money every time they need it.
- Vice President Beck- So then before Budget Council finishes, if the budgets are accepted Budget Council will give them the money they feel is necessary.
- Director Nichols- How did COPE and Del Sarte become part of the Tier 3 process without submitting a budget?
- Director Smith- They turned in a charter.
- Mott- We don't really need a vote, Budget Council will do what they feel is best, and it will go on to finance committee.
- Director Lyon- They get bumped down to Tier 2 for the Fall, and then they can submit a budget and fundraise and get more money in the spring.

Director of Disability Services- Dan Preston

- Hi guys. A couple things...Director Drogo, President Sutherland, and I have worked hard on putting together a forum for students and faculty interested in disability issues on campus. To determine whether or not there is a group getting started, on March 3rd at 6pm in the Formal Lounge there will be a meeting. Andy's signs will be up everywhere.
- There are two possible dates for a wheelchair basketball game. This is usually a really good time.
- Still looking for someone who is interested in taking over my job for the upcoming year
- With regard to the homework, I haven't heard from the majority of you, including about 10 senators and none of directors. New senators, I give out homework, and Vice President Beck will be handing out assignment that I gave to the senators last week. Give me an idea sometime this week and be ready for a presentation next week.
 - Strum- What do you want from our research?
 - Director Preston- How the disability you have chosen would impact academic life and succeeding in a college setting.
 - Chadaev- Do we need to prepare an oral presentation?
 - Dan- If you write it down that's great, a presentation is not required.
- Keep an eye out for the posters!!

Director of Student Affairs- Billy Nichols

- I was asked to inform everyone about a benefit for the tsunami relief, and I have decided on a bowling party in early April time.
- I put some numbers together, thanks to Liz, showing van rentals by student organizations for the past 3 semesters. This information should be presented by Kevin next week.

- Direct Assembly on the 24th, topic is set as the involvement awards. This is coordinated out of the SOS office
 - o Hershkowitz- Are we going to have a Spring Involvement Fair?
 - o Director Nichols- I don't have anything planned.

Director of Public Relations- Andrew Drogo

- Last week's material on the new SA posters was a first draft, so if you see problems, let me know before I spread them all over campus.
- I have other things to present. (poster presentation) Wilbur printed these, they were \$1 each. Hopefully you have seen these around, we photocopied them and posted them.
- There is a brochure that should be printed, which will go out in admissions packets to inform freshman about SA early, same info that is in the current bi-fold, but now it is on much nicer looking on cardstock. These will be the size of a poster and should cost \$2 each.
- We also have business cards and letterhead, Heather has been working on this with me.
 - o Hershkowitz- You have been doing a great job; you have done so much work and the senate appreciates it, and I appreciate it. Keep up the good work. This is just amazing, if we continue on this path SA will be more visible, so thank you
- Director Drogo- I have been doing all of this without a budget. Could we consider a compensation for Heather McBride for drafting our new logo?
 - o Hershkowitz- I think we should update our presentation board for the information fairs with the new logos, can you update that?
 - o Director Drogo- Yes, I'll work on that.
- Director Drogo- Take a flier

VIII. Senator Issues Forum

- **Mott-** Regarding the Senate Report in The Oswegonian, I talked to them and they decided if they couldn't get someone to come here they could put a summary of each meeting's bills in each issue. I have been giving them a list. I was thinking that Vice President Beck could send them the bills.
 - o Vice President Beck- I could send them the email that I send out to the senate-list on Monday nights.
 - o Hershkowitz- I yield my time to Director Drogo
 - o Director Drogo- I would like to offer my services to The Oswegonian as the Director of Public Relations, please give me contact info.
- **Hershkowitz-** Thanks to Director Lyon and Senator Durgin for taking the minutes this week.
- **Farrell-** Budget Council has been a great experience so far and I'm looking forward to this weekend.
- **Robinson-** The new senators should introduce themselves, and should tell us their favorite baseball team, political party, etc.
 - o Hershkowitz- I concur
 - o Senator Chadaev from Seneca- from Brooklyn, second semester freshman, political science and theology major, excited to be here, looking forward to attending every meeting. Favorite movie is The Godfather. I'm open minded when it comes to music...country, hip hop, rock, anything.
 - o Senator McTiernan from Cayuga- Favorite band is rufus, favorite color is red, is a political science major,
 - o Senator Swift, Off Campus Senator- Favorite color is black, political science major.

Motion to close: Farrel, 2nd Mapes

IX. Committee Reports

- Policy: We are meeting this Thursday at 7pm in the Library café
Senator Hershkowitz nominated McTiernan to Policy, 2nd Robinson

- Procedure: We didn't meet last week because I wasn't feeling well. We need to come up with an idea for At Large Senators to communicate to their constituents
Senator Robinson nominated Chadaev to Procedure, 2nd by Hershkowitz
- Finance: We were unsure about what to do with the Meteorology Club bill, will be submitting amendment to reduce it. The men's rugby bill is OK, we recommend as is. SAPB bill is recommended as is. The bill under New Legislation which will transfer \$5000 from 6501 to 6502 is important. We are meeting Thursday at 9pm.
Senator Belser nominated Swift to Finance, 2nd Robinson
- Involvement: Director Drogo met with us last week, we painted a banner for the elections. We need to put an ad in the Oswegonian. We are meeting this Wednesday at 9pm in the SA office.
- Health & Safety: We are meeting this Wednesday at 9:15pm.
- Elections: We met with candidates to go over election law. We are meeting at 8:30pm tomorrow.
Senator Robinson nominated: Belser to Elections, 2nd Strum
- CCRT: We are planning an exchange day for this semester.

X. Special Orders

1.) SLE.40.32 MSA, SJC, and BSU Black History Month Speaker Series

- Mott- Motion to amend amount to \$950 to cover the cost of refreshments. They are asking for money for food during the event as a thank you to the people attending from NYC.

Vote on amendment: 4-13-1, amendment fails.

- Hershkowitz- Motion to amend to add on line 15 "To be controlled by MSA for their speaker.

Vote on amendment: 17-0-1, amendment passes

- Hubert- Have you done any fundraising?
 - President of Social Justice Club- Yes, we are paying for his travel up here and they have been helped out a little by some groups in NYC. Some students and groups who will be attending, they have done as much as they could to raise \$
 - Hubert- a bunch of people are coming up from NYC, and we are paying for them to see him, can they pay for something?
 - President of SJC- They helped with the cost of transportation.
 - Hubert- Why does this speaker cost so much?
 - President of SJC- Because he is a prominent, popular speaker
 - Hubert- If that is so, why were we unable to find much information on him, and why weren't we given a resume?
 - President of SJC- He does not go by the name given to him, he uses name "Abu Yousef" commonly.
- Belser- In regards to his name, I know in the Islamic faith, similar to Judaism, there will be a given name, I have a judaic name that I do not go by, it doesn't mean a different person, it's not a big deal.
- Robinson- I really do want to see this, but it is problem for me to vote yes for that amount of money. Senator Mott tried to do a lot of research and found nothing, so it's hard for me to vote yes. It's unfortunate they aren't here, I think there are a lot of questions right now.
- Chadev- I concur with Senator Robinson, they will say valuable things at this event and I look forward to going. I hope it will be very very interesting. The money is worth spending on this.

