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Thursday, March 5, 2009

7:00 p.m. – Fort Hays Ballroom

<u>Majority</u>	
Simple:	15
2/3:	19

- I. Call to Order
VP Engel calls to order @ 7:03pm.
- II. Roll Call
Admin Asst Shellnut calls role.
- III. Guest Speakers
- IV. Executive Reports
 - a. President (Tyler Hughes)
On Friday, the initial planning stage of the SGA booth for the letter writing campaign and donations for trees in the quad took place. A handful of letters were written and approximately \$30 was donated. Pres. Hughes and LD Anglemyer worked on a few things to make the booth, from 10-2, better for next week. Met with the Student Environmental Organization to talk about Earth Day, with SGA having a recycling drive and planting trees, and they would like to help out. Have been working on preparing for the Allocation's 2nd reading and hopefully answered all student's questions. EOF recommendations will be out tomorrow, 3/06, and the first reading is Thursday.
 - b. Vice President (Cole Engel)
Extends a welcome to various members of the student body representing their organizations. He invites students to take advantage of Open Forum and to come to the student mic with any concerns or questions. VP Engel expresses his confidence in the educational experience, reminding students and senators to be mindful of others around them and viewing audience members. Be respectful.
 - c. Executive Assistant (Luke Hachmeister)
Served his office hours, while preparing for the reading of the Allocations bill and went over the previous minutes that were posted online.
 - d. Treasurer (Robyn Sellard)
Sent weekly e-mails to organizations for hearings and first readings of bills. Made final preparations for the Allocation's meeting, created a recommendation slideshow, wrote legislation for the meeting, and updated the treasurer's report but most of the changes were made to the Appropriations and Equipment Fund accounts.
 - e. Administrative Assistant (Ashley Shellnut)
Served her office hours, updated last week's minutes, and mentally prepared for the Allocation's meeting.
 - f. Legislative Affairs Director (Corey Anglemyer)
Has been rethinking the Letter Writing Campaign for tomorrow. There will be a booth in the Union from 10-2 every Friday in March. SGA is asking the student body to write short letters to Kansas state senators and representatives, a sample letter is available. They cannot hear enough how important higher education is and help is needed from the student body. Need more letters from senators during office hours or stop by the booth.

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- g. Webmaster/Historian (Doug Mercer)
Made updates to the SGA website and uploaded last year's and this year's treasurer reports.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Appropriations (Sen. Stramel)
Had two hearings for trip requests and have four bills up for first reading.
- b. Senate Affairs (Sen. Winter)
Did not meet.
- c. Student Affairs (Sen. Smriga)
Did not meet.
- d. Legislative & Political Action (Sen. Engel)
Met briefly and discussed a piece of legislation.
- e. Allocations (Sen. Winter)
Prepared for tonight's second reading.

VI. Open Forum

Avery Schultz: I am here to represent the American Democracy Project. The ADP is a national-wide project sponsored by the American Association of Colleges and Universities. It seeks to create a dialog on campuses across the nation to promote civic engagement in college age students. Specifically at FHSU we have numerous programs that allow us to meet that mission. First is the Readership Program which brings 300 New York Times newspapers and 500 Hays Daily News newspapers to the campus. Students are able to use these for free every day of the week. Currently there is a 74% usage rate of the New York Times on campus which is up 1% from previous years. Students have reported that having the New York Times on campus is nice because it gives them information in the world that the Hays Daily News does not provide. Jennifer Rogers who is a student here on campus has said that "I believe to be a good citizen a person must first know their stuff and actively participate." The Readership Program helps students to know their stuff. The Readership Program began on the campus in the fall of 2004 and has been previously funded by action plan money. The implementation of the Readership Program has lead to additional resources that pay for the operational expenses of the ADP as well as office expenses. The Readership Program has also aided FHSU's ability to receive Epsilon 2.0 at a savings of \$40,000 a year. For those of you who don't know, Epsilon 2.0 is a new course management tool that will be utilized similar to blackboard but it is still in the test phases. In addition, a direct result of the New York Times Readership Program is Times Talk. Times Talk is a lunch and discussion held on multiple topics found in the New York Times. Pizza and pop are provided for the first 25 attendees. It is held at least twice a month and the food is funded by the New York Times. Students, faculty, and community members have presented on a variety of topics. This program began in the fall of 2005. It has served approximately 2500 people to this time. Other ADP programming includes the Public Forums, Ben Franklin Papers, Service Learning, such as the ADP poster contest, Constitution Week, Civic Engagement Week, Talking Democracy, and Be Heard. Be Heard is the voter education, mobilization, and registration program. Each year voter registration drives are held on campus. In election years a Vote Slam and White House Party are held. This year an event was created to watch the inauguration. Over 250 people were in attendance. These election year events have been held three times and have showed increased participation each year. This event has been funded by FHSU entities and community businesses. ADP events are open to all students and resources. Our request is for one program of

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ADP. The New York Times Readership Program and the student labor to implement all of the programs. Your support of this amendment will allow FHSU to continue to provide a learning tool for students free of charge, continue our agreement that will provide Epsilon 2.0 at that great savings, and it shows SGA's commitment to civic engagement and the ADP at FHSU.

Sen. Purdy: Who uses Epsilon 2.0 now?

Shultz: Seven Revolutions is one of the organizations who are trying it out.

Sen. Purdy: What department?

Shultz: I believe it is Political Science.

Sen. Purdy: The Seven Revolutions?

Shultz: Yes, it's headed by Chapman Rackaway.

Sen. Quinones: How much participation would you say you have from students on campus in most of those activities?

Shultz: At the White House Party, where we watched the election results, we had over 250 people. I have numbers from the past years. Seventy-four percent of what we are asking for is for the New York Times and over 75% of those are used on campus.

Sen. Purdy: What about Times Talk? I know that the New York Times supports Times Talk. How many students go to Times Talk?

Shultz: We have an average of 24 people who come to Times Talk every week that we have it.

Sen. Purdy: But you don't have students go compared to professors?

Shultz: On average six or seven.

Sen. Stegmaier: We're talking about 75% of the New York Times is being picked up?

Shultz: Yes.

Sen. Stegmaier: How many students pick it up?

Shultz: I don't have that number.

Sen. Stegmaier: So anyone that comes on campus can grab one?

Shultz: Yes, this is true.

Sen. Purdy: Is it true that the New York Times that doesn't get picked up we are reimbursed for right?

Shultz: Yes, that is correct. We only pay for what we use.

Sen. Stegmaier: I'm curious since you brought up Times Talk, if we didn't have the New York Times here, then they wouldn't pay for the pizzas. Would Times Talk still happen?

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Shultz: No, it would not happen because, Times Talk, the topics are chosen based on what is in the New York Times. We try to align it with what's going on in the times.

Sen. Stegmaier: So would something similar take its place?

Shultz: I could but the pizza and pop wouldn't be paid for and you could choose any random topic.

Fawn Kidder: I'm the President of Panhellenic. We would like to thank you for serving the student body. It's something that is really admirable. We want to increase our Allocations request back to full funding. We want to increase the funding for our speakers. We have a speaker, TJ Sullivan. He will be speaking on apathy and motivation. That would be open to all students and student organizations in the morning and then to Greek in the afternoon. He costs \$2500 and with the cut from our speaker's fund we only have \$2,000 so we wouldn't be able to bring him on campus.

Rachel Smith: I'm the secretary and treasurer for Panhellenic. Also we would like to go back the 8 members going back to our Mid-America Greek Conference Association instead of the 6. I feel by this we can get more information to bring back to the campus and next year we are going to present it to the campus. It will be campus wide instead of just presenting it to the Greek. Also with the two extra members, we will have two extra pathways and 10 extra breakout sessions available for out information.

Sen. Winter: Hasn't it been true that you have only sent six members in the past?

