Minutes of the 13th Regular Meeting of the 1st Session of the 224th Year of the Societies

recorded by Sarah Barnett, Joint Senate Clerk, on November 26th, 2018.

Call to Order

* President De Mott called the meeting to order.
* SAA Barta called roll.
* President De Mott recognized the guests.
* Senator Valleysmith announced the December and the Foundation Meeting, both occurring on Saturday.
* JSP De Mott reminded senators that the Foundation Meeting is mandatory and any senator that fails to show up without an excuse will be fined $2.

Speech

* Critic Brunton introduced the trophy debate.
* Senator Gildehaus and Senator Cary debated the resolution: “Resolved: We should abolish opposable thumbs”
  + Senator Gildehaus spoke in the affirmative. They argued that opposable thumbs offer a privilege to certain animals over others.
  + Senator Cary spoke in the negation. She argued that we should be pro opposable thumbs because the power puff girls had opposable thumbs and we love the power puff girls.
* In the open chambers vote, the resolution failed and Senator Cary advanced to the next round.
* Senator Calvo and Senator Van de Sompel debated the resolution: “Resolved: More Snacks”
  + Senator Calvo spoke in the affirmative. She said we should all call women snacks more often so yeah, more snacks.
  + Senator Van de Sompel spoke in the negation. He talked about the United States’ obesity levels.
* In the open chambers vote, the resolution failed and Senator Van de Sompel advanced to the next round.
* Senator Furtado and Senator Valleysmith debated the resolution: “Resolved: Yellow Man is in it for the attention”
  + Senator Furtado spoke in the affirmative. She stated that he did this intentionally and is therefore doing it for the attention.
  + Senator Valleysmith spoke in the negation. She said that he isn’t doing it for the attention but he is just being his authentic self.
* In the open chambers vote, the resolution failed and senator Valleysmith advanced to the next round.
* Senator Brunton and Senator Watson debated the resolution: “Resolved: Ted Cruz is human”
  + Senator Brunton spoke in the affirmative. He argued that if Ted Cruz wasn’t human, we wouldn’t be able to hate him this much.
  + Senator Watson spoke in the negation. He is not human because he is a twitter bot.
* motion to extend the number of speeches to 16, seconded, passed
* In the open chambers vote, the resolution passed and Senator Brunton moved to the next round.
* Senator Roehrig and Senator Russert debated the resolution: “Resolved: The back is where it’s at”
  + Senator Roehrig spoke in the affirmative. She likes to be able to see everyone in the room and she feels like she has a better experience in the back.
  + Senator Russert spoke in the negation. She stated that in the back, you don’t focus on what is happening in the front as much and you miss out on things that occur.
* In the open chambers vote, the resolution failed and Senator Russert advanced to the next round.
* Senator Gee and Guest Xavier Rice debated the resolution: “Resolved: Allow smoking in the chambers”
  + Guest Xavier Rice spoke in the affirmative. He said that we should all be able to enjoy what we want even if that includes smoking in the chambers.
  + Senator Gee spoke in the negation. He stated that the little dab of dabblin that is done by smoking should be done outside the chambers.
* In the open chambers vote, the resolution passed and Guest Xavier Rice advanced to the next round.
* Senator Elect Moore and Senator Pollard debated the resolution: “Resolved: You shouldn’t lie to your kids about santa”
  + Senator Pollard spoke in the affirmative. She stated that if you lie to your kids about Santa, they will ask you what else have you been lying to them about and that is a can of worms you don’t want to deal with.
  + Senator Elect Moore spoke in the negation. She stated that of all the lies you can tell your kids, this is not the worst one.
* In the open chambers vote, the resolution failed and Senator Elect Moore advanced to the next round.
* Senator Shuda and Senator Gauch debated the resolution: “Resolved: Santa Claus is Luke De Mott in a Beard ”
  + Senator Shuda spoke in the affirmative. He stated that since he has never seen Santa and Luke De Mott in the same room, Luke must be santa. He also talked about President De Mott’s Milk and Cookies consumption.
  + Senator Gauch spoke in the negation. He stated that Luke De Mott is not generous or jolly enough to be Santa and therefore cannot be Santa.
* In the open chambers vote, the resolution passed and Senator Shuda advanced to the next round.
* Senator Cary and Senator Van de Sompel debated the resolution: “Resolved: This should be the last time that DiPhi meets ever”
  + Senator Van De Sompel spoke in the affirmative. He equated DiPhi to mental masturbation and called us bougie.
  + Senator Cary spoke in the negation. She said that masturbation is good and we are all problematic so there is nothing inherently wrong with us.
* In the open chambers vote, the resolution failed and Senator Cary moved to the next round.
* Senator Brunton and Senator Valleysmith debated the resolution: “Resolved: Abolish the fire department”
  + Senator Brunton spoke in the affirmative. He argued that if we abolish the fire department, libertarians will realize how terrible their ideas actually are.
  + Senator Valleysmith spoke in the negation. She stated that without the fire department, we will forget about the firemen thus forgetting about hot firemen.
* In the open chambers vote, the resolution failed and Senator Valleysmith advanced to the next round.
* Senator Russert and Guest Xavier Rice debated the resolution: “Resolved: Call your mom”
  + Guest Xavier Rice spoke in the affirmative. He said you should call your mom because she loves you a lot and is great.
  + Senator Russert spoke in the negation. She said that instead of calling your mom, you should call your whole family.
* In the open chambers vote, the resolution passed and Guest Xavier Rice moved to the next round.
* Senator Elect Moore and Senator Shuda debated the resolution: “Resolved: You should burn your copy of Mein Kempf”
  + Senator Shuda spoke in the affirmative. He argued that we should burn all books, but this one in particular because it is problematic and it would be fun to watch a book burn.
  + Senator Elect Moore spoke in the negation. She argued that if you don’t remember your history, you are bound to repeat it.
* In the open chambers vote, the resolution failed and Senator Elect Moore advanced to the next round.
* Senator Cary and Senator Valleysmith debated the resolution: “Resolved: Forks should be lomg”
  + Senator Cary spoke in the affirmative. She argued that it would be easier to reach across the table and steal people’s food. She finished with “And back scratching.”
  + Senator Valleysmith spoke in the negation. She said that you need to protect your own food, and that no one needs a long fork.
* In the open chambers vote, the resolution passed and Senator Cary advanced to the final round.
* Senator Elect Moore and Guest Xavier Rice debated the resolution: “Resolved: Nationalize Fraternities”
  + Guest Rice spoke in the affirmative. He likes beer and we should nationalize fraternities.
  + Senator Elect Moore spoke in the negation. She said the mountains will be overrun by frat boys. And they basically already are so we really shouldn’t nationalize fraternities.
* In the open chambers vote, the resolution failed and Senator Elect Moore advanced to the final round.
* Senator Cary and Senator Elect Moore debated the resolution: “Resolved: Don’t drop that duh duh duh”
  + Senator Cary spoke in the affirmative. Don’t drop that duh duh duh, sit instead
  + Senator Moore spoke in the negation. Her basketball team played that song a lot and they could have used their time so much more wisely.
* In the open chambers vote, the resolution failed.
* Senator Elect Moore won the trophy debate
* The societies moved in to a 10 minute recess.