- Lamphere- I want to make sure I understand, the \$800 is for the speaker only, and you want that money from senate. The transportation was paid by people from NYC?
 - President of SJC- No, MSA paid for transportation.
- Lamphere- So what did the city people pay for?
 - President of SJC- they advertised and spread the word down in the city. Most of the funding, aside from the price of speaker, came from MSA. So basically I can see where you got confused, what I tried to say is there is a lot of outside support for this person to come here to speak because they want to further educate the state where we have very little connection with the Muslim/Arab/anti-racial community.
- Lamphere- So it wasn't outside financial support, just moral support
 - President of SJC- Right, they spread the word.
- Bacanskas- How is he traveling here?
 - President of SJC- I don't know.
- Bacanskas- My biggest problem is that it is not that expensive to stay here overnight and come from NYC. It seems like the majority of who you are expecting seems to be from NYC. I have a problem giving \$800 to outside people that are coming for free and not contributing to our funds.
- Strum- My question is that if there are other clubs involved, are they helping w/ funding? Why is it all on MSA?
 - President of SJC- Well I know that the Social Justice Club just helped the MSA last week, and the BSU signed on to help as well.
- Mott- SJC was not part of this bill, I approached them because we wanted this to be a joint organizational bill so it could come from that account, the never had any intention to financially support this.
- Hubert- How many people are you expecting to attend?
 - President of SJC- I don't know, a guess is 100.
- Hershkowitz- The turnout should be high.
- Hubert- Could we ask a dollar donation to defer some of the cost?
 - President of SJC- I'm not sure, from the bills that I have seen it seems like a lot of money is going to a lot of organizations that don't offer to the college community what groups like BSU or SJC or JSU or MSA would offer; these are groups that are really interested in educating the campus.
- Hubert- Many organizations are created to educate the campus, rugby and other clubs are different
 - President of SJC- Education is important, other ideas and beliefs are really really important
- Belser- I think this is going to be a real positive event if this happens. Getting 10 people out to an event is an amazing thing; to say that we're going to bring 100 or 150 people out to this event, I think that's a really positive thing. I hope everyone will consider voting for this bill. I want to thank Senator Mott for her time and research on this bill.
- Chadaev- Are those people able to financially able to provide some assistance from NYC?
 - President of SJC- People that I know of are coming up as individuals, we're not having like a whole group come together. I really can't answer in depth whether or not they can provide any financial support.

- Chadaev- The best course of action is to have those who are not from Oswego pay 1 or 2 dollars
- Hershkowitz- We hold events all the time where members of the community and surrounding areas attend. I don't foresee huge amounts of people from NYC, its only the better that they can come be a part of this. I know that SJC is cashed out and they started charging ad space in their Get Free Times, so I don't think they have the \$ to help subsidize this event. Neither does the bsu, I think we should vote for it, we are nitpicking this too much, this is just the way it's going to be and I'm really in favor of it, so I request the chair to take a vote.
- Swennson- I want to point out to the Senate that the bill hasn't gone to hall councils, we don't know anything about the speaker, it's a lot of money, the MSA president is not here to speak, and these are all important questions.

Vote on the bill: 12-5-2, Legislation passes.

XI. General Orders

1.) SLE.40.29 Meteorology Club Conference

- Ward- Sorry for not bringing breakdown last time. This is what I received from their President in regards to how the money would be split up for registration, night lodging, breakfast, banquet, gas, and number of students attending, including amount that each student would have to pay to offset those costs. In finance committee, everyone came to the consensus that the bill amount should be amended to \$750. They were budgeted \$500 for conferences, which leaves \$448. They need a new TV because their old one is very archaic, and \$300 is going towards shirts as fundraising. The remainder of their money should go to trip to Tug Hill to study lake effect snow patterns. The fundraising that they are going to do with the t-shirts will go towards a trip that they will plan later in the semester.
- Mott- Motion to amend to decrease the \$900 to \$750. Finance committee did felt that 900 was too much to ask, we did give them a breakdown for the remaining cash in their budget. We had concern as to how efficiently they were using that money, we thought it was fair for them to use more of their present budget towards the trip.
- Hershkowitz- I yield my time to the Meteorology club.
 - Meteorology PR director- There are 16 people going
- Ward- why wasn't I notified? The Meteorology club President just sent me an email outlining where the money for the fundraising would go, this information should have been passed on
 - Vice President of Meteorology club- I registered us, this was last minute, I'm sorry, students who thought they had plans decided to go, we decided to present it here.
- Hershkowitz- Are you going to request more money?
 - VP- No
- Farrell- You upped the amount to 16, but are still charging \$50 a person, \$400 is from your budget. The amount of \$50 is based on assuming you get the \$900 from senate?
 - VP- Yes
- Hubert- Point of information for Met club- \$1,865 was budgeted to you, and you wanted \$1,950, where will the extra \$95 go?
 - VP- 13 people were estimated to go on the trip, because we set the deadline for last Friday. The President knew of more people that were interested, so we left a \$95 lee way.
- Farrell- Are you willing to charge \$75 for your members to go?

- VP- 16 people are already registered, and they are already paying \$50 of their own money for meals and any extra costs. If we increase this to \$75 some of them will not be able to go. I believe last year we got \$500 to \$600 in additional money for this conference when we had 8 people attend. This year we are doubling our participation and it would be unfortunate if SA could not even double this amount.
- Hubert- It is our job to give money to clubs to do these kinds of things, but it is also our job to make sure we have money. The accounts are dwindling, and asking your club members to pay a little more would allow us to have other organizations and clubs to have their speakers and go do the things that they need to do. I'm sure you understand
 - Meteorology PR Director- Regarding the guest speaker which was discussed earlier, one of the senators made reference to how Oswego really appreciates clubs that are doing things from an educational perspective, and these students who are going on this trip are going to be getting an education for that weekend. You'd be hard pressed to find a student that wants to learn on their spring break and you should reward them by not putting such economic stress on them.
- Robinson- I think that every club on campus in their own is equally the same, and every club benefits students one way or another.
- Hershkowitz - I request the chair take a vote
- Bacanskas- second

Vote on amendment: 17-1-0, amendment passes.

- Director Smith- The number of students going is 15 including a professor there is 16. SA doesn't pay for expenses of personal use, souvenirs, or faculty costs. The finance department allocates money for food. \$3 per person and maybe 2 meals.
 - VP- The Piez glass cases are outdated, and our professors want us to fix that as a club with material from this conference.
- Swenson- Why haven't you been fundraising all along?
 - VP- We haven't talked about it. We didn't know about the shirts or anything because we just got in contact with the t-shirt company.
- Hubert- We like to support organizations to get their education wherever it may be found. I think this is a great event, good for networking, necessary for club, I agree with the amendment but I also agree with the bill.

Vote on the bill: 15-2-2

2.) SLE.40.30 Mens Rugby Coaching and Player Development Camp Certification

- Mott- The President talked about this earlier, the bill is straight forward, the state requires it, and we are pretty sure that the certification is for lifetime, since they are giving it to 2 members the senate may not have to deal with it for a few years.