Smith: This past year we sent six members but if we sent the two extra members we will have more information under our belt so we can expand out connection. With TJ Sullivan, we met him at MGCA. So he's giving us a break on his price.

Sen. Winter: Have you been able to properly bring back information with only six members though?

Smith: We have but I feel if we send the eight members we will be able to bring back more information. Our leadership skills will be better.

Kidder: Also we are planning on presenting our report from MGCA to the whole student body instead of just the Greek councils.

Sen. Purdy: Are all of the speakers open to every student on Fort Hays campus?

Smith: Every speaker in the morning session is campus wide and any student organization can come to them.

Kidder: Those speakers are mostly working on group improvements. We had a guy from Fired Up and he helped with recruitment. Organizations were able to come in the morning and he would speak basically about recruitment of members. In the afternoon it would be geared towards Greek.

Sen. Leyerzapf: Can you tell us again what topics the speakers would be going over and what kind of benefits the students would have from hearing them?

Kidder: TJ Sullivan is speaking about apathy and motivation of members. It's basically to keep members in and motivated on a daily basis.

Sen. Purdy: What was the price of the speaker again?

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Kidder: \$2500.

Sen. Leyerzapf: With the speaker at \$2500, if you don't receive funding for that are you going to be able to get another speaker or is that program gone?

Smith: No, if we don't get the original funding we will not be able to bring a speaker to campus.

Kidder: Most speakers we are looking at through the campus speaker program range from \$3-4,000. With TJ we have the connections from MGCA that we were able to lower the price to \$2500.

Treasurer Sellard: Are these speakers open to the whole campus?

Kidder: In the morning session TJ will be open to all campus organizations.

Sen. Chavez: If you guys don't get the money is there any way you can fundraise to bring the speaker to campus?

Smith: Probably not the full price of \$2500. It would be really hard for us.

Kidder: Most of the money we do use for fundraising goes into the separate councils and is used for recruitment events and things that are pertinent to the separate councils.

Sen. Braun: What kind of fundraiser do you do now?

Kidder: Both councils are into the Encore Series and Malloween during the fall.

Sen. Purdy: You say that all students are open to the morning sessions. What sessions are they not allowed to?

Kidder: All the afternoon sessions are just open to Greek organizations. It concentrates more on Greek oriented.

Sen. Purdy: If a student wanted to go to the afternoon session and wasn't in a Greek society they couldn't go?

Kidder: Not to the afternoon session but to the morning sessions they could.

Sen. Winter: So would you find it fair if we only funded half if students could only go to half the sessions, which are in the morning?

Kidder: To bring the speaker in you would still be paying the \$2500.

Sen. Winter: But all students could only go to the morning session correct?

Kidder: Yes.

Sen. Purdy: Can I have someone from Block and Bridle come to the mic and answer a few questions for me?

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Emily Griess: I am the President of Block and Bridle.

Sen. Purdy: When you were here last week we talked about the carry over that we didn't know was a budget error and you budgeted to use that money already. What were you planning on using that money for next year? It's a little confusing how it was explained last week.

Griess: If you add the carry over, \$6,310, to the \$14,000 that we requested that's the full amount we need to function. When we went over our budget, that whole amount, we had the carry over and needed to cut the amount of the carry over out so if we were fully funded we didn't request an end up with \$6,000 that we weren't going to use. Before we submitted our request we cut out that \$6,310 from the \$14,000. The \$14,000 is what we need to be fully funded in addition to the \$6,310 that we already have from the carry over. That's for the judging team.

Sen. Purdy: So it's being used for the judging team? In what regards, the \$6,000?

Griess: The \$6,000, the carry over is because we didn't have a team last year. When we have our team the money gets used for contests. We cut out the contests and had zero across the board. If you added that back in to the budget that should total to about what our carry over would equal.

Treasurer Sellard: To clarify that a little bit, that \$6,000 they took out from the carry over was because it was going to a few specific contests. So they took those out of the budget also.

Griess: We keep track of that, what goes to the judging team and what goes to Block and Bridle. You can think of it as separate even though the money is all together.

VII. New Business

- a. First Reading of Waiver 09/S/102: Tigers 4 Life Waiver Request
- b. First Reading of Bill 09/S/109: Tigers 4 Life Speaker/Event
- c. First Reading of Bill 09/S/110: Athletic Training Club Appropriations
- d. First Reading of Bill 09/S/111: Christian Challenge Appropriations
- e. First Reading of Bill 09/S/112: Fort Hays Association of Nursing Students Appropriations

VIII. Old Business

- a. Second Reading of Bill 09/S/108: Allocations Committee Funding Levels & Rational

Sen. Stegmaier motions to consider the bill with a 2nd by Sen. Winter.

Treasurer Sellard calls role for student organizations receiving a recommendation from the Allocations committee.

Sen. Engel motions to suspend the rules of the SGA constitution to allow Treasurer Sellard speaking rights throughout the discussion of the bill with a 2nd by Sen. Stegmaier.

Motion Passes.

Sen. Leyerzapf moves to amend the bill to fund an additional \$2,110 to Block and Bridle with a 2nd by Sen. Smriga.

Sen. Leyerzapf: I would like time to hear from a representative of Block and Bridle.

Emily Griess: I am from Block and Bridle.

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Sen. Leyerzapf: You guys are asking for an additional allocation of \$2,110 correct, which is for livestock judging competitions to Houston, TX, Fort Worth, TX, and Stillwater, Oklahoma?

Griess: Yes.

Sen. Leyerzapf: Does competing at these competitions expose potential students to the possibility of new students attending FHSU?

Griess: Yes, when we are competing, we rub shoulders with numerous individuals and high school students that have the opportunity to find out about FHSU and sometimes that is the only exposure they have to Fort Hays State.

Sen. Leyerzapf: How many new students will your organization bring to FHSU?

Griess: Approximately, we are estimating 10-15 students this year.

Sen. Leyerzapf: In your opinion, does the livestock judging team bring new students to FHSU every year?

Griess: Yes it does.

Sen. Leyerzapf: What will your organization lose out on if not receiving SGA funding?

Griess: If we lose out on the funding for the extra trips, this is an experience that we will not experience at the national competitions. We will lose the opportunity to network with officials and other leaders in the livestock production that are officiating at these national competitions, as well as missing out on opportunities to stay up to date on the trends in the livestock industries.

Sen. Leyerzapf: What kinds of leadership and life skills are acquired by being on the livestock judging team?

Griess: The important ones that I can think of would be organization, oral communication, critical decision making, and time management, as we are gone a lot from class and have lots of practices each week. Personally, I am going to be a veterinarian in four more years and the oral communications skills that I have gained, from livestock judging, is something I don't feel I would be able to get from anything else.

Sen. Winter: If this is such an important part of the university, can you tell me why there wasn't a team last year?

Griess: Because we had a coach change last year. That's what you have happen when you have a new staff person come in. They have to have time to recruit a team. Usually the recruiting time for a coach is in the spring. Since he wasn't here in the spring he couldn't recruit a team to come in and commit to come to FHSU.

Sen. Winter: Was there not any fall over from last year's team?

Griess: No.

Sen. Winter: So the whole team quit, there was not team, and now you want to bring it back.

Griess: If you aren't familiar with the coach change, there was an extreme change in coaching styles. The team that was coached under the previous coach decided for whatever reason that they would be done after their spring semester of judging.

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Sen. Winter: So because of the coach change, you are asking us to fund \$2,110 to restart a program under a coach that hasn't started here.

Griess: My team is the first team that has started at FHSU under this coach. That's the circumstances under which he was given.

Sen. Stegmaier: I know you've talked about this before but I'm going to have you reiterate it, for the benefit of senate. With your current budgeting, because I know you have a surplus and you've worked with it, how much money are you going to start next year with?

Griess: We have predicted that we will start with \$6,310 and that is what was cut from our budget.

