

Minutes of the Hofstra Student Government Association  
May 7, 2006  
Student Government Office, Student Center Room 207

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CABINET MEETING #1

I. The meeting is called to order at 8:26 PM by President Peter DiSilvio.

II. Passing of Clubs' Constitutions

A. President Peter DiSilvio allows Rules Chair Lisa Giunta to chair the portion of the meeting dealing with passing the constitutions for the Frisbee Club and Writers Club.

B. The Frisbee Club

1. The Frisbee Club is being reactivated because their original constitution was lost; this is a rewrite of their former constitution.
2. Lisa Giunta reads the purpose of the Frisbee Club aloud; their purpose is to play ultimate Frisbee and to go to Frisbee tournaments.
3. There will be only two positions, both called Captain. The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are removed and their powers, including budgetary duties, will be delegated to the two captains.
4. The Frisbee Club will bring their roster list on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 General Senate Meeting.
5. President Peter DiSilvio motions to vote on reactivating Frisbee Club, pending the editing of their constitution and a complete roster list by Tuesday, May 9, 2006's General Meeting.
6. The motion seconded and is voted on by a show of hands.
7. The cabinet unanimously passes the reactivation of the Frisbee Club, pending the aforementioned pending clause.

C. The Writers' Club

1. The Hofstra Writers' Club is an open forum or workshop to share any type of written work. It is for any works to be commented on and critiqued. Members can write whatever they want and bring it in. There also may be a poetry reading held one night.
2. Currently, the Writers' Club has a thirty-member roster, which they presented to Cabinet
3. The Purpose of the Writers' Club is to provide an open forum for written creative works and a medium by which they may be constructively critiqued.
4. The offices of Treasurer and Secretary will be removed and the officers of President and Vice President will distribute the powers of Treasurer and Secretary amongst themselves.
5. The President and Vice President will be elected every semester.
6. There will be no printing magazine; they will encourage members to submit finished work to Font. Rather, the Writers' Club will be a creative workshop to give feedback and free editing.
7. Joshua Lanier moves to vote to pass the Writers' Club.
8. The motion is seconded and the vote is done by a show of hands.
9. The cabinet unanimously passes the creation of the Writers' Club.

III. President Peter DiSilvio Opening Address to the Cabinet

A. Welcomes everyone and looks forward to a great year with everyone.

B. Believes that the cabinet will do great work as a team and is looking forward to it.

C. Agenda for today, May 7, 2006 Cabinet meeting

1. Plans to get committees in order
2. Set itinerary for Tuesday, May 9, 2006's General Senate Meeting
3. Plan what cabinet is doing for the summer of 2006. Does not want Cabinet to slack off this summer.

#### IV. Committee Assignment Process

- A. Vice President Simon Duncanson explains the Committee Assignment Process to Cabinet
  1. During Tuesday, May 9, 2006's General Senate Meeting, each senator will write a list stating the top three committees s/he want to be on.
  2. Cabinet members will then see the lists and select which members they would like on their respective committees.
  3. Each chair needs eight members on his/her committee.
  4. Senators will be equally distributed among committees; there will not be large disparities between the number of members in each committee.
  5. Senators can serve on more than one committee if they choose to.

#### V. Summer Projects

- A. Spirit Chairperson Sammi Rozakis
  1. Will be ordering T-shirts, pom-poms, rallying towels, and other Spirit items.
  2. Will set dates for Hofstra Hoop-La and all other major Spirit Committee events.
  3. Will try to get a couple of buses to take Hofstra students to Stony Brook for the first Hofstra football game.
- B. Appropriations Chairperson Angela Sanchez
  1. Will compile the budgets requested and passed for Appropriations for the past three years.
- C. Student Services Chairperson Lindsey Ross
  1. Will collect student surveys.
  2. Will lobby to change the white signs in the Student Center that are changed manually to electronic scrolling signs.
  3. Will lobby to get a food delivery service on campus so snacks can be delivered to residents on campus.
  4. Will lobby to improve the Recreational Center; maybe to add five to ten dollars to tuition specifically dedicated to Recreational Center.
  5. Get an electronic scrolling sign outside campus on Hempstead Turnpike to further advertise for events.
- D. Comptroller Joe Napoli
  1. Will be working with Appropriations.
  2. Will [work with Rules committee to] revamp ethics and conduct, making some changes based on his experience in the position.
- E. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta
  1. Will work with Paul Carson and Faculty Computing Services in order to get all SGA paperwork and documents online, including the Student Government Association Constitution.
  2. Will make it so clubs can do elections on Hofstra Blackboard, as well as access paperwork and their constitutions. Also, blank constitutions will be available online so those students who want to create new clubs can access them.
  3. Will create a "cheat sheet" for club purposes to make it easier for Rules/ Senate to see what purposes conflict and to pass through new clubs
  4. Will work on and campaign for the Student Government fund; will talk with Frances Rizzo about updating and placing this on the Hofstra website.
  5. Will try to push to fix Memorial Hall and pass information on to Student Services.
  6. Will work on creating a Pregnancy Resource Forum
  7. Will look through the archives and see the changes made to the Student Government Constitution over the years.
- F. Academic Affairs Chairperson Cristal Kayel
  1. Will work with Student Services Chairperson Lindsey Ross in regard to financial aid.
  2. Will create an Academic mentor program for students with faculty members of their respective departments.
  3. Will expand career services available on campus.
  4. Will expand textbook library to cover more subjects.