Vote on the bill: 18-0-1

3.) SLE.40.33 SAPB Weekend Movie Series

- Mott- There is no money coming out of senate accounts for this bill, it is just transferring their money

Vote on the bill: 18-0-1

XII. New Legislation

- 1.) SLE.40.35 Men's Rugby Goal Posts – Referred to Finance for one week
- 2.) SLE.40.35 Senate Account Transfer – Referred to Finance for one week
- 3.) SLE.40.36 WTOP Funds Transfer – Referred to Finance for one week
- 4.) SLE 40.37 SUNY Oswego Gospel Choir Account Transfer – Referred to Finance for one week

5.) SLE 40.38 Men's Club Hockey – Referred to Finance for one week

6.) RES. 40.03 No Automatic Annual Tuition Increases at SUNY

- Hershkowitz- The timing of this was good, seeing that the Chancellor is visiting tomorrow. It basically says that we don't agree with his plans for the annual tuition increases, and that we don't support the tuition increase for next fall. I motion to pass by acclimation.
- Robinson- I second.

Resolution passed by acclimation.

XIII. Roll Call: McTiernan, Swennson, Belser, Strum, Coleman, Bacanskas, Farrell, Mott, Lamphere, Swift, Durgin, Ward, Beal, Mapes, Hubert, Chadaev, Robinson, Hershkowitz, Westfall

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Robinson, 2nd Mapes

Adjourned at 8:57pm



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Senate
40th Legislative Session
16th Meeting
22 February 2005

Senate Minutes

- I. Call to Order: 6:09 PM**
- II. Roll Call: McTiernan, Swennson, Belser, Strum, Coleman, Farrell, Durgin, Ward, Mapes, Hubert, Kinnear, Robinson, Hershkowitz, Westfall**
- III. Approval of Minutes**
Minutes will be approved next week, they are still being completed.
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda- Farrell
Objection- Hershkowitz, Amendment: We need to add SLE.40.42 to the General Orders. 2nd Belser.
Motion to approve the minutes- Belser, 2nd Hershkowitz.
- V. Public Comment**
Men' Club Hockey
- We have a new website with our schedule on it.
 - This semester we are 9-5-1 and we still have more games on the schedule.
 - Last season we only played 3 games and this year we are going to end up with about 21-25.
 - So far for all of our away games we have been paying out of our pocket for transportation to away games.
 - We had received money from you earlier in the year to pay for 11 away games but we ended up having a lot more than that.
 - Our last 2 games of the season are going to be in Buffalo and we are trying to save people some money because it is a long trip and an overnight.
 - Just recently we drove 1200 miles in one weekend and spent \$120 on gas; we have spent a lot already and we are just looking for a little help.
 - Westfall- How many more away games do you have on the schedule now?
 - Club Hockey Rep.- We have 4 right now.
 - Westfall- So last semester we gave you \$1200 and you have added these games since then?
 - Club Hockey Rep.- Yes, these are all regular season games, we aren't going to have playoffs.
 - Hershkowitz- Do you think that we could just give you more gas money instead of a charter bus?
 - Yeah that might work its just that we want to relieve the people that have been our drivers to our games.
 - Hershkowitz- Did you look into using school bus instead of a charter bus?
 - Club Hockey Rep.- Yes and we also looked into using the school vans but when I spoke with Kevin Sutherland he said that we wouldn't be able to do it.
 - President Sutherland- You would be able to do it but you would need a faculty member on the trip and qualified people to drive the vans.
 - Club Hockey Rep.- This is something that we can look into and we will do that. I wish we had known about it sooner. We will be willing use the money for school vans if you could write that into the bill somehow.
- NYPIRG**
- Last week we had our student action meeting and it went really well.
 - Our different action groups will be working on different projects this semester and ill just let you know what those are going to be.

- Higher Education and Election Day committees will meet on Tuesday at 6:30.
- Environmental Protection will be Wednesdays at 7 and they will be working on Earth Day events.
- Social Security will meet Thursdays at 5 and will be working on getting experts on the social security issue and doing a casino day out of it.
- Hungry and Homeless will meet Thursdays at 6 and they will be volunteering at soup kitchens here and in Rochester at the House of Mercy and doing another food drive.
- The conservation advocacy and the labor rights will be doing a research project this semester.
- If you ever have any questions you can go to 13 Hewitt Union and someone there should be able to help you.

Men's Rugby

- We came last week and described our bill and I just wanted to come back and see if anyone had any questions for me.
- For our tournament we have more teams and 1 more field added.

SIFE

- There is a bill going in this week and I just wanted to let you know a little about it.
- April 7 and 8 we are going to New York City for a conference and 43 people will be attending. We are asking for reimbursement for the hotel for 3 out of the 8 rooms we are getting.

OTEA

- We just got back from the TECCA programs in Virginia Beach and we did very well.
- We were able to place in 3 of the 5 events. In teaching we came in 3rd, in Elementary Education we came in 1st and in manufacturing we got 2nd.
- Because of our outcome we are looking to go to the national competition.
- We were supposed to have our president here with a PowerPoint so that is all that we have for now and maybe we can come back up when she gets here.

VI. Guests of the Senate

Gospel Choir

- Our concert this semester is going to be April 2nd.

VII. Executive Report

SA President: Kevin Sutherland

- I just want to thank all of you for the card and the support last week.
- In response to Chancellor King's presentation, I just want to let you know how I feel about the issue.
- The tuition is expected to go up and I don't think that it has to. In the year of F03-Sp04, the state contributed \$12 million, which was 27%. That percentage is going to keep going down if there is a \$500 increase in tuition.
- In Kings proposal, he says tuition is going to become differential meaning that if you go to a larger state school like UB or Binghamton, you are going to pay more than at a school like Oswego.
- In conclusion, I am for the HEPI idea but not the \$500 tuition increase.

Vice President, Kristin Beck

- Tomorrow there is an event for Raise Your Voice Month.
- Auxiliary Services has a scholarship available and the application is available online.
- I just explain what acclimation means to you guys because a lot of people came to me after senate and voiced their concern with the acclimation. It means that the whole group approves of it and if you don't, then don't be afraid to say so. Don't be afraid of what people are going to think because that isn't what this is about, it's work, not social.
- Westfall- Something approved by acclimation means that the WHOLE senate approves of it and supports it so if you don't support it, please say something.
- I am going to take a vote to see if you still want this to be passed by acclimation. If you vote yes, you want to discuss it further, if you vote no, you are ok with it.
- (Vote shows majority of 'no')

Director of Finance, Nancy Smith

- Budget council went pretty well the past 2 weekends. We are pretty much done with it we just have a few more executive board things to do.