VP Engel: Seeing no further discussion SGA will be on direct vote of the amendment. This amendment will amend Bill 09/S/108 to read an additional \$2,110 to Block and Bridle.

Y=16 N=12 A=0

Bill Amended.

Sen. Munson moves to amend Bill 09/S/108 to zero fund the Rodeo Club with a 2nd by Sen. Thompson.

Sen. Munson: My question to the senate and to students is why should we give money to an organization that clearly states on their Allocations form that their Allocations funding will not benefit all Fort Hays students? All 46 other student organizations/waiver groups were able to give legitimate rationale as to how their funding would benefit students. Why should this group be an exception especially when they are the only non-waiver group, besides UAB or KFHS who have clear rationale for their requests, asking for over \$30,000?

Sen. Winter: I understand that they maybe made a mistake in answering our question but I don't think they deserve to get zero funded. They still bring in big recruitment and they still have a good organization on this campus. They still deserve funding. They may have made a mistake in answering the question and I think a lot of senators misinterpreted the way that they answered the question but that doesn't change the fact that they do a lot for this campus. They bring in a lot of recruits for this campus. I don't think they deserve to get zero funded.

Sen. Stegmaier: I have a question for Sen. Munson. Your only rationale for zero funding them is an answer for a question, right?

Sen. Munson: Yes and going through their budget of student activity they don't take in any membership dues. Also they don't do any fundraising or attempt to raise any money on their own. They're relying solely on us for money to do their trips.

Sen. Thompson: I think it's difficult to misinterpret that we, like 90% of other student organizations requesting funding tonight, do not benefit students. That's pretty clear to me. There's no question as to the interpretation of how they benefit the student body. I think they made it pretty clear on their answer.

Sen. Engel moves to the previous question with a 2nd by Sen. Purdy ending the discussion on the amendment. It requires a 2/3s vote to end the discussion and moves to a direct vote of the amendment. The motion to move to previous question PASSES.

Senate is on direct vote of the amendment to zero fund the Rodeo Club.

Y=4 N=23 A=1

Amendment Fails.

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Sen. Ladd moves to amend Bill 09/S/108 to zero fund CSI with a 2nd by Sen. Winter.

Sen. Ladd: I have a hard time giving student fee dollars to an organization that already receives student fee as a line item in your student fees. To me it is double dipping, so if we're going to implement this we're going to open it up to the Athletic Department and we know how strongly we feel about the Athletic Department if they were to come and ask for additional money. I feel that we shouldn't fund an organization or department that already receives student fee dollars.

Sen. Stegmaier: I have a question for a representative from CSI. Will the money that you were proposed to receive; it does go to benefit all students correct?

Chandra Daffer: I'm the director of the Center for Student Involvement (CSI). The funding that has been requested will go directly to a student organization leadership retreat that will benefit students. If the funding is not received it will not happen because our budgets have been cut. As we are a credit production office on campus, when credit hour production on campus is down then our budget is down. With the on campus population that impacts our budget. This is something that I think is in need. LEADOFF used to be a similar program. It is not being requested or funded this year. As the creation of CSI has been enacted for three years now, I think that it makes sense that this type of an experience be funded by the SGA and a partnership come out of the CSI.

Sen. Winter: Mine is more a comment than a question. I'm with Sen. Ladd. I think student fees also benefit students and I think it's double dipping. I'm all for zero funding.

Sen. Smriga: I'm just wondering what your take is on the appropriateness for which funding it goes to. I know you went to action plan money and it was not there. It seems appropriate for action plan money. As apposed to going and trying raising the CSI fee, coming to SGA, or action plan money, what do you feel is the most appropriate way to secure the funding for this event?

Daffer: I think it would be great if action plans were there to utilize but they're not. I think it's more appropriate to ask through the Allocations process to fund this kind of event versus coming back asking for an additional two cents or five cents to our overall fee. This would be a one time.

Sen. Purdy moves for a direct vote on the amendment of to zero fund the CSI request.

Y=15 N=13 A=0

Bill Amended.

Sen. Leyerzapf moves to amend to fully fund the Rodeo Club with a 2nd by Sen. Smriga.

Sen. Leyerzapf: I would like to hear from a representative of the Rodeo Club.

Travis Camac: I am a member, the former Rodeo club president, and a competitor on the FHSU Rodeo team.

Sen. Leyerzapf: The Allocations committee state that the \$200 was for personal gain, is that correct?

Camac: The \$200 is not for personal gain. It is a fee that every institution, in our region, which is Kansas, a most of Oklahoma, and a little of Missouri, has to pay to be a member of NIRA (National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association). Each competitor from every school and our school, each member pays a \$255 fee.

Sen. Leyerzapf: You said \$255?

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Camac: Yes, each individual member has to pay the \$255 and the school pays the \$200 fee. That's what lets us have team points and be able to compete at the college national finals.

Sen. Leyerzapf: The Allocations committee also stated that the \$700 for utilities and arena update was unreasonable. Can you tell us a little bit about the repairs and what goes on out there?

Camac: Mostly the \$700 is just to pay the electricity at the outdoor arena, which is the Doug Philip Arena that is located right by the beef unit. Mostly it's just run the lights out there. It's been stated that maybe we should go to the equipment fund for repairs but I don't think they will fund us for electricity. I'm not 100% sure.

Sen. Leyerzapf: The most expensive rodeo is Oklahoma, is there any way you could compete in Kansas more instead of having to travel so far?

Camac: There are 10 rodeos in our region, which is the same as every other region. There are 11 regions in the United States. We have no control over which 10 rodeos we go to because there are only 10 rodeos in our region that we can compete in. So you must go to all 10 to gain points. There's no way around that.

Sen. Leyerzapf: What would happen if you're not fully funded for your travel expenses?

Camac: If we're not fully funded it will cut us from 30 cents to 19 cents. Right now we pay 30 cents a mile, which will about cover all of the fuel that it takes to get to the rodeos. That will be a significant amount that we will have to come up with on our own. That would be like making the football team pay for 1/3 of their fuel, which they put in the bus, to get to the games, or any other group like that.

Sen. Leyerzapf: It was stated that your mileage was excessive over last year, is that correct?

Camac: It's not excessive. Right now there are only 11 members on the team and they work it out to where they can only take 3 to 4 trucks and trailers. The year before that we had about 21 members on the team and it took us about 7 to 9 trucks and trailers, depending on the weekend. For the coming year we are planning on having an additional 11 new recruits that will be here for sure. We'll probably have another 5 to 6 on top of that.

Sen. Leyerzapf: Could you tell us a few of the steps you are taking to try and keep your costs as low as you possibly can?

Camac: It was a simple accounting error but we already cut ourselves \$2,900 on the fall rodeo just because we didn't transfer the numbers over. So we're going to have to split the money we need for the spring and fall. We're going to have to spread that back into the fall with just our spring money. That's the biggest way we did it. It was kind of an accident though. We try to get as many people as possible as we can in a single truck. You can't get more than 3 to 4 people in one truck because if they're going to take more than one horse and compete in more than one event there's no way for us to do that. Most of us don't have very big trailers.

Sen. Stegmaier: Who owns the arena that you practice at?

Camac: Both of the arenas are owned by the campus.

Sen. Stegmaier: So FHSU owns both and it's the university's property?

Camac: Yes.

Sen. Stegmaier: What kind of fundraising do you do for your organization?

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Camac: Most of the fundraising we do goes back into the scholarship fund. We put on team ropings and barrel racing. You hold money out of those. We hold some of the fees out and it goes back to the club.

Sen. Stegmaier: So the money you earn in competitions goes to the scholarship funds, is that what you're saying?

Camac: No, we put on competitions here and that goes to the scholarship fund.

Sen. Stegmaier: Are you considered a sport by FHSU?