Business

* motion for Senator Lim’s active status, seconded, passed.
* Clerk Barnett read the minutes of the last meeting.
* motion to approve the minutes, seconded, passed

Elections

* President De Mott opened the floor to nominations for the office of President.
  + PPT Valleysmith spoke on her candidacy.
  + Critic Brunton spoke on his candidacy.
  + The Societies entered executive session.
  + The Societies exited executive session.
  + PPT Valleysmith was elected President.
* President De Mott opened the floor to nominations for the office of PPT.
  + Di President Gildehaus spoke on their candidacy.
  + Di President Gildehaus was elected PPT.
* President De Mott opened the floor to nominations for the office of Critic.
  + Phi President Watson spoke on his candidacy.
  + Senator Ong spoke on his candidacy.
  + The Societies entered executive session.
  + The Societies exited executive session.
  + Phi President Watson was elected Critic.
* President De Mott opened the floor to nominations for the office of Clerk.
  + Senator Van de Sompel spoke on his candidacy.
  + Senator Jacobs spoke on his candidacy.
  + The Societies entered executive session.
  + The Societies exited executive session.
  + Senator Van de Sompel was elected Clerk.
* President De Mott opened the floor to nominations for the office of Treasurer.
  + SAA Barta spoke on her candidacy.
  + Clerk Barnett held the cactus at the rostrum for a second.
  + The Societies entered executive session.
  + The Societies exited executive session.
  + SAA Barta was elected Treasurer.
* President De Mott opened the floor to nominations for the office of SAA.
  + Senator Pollard spoke on her candidacy.
  + Senator Shuda spoke on his candidacy.
  + The Societies entered executive session.
  + The Societies exited executive session.
  + Senator Pollard was elected SAA.
* President De Mott opened the floor to nominations for the office of Historian.
  + Senator Cary spoke on her candidacy.
  + Clerk Barnett spoke on Senator Thorsheim’s candidacy.
  + The Societies entered executive session.
  + The Societies exited executive session.
  + Senator Thorsheim was elected Historian.
* Motion to adjourn, seconded, passed.