- McTiernan- How much do we have in the senate account?
 - Director Smith- I don't know right now, I will send out e-mails letting everyone know.
- Director of Disability Affairs- Dan Preston
- This week I got a lot of interesting reports, does anyone want to talk about theirs?
 - Hershkowitz- I researched a disability that affects the language part of the brain and these people can't write sentences or read them and comprehend them. They also can't speak them and when they try it comes out as a few random words. This usually happens from a traumatic injury not birth.
 - Ward- I researched Cerebral Palsy, which is a muscle disorder. It can cause muscle spasms and uncontrollable movements and it can cause speech impediments. Many people who suffer from this have coordination problems and can't do hands on projects. There are 4 different types of the disease and I researched some of them. Physical therapy and surgery can be beneficial to treat the disease. Some people also suffer from clubfoot and epilepsy.
 - So what did we learn about how these affect people in school?
 - Strum- I researched what schools do for people with disabilities.
 - Westfall- I researched a hearing disability and I learned that talking louder to the people doesn't make a difference, to them it is a clarity problem, not volume.
 - 2 weeks from now you will get an assignment that lasts until April.
 - The disability forum is going to be March 3rd at 6PM.
 - We are working on whether or not to get a club going for people with disabilities.
 - I met with a few people about taking over my position when I am gone and if you know anyone who is interested you can let them know that I require a resume and a 200-250 word paper describing what you think you could do for this position.
 - Can anyone guess what is the most difficult part of my whole day?
 - Hershkowitz- getting through the snow?
 - Hubert- getting dressed?
 - Director Preston- Putting on my shoes and tying them.

Director of Student Affairs- Billy Nichols

- The next direct assembly is going to be this Thursday and the presentations will be by Mike Pastella and President Sutherland.

VIII. Senator Issues Forum

- Hershkowitz- I just want to thank Kristin for coming here tonight being that she is sick. I would like to yield the rest of my time to OTEA and then to Arts Alive.
 OTEA- Thank you for being patient with us tonight. In our program here at Oswego there are about 350-400 people and we took 16 people to the TECHA competition. There were different categories to compete in such as teaching a lesson, transportation, manufacturing, and elementary education. We basically went this year so that we could report back for years to come and let them know what to expect in upcoming years. We were very proud that we placed in the manufacturing competition because it is one of the hardest ones and we were there with the minimum amount of tools to bring. This conference was paid by clearing out our whole account so if we go to Nationals in Missouri it would be paid out of pocket.
 Arts Alive- We are currently planning a 3 day trip to Washington D.C. and we are asking for money for the transportation which is \$2000. We will be going to different art museums. It is open to any student that wants to go and it will take place on April 1, 2, 3.
- Robinson- I would just like to recommend that we start referring to everyone in here as we are supposed to. For example, use President Sutherland and Vice President Beck when referring to them. We have gotten very lax about that lately.
- Farrell- I will have to leave senate early so I am going to talk about the SLE.40.36 bill which is WTOP funds transfer. They are just transferring the money from one account to another so that they can improve the quality of what they put out.
- Mapes- Motion to close, 2nd Strum

IX. Committee Reports

Policy: We finalized the bylaw changes and you will get a copy of those tonight. We are going to be meeting Thursday at 7:30 to review the legislation.

Procedure: We went over the changes to the committee structure. Also looked at the way that a chair is supposed to be removed and rewrote the bill. Please look that over and find something wrong with it. We meet Thursday at 8 in the SA office.

Finance: We went over the bills and we are going to pass them all and amend the Rugby, gospel choir, and club hockey bills.

Involvement: We have been working on promoting the SA elections and we will meet Tomorrow (Wednesday) at 9.

Elections: We are looking to set dates for the debates and I am meeting with Dr. Hughes to discuss issues. We meet Wednesday at 8:30 in the SA office.

CCRT: I have a meeting next Wednesday with Jen Hill at 10:00.

X.

General Orders

1.) SLE.40.34 Men's Rugby Goal Posts-

Ward- Motion to amend- strike line 2 and change to Recreation and Intramurals. 2nd Robinson.

Vote on amendment: 12-0-1, amendment passes

- President Sutherland- They are saying that the goal posts are moveable? In the bill it says permanent.
- Rugby Rep. - The ground sleeves stay in the ground but the rest is moveable.
- Hershkowitz- Strike permanent on line 4.

Vote: 12-0-1, Legislation passes.

2.) SLE.40.35 Senate Account Transfer-

Hershkowitz- This is just to create a cushion for the senate. We want to transfer \$5000 from 6501 and this is usually done at the end of the year but we are looking to do it now. I request for you to pass this.

Vote: 12-0-1, Legislation passes

3.) SLE.40.36 WTOP Funds Transfer.

- President Sutherland- Does anyone know what the account title is?
- Vice President Beck- It is explained in the 3rd whereas.
- Hershkowitz- Finance committee was in favor of this bill.

Vote: 12-0-1, Legislation passes

4.) SLE.40.37 SUNY Oswego Gospel Choir Account Transfer

Crocker- We want to transfer \$1300 to buy a keyboard.

- Hershkowitz- The original amount was \$500 based on a guess because we didn't know the exact amount.
- Ward- Motion to amend- On line 11, change \$500 to \$1300, 2nd Hershkowitz

Vote on amendment: 12-0-1, Amendment passes

Vote on legislations: 12-0-1, Legislation passes

5.) SLE.40.38 Men's Club Hockey

- Hershkowitz- Motion to amend- Strike bus and hotel costs and give them \$400 for travel costs, and on line 13 change trip to trips. 2nd, Durgin.
- Robinson- I disagree with this totally, I think that they deserve the money, they have spent a lot already.
- Hubert- If this was deferred for another week how would that affect the Hockey team, we could re-refer it.
- They should be able to get enough money to cover the hotel and the gas.
- Director Smith- By the time that the bill gets passed, it would be at least 2 weeks so we wouldn't have time to re-refer it.
- Robinson- They have used so much of their money, I don't think that we should pass this amendment.
- Hershkowitz- This \$400 is for travel costs and written after we discussed them using the van for transportation.

Vote on amendment: 4-7-1, amendment fails

- Hershkowitz- I understand that you don't want this amendment, but \$1800 is a lot of money to go to Buffalo.
- Hubert- I also think that \$1800 is too much money but I think that \$400 is too little.

- Club Hockey Rep- I don't think that \$400 is too unfair but we could use \$500 just to be safe for gas and \$240 for the hotel.
- Kinnear- You have other trips to go on right? So you would need money for them also. I think that \$500 or \$600 would be fair in gas and then \$240 for the hotel.
- Robinson- Motion to amend- Line 15 amount of \$240 to \$740 total.

Vote on amendment: 12-0-1, amendment passes

- Hershkowitz- Motion to amend- Add a "finally enacted" then it states that any costs over \$500 will be paid back to SA by club hockey. 2nd Ward.

Vote: 11-0-2 amendment passes

Vote on bill: 10-0-3, Legislation passes

XI. New Legislation

- 1.) SLE.40.39 Amendments to the Student Association Constitutional Bylaws- Refer to procedure and policy for one week.
- 2.) SLE.40.40 SIFE Hotel Money for Compensation- refer to finance for 1 week
- 3.) SLE.40.41 Amendment to SLE.38.51: Student Association Committee Structure- Refer to procedure for 1 week.
- 4.) SLE.40.42 Arts Alive Trip to Washington D.C.- Refer to finance for 1 week.