Camac: It's not considered a sport. This school is NCAA and in any NCAA schools it cannot be an actual sport if you win money at the rodeos. The rodeos we go to, each of us pay our own entry fees. So you have the chance and ability to win money and it's illegal in the NCAA rules.

Sen. Stegmaier: So comparing yourself to the football team really is inaccurate, considering they are a sport and receive a fee?

Camac: If you don't think it's a sport.

Sen. Stegmaier: I'm talking about what the university thinks not what I think.

Camac: I consider it a sport but it's against the NCAA rules to consider us a sport and be funded like them.

Sen. Stegmaier: Okay. Considering the intercollegiate dues for Fort Hays to be recognized in your club, can you explain to me what the NIR foundation is?

Camac: It's the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

Sen. Stegmaier: Not the NIRA but the NIR foundation.

Camac: NIR?

Sen. Stegmaier: Yes, \$50 goes to the NIR and if I did my research on the website right, it's for scholarships.

Camac: I believe that's scholarships that they give at the college national finals. They take the top three in each region to the college national finals and after the national competitions are over; if you were in the top four they award scholarships.

Sen. Stegmaier: The dues you pay go to scholarships for somebody else?

Camac: Yes, possibly or it could be for us.

Winter: Obviously the big controversy is that you answered in your request that you don't benefit 90% of the university. Would you like to clear that up at this time for senators who have a problem with that?

Camac: I feel our club is beneficial to everybody. Everybody is more than welcome to come and take part in our practices. Every year, excluding this year, we hold a rodeo in the spring around April 22 and we encourage everyone to come to that. That's an exposure that most people aren't able to do every day. It's not something that you can do every day. There may be some people on our campus that may have never even seen a rodeo before. We're in Kansas and it's the Midwest. It's beneficial, that's something you can see out in the west is cowboys.

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Winter: So in your opinion the question was just misinterpreted? You do benefit but it was misinterpreted the way you answered it.

Camac: Yes.

Sen. Purdy: How much support do you think the Rodeo Club has from students on campus?

Camac: Every year with the college rodeo we hold here at FHSU we have lots of students from the campus that come but I don't know the percentage. Usually for a lot of students attending, that's the first time they have been to a rodeo.

Sen. Purdy: The reason I asked was because you compared it to the football team filling up the busses to go. I don't find it to have any bearing. They bring in a lot of money in just sales. Have you considered getting student support and proposing a line item fee to SGA for the Rodeo Club, considering the dollar amount you use?

Camac: I guess not. I don't think they've thought of doing that before.

Sen. Smriga: First off I think there was a misunderstanding with the Rodeo Club and their documents. I give them the benefit of the doubt. Also, looking at the benefit of the campus and how organizations benefit the campus is a hard thing to prove sometimes. The Rodeo Club is an organization just like any other organization. It's an interest group and a group of students who want to join because they have the same interests. Every group is like that, people could join but then they might not. The Rodeo Club is no exception; it's an organization. So for benefit, it's an opportunity for students to enjoy rodeos, to have a club, and participate in a collegiate rodeo. Can you elaborate on the prize money or the winnings that could happen at competitions? Does that money go back to the Rodeo Club? Do they keep it themselves? How does that work? Around how much money is it?

Camac: Anything you win at a rodeo you are allowed to keep. Each of us pays an entry fee. You have to pay a \$48 entry fee every time. You may win; you may not. They allow us to keep those winnings. If the school was to pay the entry fees then I can see that but we have to come up with the money. You have to pay your entry fees or you are not allowed to compete.

Sen. Engel: How involved were you in this entire process?

Camac: I've been on the Allocations committee for four years.

Sen. Engel: This year you put together the actual request and budget so you could present it accurately to the committee?

Camac: I guess I've been involved as I have every year.

Sen. Engel: Were you aware of the way the question was answered on the front page of the request?

Camac: No I was not aware of that.

Sen. Leyerzapf: Do you have an idea of how many new students your organization brings to campus?

Camac: Next year we're for sure bringing 11 that are already committed. If we did not have a rodeo team then they would not be coming to this school. They're trying to further their education but they want to further their education where they can rodeo. We're hoping for at least 16 this year and try to increase that every year.

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Sen. Sexson: You have 32 riding members?

Camac: We have 32 club members.

Sen. Sexson: If it was \$200 dues, would it be possible to collect an \$8 membership due to pay for that instead of coming to Allocations every year for it?

Camac: I guess that is a possibility but we've always decided not to do that because there is the \$255 that we have to come up with to pay our personal membership dues to the NIRA association. That's probably more substantial than other dues that other organizations have to pay.

Sen. Sexson: You said that it is the right of the rider to keep the winnings and that they're paying their entry fee. If SGA, the student fees, is paying to get you there, that is part of the cost of going and that should play into who should get those winnings.

Camac: I see that point but that's the way they have always done it. If you wanted to do it that way then I feel that they should cover the entry fees too. That's another significant amount of money each weekend. Just myself alone competing in three events, that's another \$150 per weekend.

Sen. Braun: I know we have talked about the \$50 that goes to the foundation out of the \$200 fee. It's then used for the scholarships that are presented at the collegiate national rodeo. Has FHSU ever had anybody that has gone to the collegiate national rodeo?

Camac: Yes, I went to the collegiate national rodeo and won fifth.

Sen. Welsch: How much on average do you guys get in winnings? What's a winning, is it like \$1000 and up?

Camac: No, the most you could possibly win, in a few events, is \$1000. You're not going to win first every time. They pay four to six places. You might win \$150.

Sen. Welsch: Do you have one or two students win in every rodeo?

Camac: How the rodeo is run, you have one run where everyone attending the rodeo competes. Then they take the top ten to run in a short go on Sunday afternoons and usually we have at least one competitor in the short go. They may not be in the top five but we usually have one in the top ten.

Sen. Stegmaier: The outdoor arena utilities is \$700 and I don't think student activity money should pay for that. That's Fort Hays' property and Fort Hays should pay for it, not students. I realize the \$50 is being petty but I don't think any student activity money should go for any scholarship to anybody. It's personal gain for somebody.

Sen. Engel motions to recess for 10 minutes with a 2nd by Sen. Hansen.
Motion to recess passes.

VP Engel returns the meeting to order @ 8:26pm.

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Sen. Leyerzapf: Could you explain to us a little more about the \$50 going to NIRA and how that works?

Camac: The \$50 is not optional. Our university has to pay that \$50 that is part of that \$200. If we don't none of our team points count and won't be able to compete at the national finals rodeo.

Sen. Leyerzapf: What kind of out of pocket expenses do you guys have dealing with livestock, equipment and stuff like that? What's the investment like for each of your members?

Camac: Most of us all have a truck and a trailer. For a truck it costs around \$10,000 and around \$7,000 for a trailer. Several of our horses cost anywhere from \$5-10,000. Some members have horses that are two to three times that much. Saddles, bridles, bridle pads, blankets are very expensive. A saddle can be around \$2,500. That's all stuff we have to pay for. None of that is provided. Plus we have to feed those animals. If you don't feed them then you won't be able to compete with them. Also, when we do go to rodeos, we do have other travel expenses such as food for all weekend. It costs quite a bit after awhile. The \$.30 a mile will get you there and back most of the time. Sometimes we have to spend extra for the extra fuel not covered. Most of the trucks pulling a trailer don't get good fuel mileage. There's nothing you can do about that.

Sen. Ladd: If you weren't in rodeo would you still have your truck, trailer, horses, and all of your equipment?

Camac: I might not have all of my equipment but I would still have a truck.

Sen. Stegmaier: No state money should go to any scholarship fund. Just because we don't fund the \$50 doesn't mean we can't pay the \$200. It just means that it's coming from somewhere else and they will have to make up the \$50. It's not an all or none deal. They still have to pay \$200.

Sen. Braun: Some of this isn't an expense that you have to have to compete. I know it's something you had previously but it's not required to buy to compete in rodeo for FHSU, am I correct? I know that you have to have the trailer, truck, and things like that but it's not something the rodeo team requires you to have.

