Meeting was called to order at 12:04pm on February 21, 2014

**Christiano:** We have no unfinished business so we will move right to New Business. I have brought a proposal in regards to the composition of Senate. I would like to add a new section in Article II Section 5. My proposal is to add a section E. that states “Two (2) Senators elected by and from the SGA members who are part-time; contingent that part time students pay student activity fees. I have no strong attachment to the last part; however, I think it is important to have the discussion on its importance.

**Sonnet:** I like the idea. I think that if we were to have part-time students on senate then it would have to be without a stipend because they do not pay student activity fees. Also, maybe we should include something about hindering them from making financial decisions.

**Ott:** How many part-time students do we have on senate?

**Christiano:** I do not know of any.

**Ott:** the only available positions part-time students can have is At-Large at the moment.

**Christiano:** Backtracking to Simms statement. I think part-time students should have the same say as regular senators. The SGA’s main function is to fund clubs and part-time students have to pay their own way anyway. Part-time students can be in clubs, they should have the same say we do. Their decisions would be completely unbiased as well because they are unaffected.

**Sonnet:** That’s a good point.

**Ott:** Also, if a part-time student is elected At-Large then they would receive a stipend because it is based of the work they do, not if they pay student activity fees.

**Christiano:** So would we like to take out the last part were it sys “Contingent that part-time students pay student activity fees”?

**Sonnet:** Sounds good. Should we increase the number from 2 to 4? One for each committee; this would be extremely beneficial. It would also increase quorum.

**Ott:** We have enough trouble trying to get commuters to run for senate, I would think that four would be very difficult.

**Sonnet:** But the opportunity to get elected is there. What If we changed it to three? That would make it so we could send one to each committee except finance because it would not matter.
Christiano: I say we keep it two. We can also increase the number later. If we see that more than two people ran for the positions we can change it to increase it. This would be better than having an empty seat or two.

Ott: Motion to give committee recommendation to the Senate floor. To add subsection E to Section 5 Article II Two (2) Senators elected by and from the SGA members who are part-time to the SGA Constitution. (Ott, Sonnet)

Vote: Yes 3 No 0 A 0 Passed

Christiano: We will now move to open floor. Is there anything for open floor.

Ott: Motion to strike Section 5. 1 B from the SGA bylaws. (Ott, Perry)

Christiano: would you like to speak on your motion?

Ott: Yep! The way I interpret this would be that I, nor anyone else on the public affairs committee could help out someone who was asking for advice on how to campaign. If someone can and asked me what a good way to campaign was, I would not be able to assist them. I think that this is a hindrance and keeps students that do not understand from running or getting elected.

Christiano: I agree. I can refer to the last meeting where there was a strong argument against this motion. It can be seen that this section in the bylaws is in place to keep corruption at bay. A straw poll that was tied in favor of changing B. or getting rid of it entirely. I was personally in favor of striking section b.

Ott: I think we should strike this and bring it to the senate floor.

Vote: Yes 2 No 0 A 0 Passed