XII. Roll Call: McTiernan, Swennson, Belser, Strum, Coleman, Durgin, Ward, Mapes, Hubert, Kinnear, Robinson, Hershkowitz, Westfall

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn- Robinson, 2nd Hubert
Meeting adjourned at 7:47PM



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Senate Minutes

- I. **Call to Order: 6:08PM**
- II. **Roll Call: McTiernan, Swensson, Belser, Strum, Proxy Grata, Farrell, Mott, Lamphere, Durgin, Ward, Beal, Mapes, Hubert, Chadaev, Kinnear, Robinson, Hershkowitz, Westfall**
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
 - Last weeks minutes: Motion to approve minutes: Westfall, 2nd Robinson
 - Minutes from 2 weeks ago: Motion to approve minutes: Hershkowitz, 2nd Strum
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**
 - Motion to approve agenda: Belser, Objection: President Sutherland, I would like to move the Pre Law bill to Special Orders so that it can be voted on tonight. 2nd, Hershkowitz.
 - Motion to approve Agenda: Belser, 2nd Mapes.
- V. **Public Comment**

NYPIRG

 - The higher ed. campaign is going well. This Thursday there is going to be a speak out at 12:15 in the Formal lounge and Ian Farrell will be speaking. We invited WTOP, WNYO, and the newspapers to come to the event.
 - The Hunger and Homeless group is going to be doing an Easter food drive on March 26th outside of P&C. With our last food drive we had a huge success and got enough food to benefit families until April.
 - The consumer project is underway and they are looking into the return exchange. It involves a California company and if you return merchandise to one of their stores your information is kept in a database and if you return too frequently you aren't allowed to return anymore. We are trying to find out the criteria for denying people the right to return. We would like you guys to help out and call 1-800-652-2331 to find out your report and then contact NYPIRG with your results

SIFE

 - Today we have a bill coming up for \$750 to go to NYC for a conference.
 - SIFE is a global organization that is active in 40 countries, involves 1600 colleges and 15,000 students.
 - SIFE gives away \$1,000,000 in prize money and scholarships each year.
 - We are the most active business organization on campus and we are made up of people from all majors not just business majors.
 - We are working on 17 new projects this year. The campus department is working on things such as in debt, Welcome to the Real World, and Gateway to Business. The Community Department is working on things such as the Stock market at elementary schools, Harborfest, and BOCES. The Business Department is working with places such as Toucans, Water St. and Kathmandu.
 - Our most recent event was Welcome to the Real World and we had about 274 people sign in so I'm sure there were more that just walked around and didn't sign in. This was a tool to help juniors and seniors prepare for graduation and after. We had many speakers from the campus and the city.
 - For this event we spent \$20 in copies and that was our only expense.
 - As for fundraising, we did 2 events last semester and are doing 4 this semester. Coming up we are doing a dodgeball tournament and last semester it raised us \$300.

- We get a lot of donations from places. Our website was a donation because it costs to have a website.
- All together, there are about 10 meetings a week for this organization.
- For this trip, we need 8 hotel rooms in all and we are asking the senate to pay for 3 of them. In NYC we will be competing against other schools on a 30 minute presentation. This event is a conference/jobfair/competition. In the past we have done very well and placed either 1st or 2nd.
- We are going to be paying for gas, tolls, and food along the trip.
- We raised about \$460 so far this year and actually increased our account from what was originally given to us.
- We only have 2 faculty members going on the trip.
- The reason that we decided to stay at this hotel was because it was close and if we stayed farther away, we would have to pay taxi fares and for all those people it would end up being more expensive.
- We are going to Nationals in Kansas City so we need to save the money to attend that. We got \$2300 from senate last year and we know we can't get that much this year. If we win regionals we get a \$1500 prize so that would go towards our trip to nationals. Also, the business department is going to help us fund our trip to nationals.

Cheerleading

- We have a bill going in for an upcoming competition.
- We have come a long way in the past few years. The team used to be below a High School level and now we have improved to a competitive college level. We now have about half of the team that can tumble for competition.
- We hold practice 3-4 times a week and we pay out of our pocket to take gymnastic classes and use the room there.
- There is a new level of commitment on our team that we didn't have before, everyone is really excited to compete this year.
- We went to Utica recently to support the men's basketball team.
- For our hotel it is \$70 per team member and we have 21 team members. We have \$100 discount because we are staying in the hotel where the competition is being held. We need 8 rooms at about \$100 per room.
 - Bacanskas- How many teams are in the competition?
 - Cheer Rep. - It is a national level and there are all different ages and levels there so it is a pretty big competition.
 - Robinson- How much is the hotel per night?
 - Cheer Rep. - It is going to be \$90-\$100.
 - Lamphere- How many people are staying in each room?
 - Cheer Rep. - There are going to be either 4 or 5 people in a room and the coaches each get their own room and the guys get a separate room.
 - Lamphere- What have you done for fundraising?
 - Cheer Rep. - We are working on setting up an Oswego discount card.
 - Mott- You had a \$2000 budget this year, what was that used for?
 - Cheer Rep. - We have to pay our coaches and we bought signs and new men's uniforms.
 - Mapes- How big of a problem would it be to have your coaches stay in the same room? Or have 5 people stay in one room?
 - Cheer Rep. - We can talk to our coaches and look into putting 5 people in a room.

Arts Alive

- This year we have about 35-50 members and for our trip we have 48 students from all different majors attending. There are 7 faculty who are mostly from the art department because they know all of the good places to see.
- The trip is going to be from Friday April 1st until Sunday April 3rd. We are going to be staying at the Best Western and the first day we are meeting with Roberto Bocci, a professor of art at Georgetown. We are going to be going to the Corcoran Gallery, National Gallery, Hirshorn Museum, Museum of Women in the Arts, etc.
- The charter bus that we are going to be taking costs \$2,150 and that is a definite cost.
- The hotel is going to be \$3,036 at \$89 per night for 17 rooms (4 people per room).

- Each person right now is paying \$62.
- Last year our trip was cheaper because we didn't go as far and some people are upset that the price went up. We have some people that won't be going if the price of the trip goes up anymore.
- Our bill is asking for the \$2150 for the bus. We are willing to use the \$700 that is in our account towards the bus as well.

VI. Committee Reports

- Policy: We finalized the changes to the Bylaws last week and we are going to be meeting Thursday at 7.
- Procedure: We went over the amendments to committee structure.
- Finance: For the SIFE bill, they came and talked to us and we recommend the bill as is. For Arts Alive, we recommend but with amendments. We didn't get a chance to discuss the Pre Law bill but we approve of it because I know we need the extra money in 6502.
- Involvement: We have basically just been doing advertising for the elections.
- Health & Safety: We will be meeting next Wednesday at 9:15 in the SA office.
- Elections: We met last week to discuss the Johnson debates. The voting is going to be taking place March 8th and 9th on MyOswego. There will be e-mail reminders sent out to every student. The debates went well last week however, Sean Green has withdrawn from the election so Scott Robinson is running unopposed. There are more debates tonight at 8:30 and WTOP, WNYO and the Oswegonian will be there. The last debate is going to be on the 6th in the basement of Seneca. We will be meeting next Wednesday.
 - Farrell- I nominate Senator Chadev to policy committee, 2nd Bacanskas. Nomination accepted.
- CCRT: I have a meeting this week.

VII. Special Orders

- 1.) SLE.40.46 Pre-law Club to Senate Account Fund Transfer
 - President Sutherland: I moved this to Special Orders because I have not yet signed the resolution put in to me but I am going to be doing that soon. The pre-law club feels that their money can be better spent by the Senate so they are passing it over to you and I know that you need the money soon because of all of the large bills coming up.