Camac: You can't compete at a rodeo with out a saddle on your horse. You're not going to ride bareback. I don't understand the question. What other stuff are you referring to?

Sen. Braun: I mean you could travel with someone else. If you don't have a truck and trailer they're not going to say you can't compete. All of these expenses you are listing aren't expenses that you have to have because you can ride with someone else.

Camac: Yes, you can get a ride to the rodeos but we can't keep our horses here indefinitely. You're going to have to transport them home so you're going to have that cost anyway.

Sen. Smriga: Can you talk a little bit about if there's any money or benefits an individual in the club would get from bringing their own animal or using their own animal? Can you explain if it is all the equipment and animals owned by the club or personally owned? How that might play out?

Camac: Any of the personally owned equipment, if there are any repairs to saddles and we personally own them then we pay for that out of pocket. That has no funding through the school. Any equipment repairs such as a broken gate or a frozen waterline that's maintenance of the grounds.

Sen. Smriga: Have you talked to the administration about why the Rodeo Club pays for the utilities and not the other way around? It's university property. Have they given you a reason why it is that way?

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Camac: I don't have a reason for why but it used to be that we had to pay for utilities at the indoor and outdoor arena. The state has now taken over paying for the utilities at the indoor arena. They haven't started funding us for the outdoor arena and I think that maybe it was in the plans but due to the budget crunch we're not seeing that happening with everything being cut quite a lot.

Sen. Thompson: Can you explain any fundraising that your group does? I know you list exclusively your jewelry outlet.

Camac: That's one of the Fort Hays fundraisers. They make jewelry. I believe they were selling it in the Union. You can get it through the Rodeo Club. It's jewelry. The fundraiser that we do is we put on the barrel racing and team ropings. We use that money for scholarships.

Sen. Purdy: Can I have someone from the Allocations committee tell me why the utilities and the facility repairs were deemed inappropriate line items.

Sen. Winter: They were deemed unconstitutional because they were university property and they were increased from last year. That is why we cut those.

Camac: We sent a budget around with the utilities from the previous years. That's actually \$200 less than the past. In previous years they were \$896.84 and \$880.67.

Sen. Ladd: Have you ever considered dropping your prize winnings and becoming a sport for FHSU.

Camac: That'd be great but we can't do that because every school in the region and across the United States would have to do the same. I don't think we're going to be able to convince them of that.

Sen. Purdy: If you were to gain support from the students, for future reference, and you were to propose a line item fee, with enough students to sign, so you wouldn't have to come to Allocations. That's just to help him out. I'm okay with giving the \$200 for the NIRA fees but I think that Allocations did a good job with the utilities and repairs. Fully funding I don't agree with but I do agree with the \$200.

Sen. Stegmaier moves to the previous question with a 2nd by Sen. Ladd ending the discussion.

Y=19 N=6 A=2

Motion passes.

Y=4 N=24 A=0

Amendment Fails.

Sen. Smriga motions to amend the bill to fund the Rodeo Club \$34,600 with a 2nd by Sen. Purdy.

Sen. Smriga: I would like to make the rationale that the NIRA were paid of \$200.

Sen. Purdy: I agree with that mainly because it was for individual gain. We found out over the past week and a half that it isn't for individual gain and that it's for the group as a whole.

Sen. Leyerzapf moves for a direct vote, there are several objections noted, and the motion fails.

Sen. Winter: I'm curious why we are going back and forth battling with this NIRA dues because we've talked about it not being beneficial for the student body. I'm confused on why we keep going back to wanting to pay for this.

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Treasurer Sellard: We do not pay member dues but we do pay institutional dues for a lot of organizations. My take is to pay for \$150 since the \$50 does go to scholarships. Those are earned scholarships not by a raffle or by chance. You can call it prizes.

Sen. Smriga: I don't buy into that rationale. The Rodeo Club is not the only organization asking for a fee towards a national organization. I think to go from a level of going on a website, searching where every membership dollar goes, and then see what is justified is about three steps too far. The membership is so that our rodeo team can compete and have points. Since part of it goes to the scholarships that's not their fault. The membership fees have to be paid to be recognized.

Sen. Stegmaier: I completely disagree with Sen. Smriga. If you just blindly accept budgets and recommendations then we're not doing our job as senators. If you don't go out and do some research when you have a question then you're not doing your job. It is individual gain because it goes to a scholarship.

Direct vote of the amendment to fund the Rodeo Club an extra \$200.

Y=7 N=20 A=1

Amendment Fails.

Sen. Hansen moves to amend the bill to read \$10,480 to the American Democracy Project with a 2nd by Sen. Ladd.

Sen. Hansen: The breakdown I came up with is \$7,000, which is less than half requested, for the New York Times newspapers and \$3,480 to fully fund 15 hours of student labor. If I can have Rita Shultz come up and talk. Can you go over the programs and activities that you put on through Fort Hays that benefit students?

Avery Shultz: We have the public forums, the Ben Franklin papers, Service Learning, the ADP poster vote competition, which is held in the fall, Constitution Week, Civic Engagement Week, Talking Democracy, and the Be Heard project.

Sen. Hansen: Could you tell how readership benefits FHSU students?

Shultz: Readership benefits students by allowing them access to the New York Times which is used in the classrooms and for personal use. It's also used to prompt subjects at the Times Talks which students can attend.

Sen. Stegmaier: If the New York Times isn't funded, what's going to happen to the ADP?

Shultz: That would be unfortunate. The New York Times, if it is not funded, there will be no Times Talk, could be no Be Heard project, and I think it's important to focus on qualitative here. The New York Times prompts Times Talk. The FHSU was the first university to implement Times Talk. Now numerous universities across the nation are following suit and implementing a Times Talk program. Without the New York Times there would be no Times Talk. There would be no access to the paper on campus. The paper is used in classrooms as well.

Sen. Stegmaier: How many classes is the paper used in?

Shultz: I don't have an exact number but I think all of you have some copies of quotes from teachers that use them in the classroom and from students who use them as well.

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Sen. Stegmaier: Can students access the New York Times online?

Shultz: There are several articles that you can access but if you want to get the daily news it is not available. It's better to have the paper in front of you. You're getting exposure to more articles than if you were to go onto the New York Times and Google what you're looking for and calling it good.

Sen. Stegmaier: When the ADP started, was it a student driven initiative or student?

Shultz: It was student driven, definitely. The project seeks to increase civic engagement in students.

Sen. Stegmaier: Would you say it has done that?

Shultz: Absolutely, I think it is great.

Sen. Stegmaier: Even though you don't have numbers of students that attend the events?

Shultz: I do.

Sen. Stegmaier: You have general numbers but not specifically for students.

Shultz: Yes, that is true.

Sen. Purdy: I support the New York Times and I don't want to see it go but I have to ask this question. If we fund half of it where is the other half going to come from?

Shultz: We are seeking donors right now.

Sen. Purdy: So there's no guarantee that if we were to fund half of it that we would be funding something that is not going to exist anymore. We could possibly fund something that's not going to exist.

Shultz: No, I disagree. If you fund half of it we're going to have to cut the number of papers that come to campus. Whatever you choose to fund, it's going to be implemented for exactly what we're saying.

Sen. Purdy: So you can buy a certain amount of papers, you don't have to buy every one.

Shultz: We buy what we use. We don't have to pay for whatever we don't use.

Sen. Thompson: In order to fund student labor fully, they requested \$4,640 and according to your amendment, you're amending for \$3,480. What's with the discrepancy there?

Sen. Hansen: I'm really not that good at math. They requested for 20 hours and I'm only fully funding 15 hours of student labor.

Sen. Thompson: That clarifies it, thank you. If this is a student driven initiative, what student control is involved with this organization? Is there any administration by Dr. Hammond for instance? Do they have any control over the way funding is dispersed for your program?

