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**Academic Senate Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 24, 2013**  
**(Approved)**

***Call to Order***

The Senate Chairperson called the meeting to order.

***Roll Call***

The Senate Secretary called the roll and declared a quorum.

***Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2013***

**Motion XLIV-76:** By Senator Olszewski, seconded by Senator Hoelscher, to approve the minutes of April 10, 2013. The minutes were unanimously approved.

***Chairperson's Remarks***

**Senator Holland:** There are no administrators here this evening. This is the last meeting of the current Senate. I would like to thank everybody for all of their hard work. I would particularly like to thank all of the students, especially Senator Manno, for a fabulous year.

***Student Body President's Remarks***

**Senator Manno:** Senator Alvarado has officially taken over the reins as Student Body President and I wish him and the rest of the association good luck for next year. SGA is looking for senators to fill the association and all are asked to apply. Applications are available online and in the SGA office. SGA will be hosting its Club Milner Dance Party to relieve some stress by dancing outside of Milner Plaza for ten minutes on May 5 at 10:00 p.m.

**Senator Stewart:** I understand that you went for some kind of a competition of mock trials. What was the outcome?

**Senator Manno:** It was a very great experience. We went to nationals, which means that we were in the top 48 universities in the country. We saw a lot of great competition. We didn't win the championship, but it was the first time we went there.

***Advisory Items:***

***04.10.13.02 Ombudsperson Council Report (Faculty Affairs Committee)***

**Senator Horst:** The Ombudsperson Council was formed and they have filed their first report. We now have three ombudspersons. The nature of their work is confidential, so the report is intentionally vague. The Faculty Affairs Committee looked at this report and we are forwarding it as an advisory item. Al Azinger offered to address any questions that the Senate might have.

***04.10.13.01 Academic Calendar for 2017-18 (Administrative Affairs Committee)***

**Senator Holland:** In the calendar, there are a number of things that must be considered. By the time you put in everything that has to be in, there is essentially no flexibility whatsoever.

**Senator Kalter:** If you see anything wrong, like a typo, please report it to Sam Catanzaro.

**Senator ?:** There had been some discussion about aligning spring break with the local school system. I didn't know whether anything further had happened with that.

**Senator Kalter:** It's brought up every single year and every single year we have not found a way to do that.

**Senator Holland:** And we want to put our spring break as close to the middle of the semester as we can.

***Adjournment***