Vote on bill: 18-0-1, Legislation passes

VIII. General Orders

- 1.) SLE.40.39 Amendments to the Student Association Constitutional Bylaws
 - Farrell- Since the strike through bylaws just came through today I would like to send it back to policy for 1 week, 2nd Robinson.
- 2.) SLE.40.40 SIFE Hotel Money for Competition
 - Durgin- They do a really good job at budgeting the money that we give them and raising money of their own that I think they deserve this money and I hope that you agree.

Vote: 17-0-2, Legislation passes
- 3.) SLE.40.41 Amendment to SLE.38.51: Student Association Committee Structure
 - Hershkowitz- This issue came up last year around the Referendum time so we came up with a bill and passed a flawed version of the procedure. There are a few problems with the bill such as if you miss more than one meeting you could be removed from a chair position. We gave the chair member in question an extra week to rebuttal. We also changed the removal of the chair person to be done by a vote in senate instead of just the committee itself. I request debate on this because I want to know what you guys think we should change with it.
 - Hubert- In line 34, I think there should be more restriction on that. (Pertaining to the committee chair being at the meeting when they are being put up for removal).
 - Hershkowitz- If you want to put an amendment in that is fine with me.
 - Westfall- I concur with Senator Hubert, I would feel more comfortable if it said "should" instead of "must".
 - Mott- I think that the chair should get a letter saying that they can appear at Senate to defend themselves and if they don't then that is considered their attempt at rebuttal.
 - Robinson- I concur with Senator Mott.
 - Hershkowitz0 We can re-refer it to procedure and add amendments. 2nd Mott.

4.) SLE.40.42 Arts Alive Trip to Washington D.C.

- Hershkovitz- They do an annual trip every year and they are paying the cost of the hotel and food out of pocket, I think that we should try and help them out if we are able to do so.

- Mott- Motion to amend- We are going to use the \$700 in their account towards the cost of the bus and they told us that they could go up to \$65 a person and we are going to do that which changes the total amount to \$1210. 2nd Robinson.
- Hershkovitz- This is the absolute lowest amount they can go for their trip or people will drop out.
- Hubert- The trip is educational but asking them to pay more isn't a very big deal. Maybe we could change it to \$10 more instead of \$5.
- Robinson- That really is a lot to ask for a college student.
- Hubert- The meteorology club is paying more for their trip and they are going to represent the college.
- Hershkovitz- They are going some place educational and I understand the concerns but it all comes down to if they can or can't go on this trip.
- Hubert- We have about \$6000 coming up in legislation and we have to judge where to make cuts.
- Kinnear- We just cut the cost they were asking for in half.
- Lamphere- I agree with Senator Hubert that they could pay \$75 per person. They should be a little more open to the amount.
- Farrell- How many people are going on this trip?
- Arts Alive- About 48 people and they really can't afford to go if the price goes above \$65. We have to fill the bus and if we don't we will have to pay for the people that don't go.
- Swensson- We have competition bills and recreation bills, this is a recreation trip and I think that \$10 more is reasonable.
- Chadaev- Do you need to have 7 faculty members go on the trip?
- Arts Alive- We need to fill 55 seats on the bus and with the faculty we fill that.
- Chadaev- Maybe the faculty should pay more for their trip than the students do.
- Arts Alive- We can talk to them about it but they probably won't be happy having to pay more.
- Lamphere- A trip to D.C. for \$75 is a really good deal. If you went on a trip for the weekend there on your own it would be a lot more expensive.
- Swensson- You could open it up to other students to help fill the seats.
- Arts Alive- It is already open to anyone but no one has expressed interest in going.
- Swensson- I had no idea before you came here tonight that the trip was even taking place, you could advertise it better.
- Mapes- If they pay \$5 more per person, it would knock off \$200 from the price.
- Durgin- I concur with Senator Hubert and Senator Swensson.
- Kinnear- It doesn't seem worth it to change the price if half of the people are going to drop out.
- Robinson- I look at any trip as a vacation so we shouldn't be classifying these trips.
- Hershkovitz- I concur with Senator Robinson. We are fighting over \$200 and it makes a difference in whether or not they take this trip we should just vote and give them the money. I request the chair to take a vote on the amendment.
- Hubert- Objection. I think that if the trip is so important then \$5 more isn't a big deal. In finance we voted to bring the total down more.
- President Sutherland- I yield my time to Director Drogo- I don't feel that my SA money should be going to pay for the faculty as well.
- Belser- We are heckling over a small amount of money we should get past this and vote on the amendment.
- Robinson- Motion to call to question. 2nd Hershkovitz.
- Vice President Beck- If you vote yes, then you want to vote on the amendment now.

Vote on call to question: 16-2-1, passes

Vote on amendment: 15-2-2, amendment passes

- Mott- When we are talking about the trips being a vacation or a competition, I agree that they are all like vacations. The difference to us is that in a competition they are representing the school and possibly getting prizes. I really want them to go on this trip but at the same time I would choose competitions over this. They haven't done a lot of fundraising this year.
- Kinnear- We are in danger of showing favoritism to certain organizations. If going to D.C. is going to help them with their career then it means the same thing as a conference does.
- McTiernan- We aren't showing favoritism but we are restrained with money. I would like them to go but we might not have the money.
- Ward- We are in constraint but the criteria for the bills is the same.
- Arts Alive- We do represent Oswego and we will be learning a lot from this trip. We just represent in a different way. We go to the SUNY Art Exhibition and we are doing well and getting known for our work. This trip will really help fuel our fire.
- Hershkowitz- We can't say who benefits the campus more. Some organizations are out there and attempting to get jobs from conferences. We need to be careful on denying them just because we don't think they represent the campus in the same way other organizations do. We should fund this trip because it is a different kind of representation for our college.
- Hubert- It is our job to put the criteria on how we fund organizations. We need to make sure that we can fund other organizations that are coming. I would like to amend in the following ways. Line 10, 13, and 15 change the amount to \$1000. 2nd Lamphere.
- Hershkowitz- The criteria for funding doesn't say that we should fund more for competitions. I think that \$1000 for this trip is too little.
- Robinson- I concur with Senator Hershkowitz. Senator Hubert brings up a good point but I think that art is important and we don't appreciate it as much as we should. If it will help them by going to museums then we should give them the money.
- Mapes- I Request the chair to take a vote.
- Hubert- If we pass this then we will have about \$4300 left in our account and we have \$6000 coming up in bills.
- Bacanskas- I would like to call to question. 2nd Mapes

Vote on call to question: 17-1-1, passes

Vote on amendment: 5-11-2, amendment fails.

- Durgin- They are relying on a fundraiser at the very end of the year. They should have planned better for this trip.
- Mapes- Motion to vote. 2nd Kinnear

Vote on bill: 10-6-3, legislation passes

IX. New Legislation

- 1.) SLE.40.43 Cheerleading Association Competition- Refer to finance for 1 week
- 2.) SLE.40.44 OTEA National Conference- Refer to finance for 1 week
- 3.) SLE.40.45 African Student Organization- Refer to finance for 1 week

X. Executive Report

SA President- Kevin Sutherland

- I have been meeting with NYPIRG and going over the contract.
- I urge you to go to the SA debates tonight they are at 8:30 in the Union.
- You have to be fiscally careful with your budget and how you choose to distribute your money.