Shultz: I'm afraid I don't understand the question.

Sen. Thompson: If it is a student driven initiative, were there students that started it or did it start out of administration?

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Shultz: I just started in mid September so I'm really not aware of what was going on when it was started. So I can't really answer that question for you.

Sen. Miller: This question is for Sen. Hansen. Can you repeat what you're requesting?

Sen. Hansen: I'm requesting \$7,000 which is less than half to support their New York Times papers that come to campus and \$3,480 to fund 15 hours of student labor.

Sen. Stegmaier: If student fees were to fully fund the New York Times, will only students be able to pick them up? Now I know anyone can pick them up when they come to campus. Is there any way to monitor that?

Shultz: I don't really know how we would do that. I suppose if that's what you chose to do then I could some way work that out. Currently faculty has access to them as well.

Sen. Hansen: I have documentation from 24 classroom teachers who said they use the New York Times in their classrooms and it's pretty much a requirement for students to bring the New York Times to their classrooms. I wanted to let you know that and I have a document if you would like to look at it.

Sen. Engel: Times Talk can be read and it is entirely online for weeks of information backwards. With five students on average attending Times Talk it seems we would be funding a pizza powwow for faculty and staff. As for the Epsilon software, I don't think student fees should be subsidizing academic affairs.

Sen. Hansen: Sen. Stegmaier said that there was no proof that funding is not coming from higher up in the academic affairs. Unfortunately that's true but no one doubts that ADP was started higher up. That is a true know fact that everyone in this room knows. Nobody higher up than the student worker who runs the programming of ADP funds that. ADP funds all of their programs, forums, Times Talk, and other programs like that are funded through student involvement, am I right? That's all done by you?

Shultz: Yes.

Sen. Stegmaier: I would like to make a point of clarification. I didn't say that. I believe that was Sen. Thompson.

Sen. Engel moves for a direct vote.

Y=17 N=10 A=1

Amendment Passes.

Sen. Engel moves to amend the bill to fund \$1,630 to IFC/Panhellenic with a 2nd by Sen. Smriga.

Sen. Engel: I would like to yield time to the officers in this group to justify their amendment.

Representative: What we would like to do is to take out of the Allocations fund to keep it at 10 hours, ask for \$1,000 for speakers, and fully fund for two additional members to attend MGCA as our compromise so we could get speakers on campus to better FHSU organizations.

Fawn Kidder: Speaking with our advisor, I was incorrect earlier when I said that the afternoon sessions were not available for students; they are available but the students might not understand everything that is being said.

Sen. Purdy moves for a direct vote and there is one objection noted.

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Sen. Ladd: What is the \$1,630 funding for?

Sen. Engel: It's for two additional members to MGCA at \$630 and a speaker for apathy and leadership at \$1,000.

Sen. Ladd: Why are we giving them \$1,000 when the speaker they want costs \$2,500?

Kidder: We wanted the extra \$500 to help bring in other speakers, possibly co-sponsoring speakers, and bringing in a speaker in addition to the speaker for the IFC and Panhellenic separate councils.

Sen. Smriga: In regards to members that would be going to the conference, I know it is IFC and Panhellenic, what type of member would be going to that? Is it people representing each of the Greek houses? How do you determine that?

Representative: It's the executive council from IFC. There are 6 members of the exec council on IFC and we split it up between each council. For Panhellenic we have representatives and IFC. This year we took three from IFC and three from Panhellenic. We want to add one to each group.

Sen. Winter: Are the same people going to MGCA that are going to UIFI?

Kidder: The only people that go to UIFI are the presidents of the Panhellenic council and the IFC council. When we are sending people to MGCA it is normally the other executive staff.

Representative: I went to MGCA and she did not.

Winter: But you went to both?

Representative: I went to MGCA. UIFI is this summer.

Senate will be on direct vote to amend the bill \$1,630 additional funding to IFC/Panhellenic.

Y=0 N=25 A=3

Amendment Fails.

Sen. Stegmaier motions to amend the bill to additionally fund \$2,789 to Alpha Kappa Psi with a 2nd by Sen. Engel.

Sen. Stegmaier: I would like to give my time to members of AKPsi to justify the amendment.

Tim Detrixhe: I am the President of Alpha Kappa Psi.

Charly Green: I am the treasurer.

Detrixhe: We are both members of the Zeta Pi chapter, the National Fraternity of Professional Business Leaders. The request we made was for \$10,750 serves a dual purpose. It's to take 22 members to the Principle Business Leadership Institute in Chicago, held in the spring, and also the national convention of Alpha Kappa Psi held in August.

Sen. Stegmaier: Why is it more beneficial to take more members to these conventions?

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Detrixhe: The Principle Business Leadership Institute is a forum in which former members of AKPsi come back to lecture and give seminars on what they did, throughout their college career and their career in AKPsi, to become successful in the business world. These leaders include executives, entrepreneurs, and people in academia. I believe the more people we can take, from AKPsi to this institute, it would not only benefit the members of AKPsi but the FHSU student body as well. Anyone can be a member of AKPsi and anyone, providing they are in good standing with our fraternity, can qualify to go on this trip.

Sen. Stegmaier: How many current members do you have?

Detrixhe: We currently have 28 members and 8 pledges, which are members that have not been fully initiated yet. We did have three people leave the organization this semester.

Sen. Stegmaier: How long have you been in the organization?

Detrixhe: This is my third year in the organization. I joined in the spring of 2006.

Sen. Stegmaier: How many of these conventions have you been to?

Detrixhe: I have been to two Principle Business Leadership Institutes, formally known as the Success Institute. I attended one last spring and one two weeks ago.

Sen. Stegmaier: Even though you have been to two of these conventions do you think it's beneficial for you to keep going back over and over again?

Detrixhe: I do because there are different people that come and talk about different things. Different ideas are brought up at each convention. One of the big themes this year was building a better chapter. They talked about empowering your members to go out and do good things in the world, to fight apathy within your chapter, fundraising, membership, and recruitment were also discussed.

Sen. Welsch: Can you take a few less students, take notes, and present it back to your members when you return, instead of having so many go?

Detrixhe: I don't think that's a viable mechanism for bringing back the kinds of ideas that are brought up at the Principle Business Leadership Institute. It is discussion based. They talk to us and we discuss with people across the country, other chapters, and other universities. We talk about what we can do as a group to become better business people, better people, and better students.

Sen. Winter: I just want to point out to the senators that we just wouldn't give IFC/Panhellenic money for two members to go to a conference. I don't see why we should fund 22 members to go to a conference, just as a point of reference.

Treasurer Sellard: At what point does it become a social experience and not just a learning experience with that many people, with twenty-two college students in Chicago?

Detrixhe: Of course there is going to be a social aspect to it. We get the chance to network with people from across the country, people we would not have met otherwise. I believe there were over 3,000 people in Chicago two weeks ago. It was an excellent networking opportunity for us and I think we used it as that. The social aspect was obviously there because there were 3,000 of us but it's a chance for us to branch out. That's also what AKPsi is about, being a national fraternity, is networking and being able to communicate with people outside of our little corner of the world.

Sen. Hansen: Is this the first time you have gone to Chicago?

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Detrixhe: No.

Sen. Hansen: How many years have you gone to Chicago?

Detrixhe: AKPsi has gone to Chicago long before I was in college.

Sen. Hansen: Is this the biggest group you have taken?

Detrixhe: No, I believe three years ago they took 23 members.

Sen. Smriga: I would just like some clarification, would it be 22 people going to both Chicago and Orlando?

Detrixhe: No. It's 22 people to go to the Chicago Principle Business Leader's Institute. The Orlando trip is the national convention which we are required to send two people. We were going to fundraise to send an additional two people to represent the Zeta Pi FHSU chapter.

