

Hartwick College Student Senate

**Minutes to be approved*

~Quorum Met~

Student Senate Assembly Agenda

- Greeting/Opening Remarks
- Passing of the Minutes
- Guest Speaker(s)
 - Meg Nowak – Vice President of Student Affairs
 - Student Affairs
 - Last day to change meal plan is 12/2/2016
 - Res Halls close a week from Friday
 - Room checks after students leave
 - Finals week preparations
 - Relax and Refresh on Saturday
 - Aroma Therapy/ Massage Therapy
 - Midnight Madness
 - Campbell is still open during the week
 - Importance of self-care
 - Now have a group of students trained in Relationship Violence
 - Will begin hosting training sessions
 - Class Sizes
 - Largest class graduating, sophomores are smallest class

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- On Campus
 - More opportunities to make living on campus more desirable
 - Incentives soon to come
- Round Table
 - No Smoking Campus
 - Willing to do it, but needs to be a student driven initiative
 - Senate: put plastic bud ash trays outside of buildings
 - Is there a chance for students to create designated smoking areas or not with the new walkway coming next year?
 - All Gender
 - Bathroom signs
 - People seem to be using all gender bathrooms without incident
 - Do we have more opportunities for all gender students?
 - Lietzell suites to be more one gender
 - *What is the legality of this measure?*
 - There is none, policy of the College
 - *Why is there any gender segregation at all?*
 - That would be attributed to the tradition of the College
 - *I would not see it as fair to have these policies in places that students need higher standing to access.*
 - There are already all gender floors in Hilltop and Oyaron. If students would like to see all gender floors in other places, please let us know.
 - Downtown Incident of November 19th, 2016

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- Two groups of Hartwick Students
 - One assumed to be group of males and a couple of females, the other a group of black female students
- One of the black females was ill at the bus stop, while her friends were tending to her aid
 - Soon after the initial black female started to become visibly ill, the other group consisting of the males and few females allegedly began to heckle the group of black females. The heckling escalated to insults being exchanged between the two groups at which point the group of males allegedly threw snowballs (said to have contained dirt) at the group of black females. The group of black females left the bus stop at that point and proceeded walking down the street to Tino's. Allegedly the group of males followed the group of black females down the street on the opposite side of the road heckling "Trump 2016! Make America White Again!" Once both groups reached Tino's there is allegedly an obscure physical altercation between a black female and an individual from the other group of students. At this point, one of the black females hailed a police officer to attract the officer's attention to the incident at hand. At this point, the other group of students ran off in different directions and scattered from the scene. Allegedly after the black female explained the situation that had just occurred to the police officers, the officers told the group of black females to relax and go home. After the group of black females had returned back to campus, they were overcome with anxiety over the incident and called Campus Safety for assistance. After the Campus Safety officer arrived to the room where the group of black females was now residing, the group proceeded to emotionally explain the incident. Allegedly after the campus safety officer finished hearing the story, the officer again told the group of girls to "Relax" and "Stop being dramatic" and proved to be of little to no assistance to situation at hand.
- Sister of sisters within the group of black females wrote a letter to the College expressing her disgust that this incident had occurred and demanded an institutional response.
- Commentary:

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- As a black female on campus, it deeply disturbs me that an incident of this nature occurred on our campus. You usually hear about incidents such as this from other places but not at Hartwick. I'm also shocked that we are all just hearing about this incident now. I definitely feel like it is our responsibility as a community to take steps to an incident like this never happens on this campus again.
 - We agree, you just never really can prepare for how we felt that night. We were scared, we felt helpless, and no matter who we tried to talk to about what happened for someone to just tell you to "stop being dramatic," I'll never forget that. I hope no one ever has to go out on a weekend to enjoy themselves and feel the way we felt that night.
 - I feel like especially now, more people the usual feel as if negativity and public bereavement is acceptable and it really is not. Granted there is a man now that is POTUS that tends to bully and be disrespectful and rude, but that does not make those behaviors acceptable for us. This is really just disgusting behavior and I am glad you came here to tell your story. Please let us know in any way we can help.
 - Thank you and it is comforting to know that we're not alone and that there are people on this campus that care.
 - I am also seriously disturbed by the story you all just told us. And now more than ever maybe it is important for us as a community to really understand cultural sensitivity. And now maybe it's important enough to do in Wick 101 or something of that nature.
 - I agree that maybe making a cultural sensitivity requirement would be the best way to ensure that an incident of this nature doesn't happen again. Plus it helps promote the tradition of acceptance at Hartwick.
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- Committee Reports
 - Clubs
 - Self-Defense Program

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- Finance
 - NTR
- Public Relations
 - '97 Things over J-Term
- Student Life
 - Student Life Survey with Amada Moske
- Judicial
 - Elections are over!
- Vice President's Report
 - Meeting with Provost Tannenbaum
- President's Report
 - Microphone in Commons vs. TV Kiosk
 - Testing SUCO's Kiosk
- Representative Reports
 - HCAB
 - O-fest elections on Hartlink until Saturday
 - RSO
 - Finished majority of shopping for Wick Buck raffle
 - Pine Lake
 - Bouldering on Saturday
 - Not sure if sauna works
 - All Greek

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- Phi Sig Glow Run & Career assistance
- AOPi Cleanup Oneonta
- CIV
 - Letters for Veterans
 - Winter Carnival was success
 - New rep Rachel
- Class Council
 - Freshman
 - NTR
 - Sophomore
 - Toys for Tots Fundraiser
 - Senior
- Sustainability
 - Meeting with Zac Brown about recycling bins in dorms
- Old Business
 - J-Term & Student Senate
- New Business
 - No New Business
- Closing Questions & Comments
 - Motion to adjourn