SA Vice President- Kristin Beck

- We have a new senator from Hart, Maria Barra.
- I have Dan Preston's report because he was unable to make it. If you know anyone that is interested in filling his position, a 200-250 word essay and a resume are due by March 8th.

Director of Finance- Nancy Smith

- I agree that you need to be using your money wisely from now until the end of the year.
- If you didn't get the pre-law money you would have been out of money now.

- So far this year there have been 18 legislations passed.
- I am working on getting fliers done to recruit a new director of finance for next year.

Director of Student Affairs- Billy Nichols

- The movie project is going well, within an hour of being out they were all in circulation.

Director of Public Relations- Andrew Drogo

- Today I printed out about 100 fliers for the elections and I did it late because I found out late. I put them up in non-legal places just so that people would see them as they passed through.
- I just want to say that for SIFE we have 8 people who are just in charge of fundraising for the year so I encourage other organizations to have even 1 person be in charge of it.
- I will probably be an off campus senator starting next month when my term is over so I will be able to give you guys some more of my view points.
 - Mapes- Please hand out these elections fliers to people that you see and hang them in your dorms. We want a big turnout.
- I can make more fliers if you need more.
- Also, I updated the website so the debate dates are on there as well.

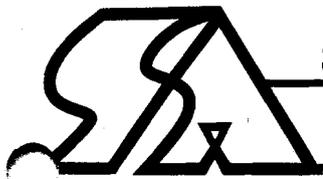
XI. Senator Issues Forum-

- Hubert- In the SIFE bill it said the number of people going was 38 but you said that 42 were going does that make a difference?
- Hershkowitz- No it doesn't matter.
- Director Drogo- If anyone wants to play dodgeball feel free to get a senate team or your own team started.
- Hershkowitz- On the topic of the elections, I just want to say that last year we had twice as many voters as in years past. Online is so much easier for people so remind people in your hall and make reminders in class. There is an e-mail to every student so everyone should be informed.
- Mapes- Make sure you do what you can to get people to vote, make announcements in your classes please!
- Farrell- I encourage everyone to attend the debates tonight and Sunday night.
- Mapes- Motion to close, 2nd Lamphere

XII. Roll Call: McTiernan, Swensson, Belser, Strum, Proxy Grata, Farrell, Mott, Lamphere, Durgin, Ward, Beal, Mapes, Hubert, Chadaev, Kinnear, Robinson, Hershkowitz, Westfall

XIII. Adjournment

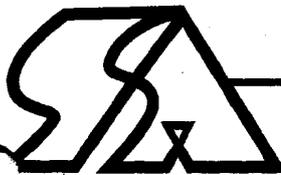
Motion to Adjourn: Hershkowitz, 2nd Robinson
Adjourned at 7:50PM



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Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Executive Report
 - Kevin Sutherland, Student Association President
 - Kristin Beck, Student Association Vice President
 - Nancy Smith, Student Association Director of Finance
 - Other Directors
- VII. Senator Issues Forum
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- IX. General Orders
 1. SLE.40.39 Amendments to the Student Association Constitutional Bylaws
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 1. SLE.40.47 Great Lake Review
- XI. Roll Call
- XII. Adjournment



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Senate Minutes

- I. **Call to Order: 6:08 PM**
- II. **Roll Call: McTiernan, Swensson, Belser, Strum, Proxy Grata, Barra, Farrell, Mott, Roberts, Armelino, Durgin, Ward, Beal, Mapes, Hubert, Kinnear, Robinson, Hershkowitz**
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes- Hershkowitz, 2nd Robinson
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda- Hubert, 2nd Belser
- V. **Public Comment**
Women's Center
 - This month is HERstory month and there have been different events going on for that.
 - Our most successful event was the Vagina Monologues.
 - We have extra fliers for you for HERstory month so feel free to take them on your way out.
 - Tomorrow is "The Female Orgasm" and we have a man and a woman coming to speak from Albany. They are going to talk about things that don't normally get talked about.**Cheerleading**
 - We have our bill up tonight to be voted on. We have been working really hard this year and we hope that this bill passes so that we can do our job of representing the school. This competition is a big deal to us and we have been working towards it for a few years now.
 - Robinson- Are you counting on all of this money to be able to go?
 - Cheer- We are having a fundraiser so we could potentially still go with only some money.**NYPIRG**
 - We currently have the referendum going on and it is a big deal to us so we are trying hard to get it passed.
 - We have had about 150 hours of volunteer hours.
 - Students can vote for us to be elected or can be on our boards.
 - We deal with many student issues and that is why people appreciate what we do.
 - This Thursday we are going to be making the basket for the easter food drive at 7:00.
 - Yesterday 350 students participated in Lobby day. They sat with legislators and we got some TV coverage.**OTEA**
 - We are trying to get to the national competition but we didn't know about it ahead of time so we couldn't plan our money for it.
 - We are going to the state competition in Buffalo but we are already paying for that out of pocket.
 - We did a fundraiser but we didn't make much profit off of it.
 - Robinson- Could you still go if you didn't get all of the money?
 - OTEA- We will try to get the money from elsewhere.
- VI. **Guests of the Senate**
Gospel Choir
 - Our concert this semester is going to be April 2nd.
- VII. **Executive Report**
SA President: Kevin Sutherland
 - Tonight finance committee is meeting to go over the budget.
 - I think there was confusion last week when I asked Senator Hershkowitz about his mug. I was saying it because I was happy to see that an SA organization had already used the new SA logo.

- I am looking forward to a week off and hope everyone enjoys their break.

SA Vice President Kristin Beck

- There are 2 new off campus senators, they are Anthoy Armelino and Zachary Roberts.
- Last week the Arts Alive bill debate started going towards discussion that shouldn't have been brought up. Try and stay away from distinguishing differences between organizations' trips.

Director of Finance- Nancy Smith

- Finance is meeting tonight and going over the budget council recommendations.
- I sent out an e-mail to pick up 3 year worksheets.
- March 23rd is the tier 3 recommendation deadline.
- April 5th is budget appeals at senate.

Director of Disability Services- Dan Preston

- On March 3rd we had a meeting to look into starting a group on campus and we only had one person attend. I think that it was due to bad timing.
- I am still looking into the band for May Day and basketball team.
- Applications and resumes are due tonight for my position.
- For the next homework: As for the first homework you were to pick a disability and determine what academic problems might arise. Now you have to take the research further and come up with a specific problem and address the problem and its solutions. Write this in a resolution format that way it will give you experience with writing a resolution.
- This is due March 29th.

Director of Public Relations- Andrew Drogo

- Director Nichols, President Sutherland and I have been working on a Tsunami relief bowling event. We are going to have different organizations get teams and compete against each other. If we fill the bowling alley we get more money so we hope to do that.
- I have been doing some promoting for the elections and I am kind of disappointed in the involvement committee. I printed out thousands of fliers, updated the website, etc. I felt like I should take a part in helping, but not do all of it. I had things air on WTOP also. I hope that for future elections, the involvement committee is more involved.