Sen. Engel: Can I get the current budget surplus deficit and where we are at on that?

Treasurer Sellard: The budget surplus has not been touched.

Sen. Stegmaier: What kind of dues does your organization charge per member per year?

Detrixhe: Per member, per semester, the dues are \$70 but \$67 passes straight through us and goes to the national chapter, \$22 goes to our chapter insurance, \$45 goes to the national chapter, and we hold \$3 per member per semester for an activity fee.

Sen. Stegmaier: How much fundraising does your organization do every year to go on these trips and hold events?

Detrixhe: We do extensive fundraising. Not only do we have a booth at Oktoberfest, where we sell t-shirts, two car washes in the fall, two car washes in the spring, our pledges sell candles, have been staffing the Tiger's Fort which sells merchandise and FHSU apparel at sporting events, and planning on holding another fundraiser for the beginning of May.

Sen. Stegmaier: So you would say that you do quite a bit of work to go to these events?

Detrixhe: Yes. We do considerable work to send our members to these conventions.

Sen. Stegmaier: IFC/Panhellenic is a little different considering the different fraternities and sororities that belong to the different councils. They don't do a lot of fundraising for the executive councils. AKPsi does fundraising that directly benefits their members. You can't compare the two because AKPsi holds themselves financially responsible; they pay something every year to go on these trips and to be a member.

Sen. Hansen moves to a direct vote of the amendment to fully fund AKPsi request at an additional \$2,789.

Y=4 N=22 A=2

Amendment Fails.

Sen. Miller motions to recess for 10 minutes with a 2nd by Sen. Stegmaier at 9:10pm and the meeting will be recalled at 9:20pm.

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VP Engel returns the meeting back to order at 9:22pm.

Sen. Purdy motions to amend the bill to read an additional \$26,714.73 for a total of \$55,214.73 to the Wellness Center with a 2nd by Sen. Leer.

Sen. Purdy: We've been discussing the Personal Wellness Center for a long time now and there was a proposed budget put down in the office. I want to open it up for discussion. Basically, this is to repair equipment, for core ellipticals and expresso bikes that are broken. The ellipticals cost \$13,500, for two of them, the expresso bikes cost \$10,000 for two, and the other \$3,214.73 comes from the towels, lubricants, and things to keep everything in order. As you heard from Dr. Burnett, they don't have enough towels. They're running out and constantly having to do laundry. I would like to yield some time to Dr. Burnett to come to the mic and explain the shape these items are in and why we need them.

Dr. Burnett: Thank you senator. The ellipticals and expresso bikes will go for a direct replacement, the cardio equipment that we have on the west side that are over 10 years old now. As I started looking closer two weeks ago, several of the pieces of equipment are over 15 years old. I'm putting more and more money into equipment than it's actually worth. So the pieces of machinery will better serve the students and not need further maintenance. Also so the equipment is more available. We're putting more money into them than their worth. When the machines do break, maintenance is coming from Wichita because they have to be licensed dealer to fix the machine. With the new machines, I actually get a two year warranty on the machines and that is for parts and labor. We are the only state institution in the state of Kansas that gets the two year warranty. Everybody else gets a year warranty. I worked out the deal with Mid-State's Fitness, out of Wichita. I threatened to take this out of state and I had leverage with that. K-U, K-State, Washburn, Emporia, and Pitt State don't get the warranty for parts and labor that we do. We also have a different geographical location. The daily expenses are very simple. It takes a lot of towels, lubricants for daily maintenance, and carpet fresheners for people using the machines to keep the center moving forward. When people come at 6:30 in the morning we are not out of towels. Because the participatory numbers are so high, many times by 4 or 5 o'clock we are completely out of towels. Those towels seem to disappear. I think the students are using them for money and so we're running out. It's also to keep the center sanitized. I had a long discussion with Student Affairs and we're in the middle of strep or flu season. We're trying to keep equipment working and towels clean so that's not spread within the center. It's the perfect place for it to spread. This is simple, what am I trying to do? I'm trying to be more serviced to the students. Last year at 68,331 participating people in the center, this year we're going to be well over 70,000 and 90% of those are students. That is an outstanding number. When we renovated the center, two years ago, nobody, including myself, thought that the numbers would be this extraordinary. That's where we are at and we are continuing to grow. In order to get you to grow we're trying to keep the excellence in the Wellness Center.

Sen. Purdy: How much does it cost to repair equipment when it breaks? Is it expensive?

Dr. Burnett: It is \$1,000 a pop. It's almost no matter what the problem is. That's a great deal because what I get charged from Mid-States is another deal I have worked out. They only charge me for a one way drive, of course, everybody else get charged for a two way drive. It's expensive to fix the machines. That is why it is so important to keep updating on a yearly basis. Not every year do you have to have a large number but that's why it's so important to do that because you are falling under the labor and warranty. They have to come out here free of charge. When those run out over time and you keep putting more and more money into the machines then you have put in more money than what the machine is worth and now we have an issue. I have a couple of bikes that keep breaking down and I've put \$4-5,000 in some of them. Their batteries aren't charging and they need to be replaced. It's wear and tear because we have such a high level of students that are involved. What a great problem we have but there needs to be a solution.

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Sen. Stegmaier: Why exactly wasn't this extra \$26,000 on your original Allocation's request?

Dr. Burnett: That question also came up in Allocations. My thought process was that I've never been to Allocations before. Mostly from the administration, I was told I was not allowed to come and so to put a number for what really needed to support the Wellness Center, I didn't request that extra \$26,000. I put down the number that barely gets us by. I was asked to put together a number of what would actually not only just get us by, and hope to get us by, but to bring the standard up for students so they are not waiting on machines.

Sen. Leyerzapf: Can you tell us some of the safety concerns you might have with equipment that are getting worn out and what could happen to people?

Dr. Burnett: I have a pre-core machine, a cable machine, and both handles broke while someone was using it. That needs to be replaced. That's not cheap. It goes into maintenance and daily expense of having those fixed. People can get hurt and it can get serious. Belts break and you don't want to have that happen when people are running on tread mills. Screws come out. Those are the things that you have to be concerned about and those are the things that I am concerned about. We have a high usage. I talked to Student Affairs and those are things that need to be addressed.

Sen. Purdy: What is being proposed here is kind of a necessity. That's why I didn't propose the full amount. Also on the request were iron-grip dumbbells for \$4,000, small equipment for almost \$3,000, and student labor for \$7,000. We are fortunate enough to have people that work in the Personal Wellness Center for free. They do not get paid. They do this because they feel that it is a good need and they help us out with that. The dumbbells were to alleviate congestion. I didn't feel like this was important to put in there now because we are in a financial crisis and I understand that. This will require us to tap into the reserve fee and I think that it is worth it. Mainly because what is a better time to use the reserve fee when you have a rainy day? Today is a rainy day and I know next year will probably be rainier. We are not taking the reserve fee that low. We could make this a lot worse but the ultimate solution is a line-item fee next year, hopefully next year, or the year after that to get the Personal Wellness Center on its own. So they don't have to come here and ask us for money. Even above that, to alleviate congestion and for the Wellness Center to have a bond fee for its own building. That's later on down the road but these are the things and the steps that need to happen for the center so it can gain and keep growing. Also so the center can help students. This is a great opportunity for students and it is used tremendously. Are there any students that have had experiences with the ellipticals, bikes, or personal congestion in the Wellness Center?

Dr. Burnett: From having congestion in the center?

Brian Humphrey: I'm a student here and I've been in the Wellness Center a couple of times. I've seen a lot of you in the Wellness Center before. I've been there before by myself and with my teammates, from the football team, to work out extra. When we go in there there's always a lot of people there, no matter when time of day it is. That's one great thing about it. You have the atmosphere of everyone working hard but sometimes it's stressful because you only have a certain time span to get your workout done. When I go in there, I'll use the treadmill and all of them are taken up besides one or two. I go over there and one of them is broke and the other one is broke. Then I decide I'll wait there. I don't really have time to wait there. Now what happens is I either decide I'm not going to do that for the day or do something else. I think it would be very beneficial to all students on campus. The Wellness Center is a great asset to our campus. I'm proud to be able to use it. It's something to have pride in and I hope it's something we have pride in, in the future.

Sen. Sexson: Tonight we've had a discussion on what groups really provide a benefit the whole campus, which came up with the Rodeo Club. We assume that everybody can't have an effect on everybody because they are interest groups. The Wellness Center is available for everybody, not just for a certain

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department, major, or athletes. The athletes have their own gym that they can work out in. It's a service that the majority of campus uses.

Sen. Leer: The Wellness Center is literally by the students, of the students, and for the students. We raised the money for it to be built. The students use it and volunteer there. With us buying this, it's us taking care of our investment. We need to take care of the center because it's probably the most used service on the campus. To vote this down, it's saying no to our constituents because it's so widely used.

Sen. Winter: I don't think a lot of the senators understand what the committee was thinking. We did hold back \$120,000 of the reserve because of the economic issues we're about ready to face. If we don't hold back some of this money, these organizations are looking at not getting any funding in the near future. Holding back this money is helping them get money in years to come. This is the reason we didn't want to use the reserve. I'm all for the Wellness Center getting funded. I utilize it every day. I think there are other ways we can fund them without touching this reserve money.

Sen. Thompson: (to Dr. Burnett) I would like to thank you for your service to the student body.

Sen. Purdy: Can I get Treasurer Sellard to give me a total of what would be taken out of the reserve fund if we were to fund this motion fully? Where would we be sitting with the reserve?

Treasurer Sellard: \$94,247.

Sen. Purdy: I think that's an adequate amount to pass down the lines. To begin with, the reserve wasn't supposed to be there. Was it a budgeting error that that is there? What's wrong with tapping it now for this rainy day, leaving the \$94,247 for next year? I think that is adequate and if they end up giving out more money next year, and then they do.

Sen. Ladd: Pres. Hammond was generous enough to donate another 10,000 student fee hours. If we didn't have that this year, we would be dipping into the reserve already. That's \$50,000 and in two years it will be gone. I think we need as much reserve as we can right now and if we dip into it then we're going to be setting ourselves up for the next three years down the road, not having any surplus. We're going to be hurting more organizations than helping one.

Sen. Smriga: With the recommendations here on the table, if we were to pick and choose some of them, are these items the most appropriate ways? Are we leaving out things that would be more important?

Dr. Burnett: Those are the most important. I put dumbbells on there because we did finish the set out. I kept buying more cardio equipment because that was a huge need. There is congestion there but that is something that we will have deal with. The small equipment is something that can definitely go to the equipment fund. I'm spending more money on the machines that are not worth that much and I'm constantly having them break. It's a safety issue. The Wellness Center is where one of the tours go because it's a pride on campus. It's something to consider.

Sen. Winter: In regards to Sen. Purdy's comment, you want to leave \$90,000 in reserve but we're going to spend just under \$700,000 and you think \$90,000 is going to keep us in the next couple of years? You think the \$90,000 is going to be adequate to help organizations in future years?

Sen. Purdy: Yea.

Sen. Smriga: We're still going to have students paying student fees in the future. The money is not going to just disappear where we have this \$700,000 now. These are student fees that students come here pay. We should expect that the money is still going to be coming in next year as well, unless we lose all of our students.

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Sen. Miller: We are getting student fees for Allocations in general. Other universities have a line item fee right now for their Wellness Centers. We do not. I do not see anything wrong with funding this initiative at all.

Burnett: Every school in the state of Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Missouri, Colorado, and Kansas who has a Wellness Center has a student fee except for FHSU. They not only have a fee but a staff that runs their Wellness Center. Most of the senators do not realize that everything the coordinator and I do for the Wellness Center is completely voluntary. It's not in my contract. It's not in my performance contract. I've never asked for a dime for what I do and never will. That's somewhere between at \$36-40,000 a year job. The staff that I have that runs and personal trains, they do not receive a dime or a penny for all of the personal training, the core classes, or the boot camps. They're graduate assistants and have other duties. In their spare time they volunteer with me to run the Personal Wellness Center. It's a very unique situation.

Sen. Sexson: We're talking about asking money out of the reserve. Generally reserve is for a rainy day. I don't know if anybody has noticed but it's raining. This year we are losing money. They are cutting 3 million from the school's budget. If you just save your reserve money through the rainy day then we failed to notice the point of a reserve. I think we just need to remember that.

Sen. Leyerzapf: Just to make a point, we don't know what our economy is going to do. It could be bad next year. It might be good. It could take five years. We don't know but the Wellness Center has proven, if we're going to go over 70,000 people, which is a lot of use for this campus. You're basically trading money that is going to sit in an account for a student that could get healthier, be in better shape, live a better life, and to me it's not much of a trade. I'd rather see a healthier student.

Sen. Leer: If we're looking at the economy situation as a deciding factor on this, then how many students do we have with memberships out in town? If things keep going downhill, are they going to want to keep those memberships? When they don't and start using the Wellness Center how's the Wellness Center going to continue to maintain the equipment when the number goes up 50-75%?

Sen. Thompson moves for a direct vote. There are two objections noted and senate back on discussion.

Sen. Winter: I still understand that we're still getting student fee money. Student fee money created \$546,000 for us last year. If you want to add that to your \$94,000 in surplus, you're still less than what we're giving out this year. You're still looking at less money that you want to give out, that you're trying to save or use this year, which you're not going to be able to and these student organizations are going to suffer next year if you don't save a little bit of this now and give it to them in years to come.

Sen. Purdy: As Sen. Leyerzapf said, we don't know that the economy is going to do. My hopes are that next year they will have a line item fee and they won't have to come back here next year. The action plan money, hopefully, will be reinstated. The only reason our budget was so big this year was because it was a rainy day and we ended up having a reserve. We're lucky to have this reserve because of a budgeting error. Now that we have the reserve and it is the rainy day, the beginning could go on. When the Allocations committee goes in and allocates the funds they do a great job. I have no doubt that next year they'll be able to come up with anything that is thrown at them. We have had rainier days in the past, from what I have heard, with no reserve fund and the Allocations committee had to make cuts. They did their jobs. They did it well.

Sen. Ladd: We're funding them \$28,000. It's not like we are zero funding them. They're still going to get funded. They're still going to operational next year. These are just additional items that would be nice to have around. You're still going to be operational without this additional money, correct?

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Burnett: That's to a point. We still have bikes and people riding on them. The seats are breaking while they're riding on them. That's an issue and those things need to be replaced. Can I keep getting them fixed? Yes. Are we throwing our money away into machinery that isn't worth fixing? Yes. So economically, I don't know how smart that is to keep doing that and that's exactly what we're doing now.

Engel moves for previous question which will take senate to a direct vote requiring a 2/3 vote with a 2nd by Sen. Purdy.

Y=23 N=4 A=1

Motion passes.

Direct vote on amendment.

Y=22 N=6 A=0

Amendment passes.

Sen. Engel moves for a roll call vote with a 2nd by Sen. Miller.

Y=27 N=1 A=0

Motion passes.

VP Engel administers the roll call vote to pass Bill 09/S/08.

There are 26 votes in the affirmative and Senators Aaron Ladd and Melissa Winter vote in the negative.

Y=26 N=2 A=0

Bill Passes.

IX. Announcements

- a. Second Reading of SGA Educational Opportunity Fund Bill, Thursday 3/26
(all campus departments requesting funding must be present for this reading)
- b. Change your clocks on Sunday, 03/08, for Daylight Savings.

X. Adjourn

Sen. Stegmaier motions to adjourn with a 2nd by Sen. Purdy at 9:56pm.