Director of Student Affairs- Billy Nichols

- March 29th is the bowl-a-thon and it is going to be \$15 per person. It will be taking place from 9:30-12 and there will be door prizes.
- I would really like to fill the alley so that we can raise more money.
- Fliers will be made available to you so you can distribute them.
 - Robinson- Is there any additional money?
 - Nichols- No
 - Crocker- Is it \$15 for everything?
 - Nichols- Yes

VIII. Senator Issues Forum

- Mott- For future elections maybe you could make the link bigger on myoswego because I had a problem finding it when I got onto the site.
- Mapes- It was made as large as it could go but I didn't realize that it was going to be that small.
- Robinson- Last year I think that it was in red and they changed that this year.
- Robinson- Some of my constituents are talking about the garbage cans that are between Tyler and Mahar and they say that garbage is everywhere. This needs to be taken care of.

Motion to close: Robinson, 2nd Strum

IX. Committee Reports

Policy: We met on Thursday and we went over Dr. Scharfenbergers suggestions for the bylaw changes. We will be meeting this Thursday at 7 in the library café.

Procedure: We discussed the bylaw changes and we added things to the SA committee structure bill. We are not meeting this week. I have an amendment to the senators rights and responsibilities.

Finance: We recommend all of the bills but we also have amendments for all of them. We are meeting this week after senate and we are going to have our usual meeting Wednesday at 9. The week we get back from spring break will probably be a longer meeting so be prepared for that.

Involvement: Thanks for helping out with the elections. We won't be meeting this week but next meeting will be the Wednesday after spring break at 9.

Health and Safety: We are looking at fire evacuation plans and security escorts.

Elections: Tuesdays debate went well but there was only 1 person at Sundays debate. In regards to the constitution changes in the election, people can e-mail me and I can send them the changes if they are interested in what they are, they were not made available on the site. We are going to meet tomorrow at 7 to go over the results. As of 4 today we had 841 voters.

CCRT: Jen Hill is actually President Stanleys daughter and she wants to come to a senate meeting this year and she is all for playing softball. Lots of people in the city try to exclude the students because if they are further in town we don't affect them as much and we want to change that. I would also really like it if someone followed up this position next year.

Nominations for committees:

- Mott nominates Armelino for Involvement Committee, 2nd Durgin
- Hershkovitz nominates Roberts for Procedure Committee, 2nd Mapes
- Farrell nominates Barra for Policy Committee, 2nd Belser

X. General Orders

1.) SLE.40.39 Amendments to the Student Association Constitutional Bylaws. – Refer to Bylaw changes packet.

Vote on legislation: 17-0-1 legislation passes

2.) SLE.40.41 Amendment to SLE.38.51: Student Association Committee- Motion to amend in the following ways- Hershkovitz- We changed the whole 2nd part of the removal procedure. 2nd Hubert.

- Robinson- I think that the questions have been answered with this amendment.
- Mott- If the person is initially at the meeting do they still get a week?
- Hershkovitz- I think that its implied that they don't.
- Mott- They don't need to have more than a week but I think that they should have some time.
- Hershkovitz- If they are there they can give their rebuttle then and if it comes down to this then they probably don't have much of a debate.

Vote on amendment: 18-0-0 amendment passes.

Hershkovitz- Currently the procedure for recall is missing 1 meeting and we knew that had to be changed so basically we are putting that in the form of a bill.

Vote on legislation: 18-0-0 legislation passes.

3.) SLE.40.43 Cheerleading Association Conference: Hershkovitz- I am personally for this bill, I think that they should get a reasonable amount. Motion to amend- Mott- Change the total amount to \$500, we struck hotel and each person will now pay \$62. 2nd Hubert.

- Hershkovitz- Is it feasible for you to go if you only get this amount?
- Cheer- We were really looking for the registration fee, we didn't tell the team that that was a required fee for this year.
- Hershkovitz- I think that we could increase this amount for them.
- Cheer- We have been working for 2 years to go to this competition.
- Roberts- How much are you expecting to get from fundraising?
- Cheer- We aren't sure how much we are going to make.
- Mott- I understand that cutting a bill this much is rough but we only have \$6000 for the rest of the semester and I feel that if they have been planning this for 2 years they could have planned the money better.
- Hubert- We are doing this now so that we don't have to do it later, we have to make cuts somewhere.
- Robinson- Some of my constituents agree that they should have more money saved up for this.
- Belser- I agree with the fact that we are asking them to pay this amount. I don't think that it is too extreme to ask them to pay \$60-65.
- Ward- I agree that \$65 per person is feasible.

Vote on amendment: 15-3-0 amendment passes.

Vote on legislation: 14-0-4 legislation passes

- 4.) SLE.40.44 OTEA National Conference: OTEA- This national conference is coming out of the regional conference, we didn't expect to be going. We don't want to send our whole team only enough to participate in the events. We are trying to get money from other sources but so far we are stuck.

Motion to amend- Mott- Change the total amount to \$500 using \$1000 from their budget. That makes it \$150 per person for a 4 day trip to Kansas City. 2nd Kinnear.

- OTEA- We are weary of taking \$1000 from our account because we had plans to buy equipment to take with us on this trip. We also don't want to ask 6 people to pay \$150 but we will do our best to figure it out.
- Farrell- How much are you willing to pay per person?
- OTEA- We are paying out of pocket for our state competition so I'm not really sure.
- Hubert- They weren't expecting this and either we way, I want them to go and I hope that they can get the money but I think we are being fair.
- Mott- If they are unable to go at least we can plan better for next year. Their department told them to come to us first and then they would see what they could do.
- Kinnear- \$500 gives them the chance to go, we need to worry about our budget.
- OTEA- The department doesn't have any money to give us and either does the school of education.
- Roberts- Why are we punishing them for their success? How much could you pay for your trip?
- OTEA- The registration is \$35.
- Farrell- What have you done for fundraising or looking to do?
- OTEA- We are looking to do t-shirts and we have had other ideas but nothing is quick enough for this trip.
- Hubert- It is a privilege to go to a conference. They said that they are there just to gain knowledge so the best people don't have to go.

Vote on amendment: 9-7-2, amendment passes.

- Ward- We should just pass the bill and give them the chance of going.
- Robinson- I really want you to get more money but if the bill was for more, it may not pass.

Vote on legislation: 18-0-0 legislation passes.

- 5.) SLE.40.45 African Student Organization: Ward- ASO benefits heritage week, this involves African rituals. I admire that they have grown as a club. Motion to amend- Hershkowitz- 1 amendment says that they need \$1350 instead of \$1500 and the other says that all revenues will go back to SA. 2nd Ward.

- Kinnear- It comes out of a joint account I think that we should pass this.
- Swensson- How much are the tickets?
- Mott- They are somewhere from \$10-13 and the 25 people that are helping out are paying \$5, they should get about \$625.
- Farrell- Are they expecting a large turnout for this event?
- Ward- There should be students from other schools attending.
- Belser- In Binghamton it was successful and I think it should be here too.
- Ward- ASO has good contacts so there should be a good turnout.

Vote on amendment: 17-0-1, amendment passes

Vote on legislation: 17-0-1, legislation passes.

XI. New Legislation

1.) SLE.40.47 Great Lake Review- Refer to finance for 1 week.

XII. Roll Call: McTiernan, Swensson, Belser, Proxy Grata, Barra, Bacanskas, Farrell, Mott, Roberts, Armelino, Durgin, Ward, Beal, Mapes, Hubert, Kinnear, Robinson, Hershkowitz

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn- Hershkowitz, 2nd Hubert

Meeting adjourned at 8:07PM