5. Will create a Renaissance Program, which will be a program to encourage and reward students for academic excellence.
- G. Club Affairs Chairperson Joshua Lanier
1. Will create a Club Bill of Rights
  2. Will publicize the Student Bill of Rights.
  3. Will push for Clubs to have the power to fine Student Government for transgressions as Student Government is able to fine Clubs for transgressions.
  4. Will work to change the defunct status of clubs as the idea of making a club defunct is unproductive.
  5. Will plan on how to distribute Hofstra Party Dates fairly.
  6. Will work on making it easier for clubs to amend their constitutions.
  7. Will try to put in Guide to Pride the Students Bill of Rights as well as how to create new clubs and SGA e-mail address.
- H. Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan
1. Will be at summer orientation with tri-fold pamphlets in order to make the Student Government Association known to the student body.
  2. Will look for a place to have an overnight retreat for the Fall Semester 2006 so it can be presented at the beginning of the academic year.
  3. Will work on having more senators come to events cosponsored by the Student Government; may put in the amendments for ethics and conduct that all senators have to attend at least two cosponsored events. Also, try to have Student Government events posted on Hofstra Portal.
  4. Will plan to send out weekly or bi-weekly press releases via the Hofstra Chronicle to advertise events going on during Campus; or, President Peter DiSilvio and Vice President Simon Duncanson may have a "President's Corner" in the Hofstra Chronicle as a way to address the Student Body.
  5. Will work to improve Hofstra's radio station WHRU to advertise Student Government and other Hofstra events.
  6. Will try and set up having a table in the Student Center at least every month, which Senators can staff instead of doing office hours.
  7. Will work with the Spirit Chairperson Sammi Rozakis
- I. President Peter DiSilvio
1. Will keep on printer company until the Student Government's new printer arrives.
  2. Will work with Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta to purchase a new copy machine for the Student Government office.
  3. Will attend every summer orientation meeting. Plans to have a nicely decorated table, along with cookies or candy, and a slideshow in order to showcase the events of the Student Government for the past year.
  3. Plans to read and review the Hofstra Chronicle archives for the last ten years in order to learn from our predecessors.
  5. Will lobby for a commuter parking lot somewhere on the North side of campus as commuter-only parking for the South side of campus failed to pass this year. Will give commuters more spots and encourage them to come to the Students Center, thus getting them more involved in campus life.
    - a. Both Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan and Senator Kathleen Hunker question about how often Public Safety would be able to check a commuter parking lot on the North side of campus; also, they question the reaction from residents who live near the lot that is selected to become a commuter parking lot.
    - b. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta states commuters don't need spots, but that it will encourage them to come to the Student Center.
    - c. Spirit Chairperson Sammi Rozakis asks why the parking lot in back of CV Starr is not a commuter lot.
    - d. Senator Kathleen Hunker points out that more faculty than residents park on the South side of campus.
  6. Will encourage Student Government fundraising by having a carnival with

rides on the North side of campus for Hofstra's Homecoming 2006.

- a. Student Government would receive a cut from the admission price as well as a percentage from the money earned from games.
- b. Will have tables for sororities and fraternities to sell merchandise
- c. Will be in charge of food.
- d. Will also be able to sell tables to outside vendors, charging a hundred dollars a table.
- e. The carnival will be held from a Thursday to a Saturday or a Friday to a Sunday.

J. Vice President Simon Duncanson

1. Will set up an Honor Code with Academic Affairs.
2. Will set up an Honor Code that judicial code is based on so that students may hold Administrators accountable (in regards to referendum); will work on a Student Defenders program that is based on the Honor Code. Students will have justices to serve as advisors before they go to the judicial board to ensure that due process is followed.
3. Will have the Student Government make a presentation at the International Students Orientation
4. Will streamline paperwork until January 2007 as well as put processes/ paperwork online.
5. Will have the Student Government Association work on the paperwork so that clubs do not have to do all the legwork.
6. Will work with Events Management to publicize to students and clubs that they can make orders for food from Lackmann online.
7. Will lobby for having more contacts for clubs, possibly the entire executive board.
  - a. Senator Kathleen Hunker states that last time this suggestion was attempted that it failed because of Events Management as they only want two contacts. Senate can maybe push for three contacts, but advises against pushing for the entire executive board.
  - b. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta explains that it can get complicated if you have too many contacts as people can start booking wrong things and going in their own directions if the club lacks communication.
8. Will work with University Relations to change the Hofstra Portal as it is not aesthetically pleasing.
8. Will try to get a link on main page instead of having events sectioned off to the Hofstra portal; will try to have advertisement directly on main page instead of on the Hofstra portal.
10. Will possibly have a presentation at summer orientation to explain to new students what the Student Government Association is.
11. Will give constitution to a professional parliamentarian to be revised as things are not clearly outlined in it.
12. Secretary Laura Giunta will order office supplies.
13. Will revamp delegation progress so new senators are already accustomed to senate. Will try to create an environment where delegates feel included in senate and will allow delegates to sit at the table during General Senate Meetings instead of in the galley. Delegates will also be able to speak and make motions during Senate, but will not be able to vote.

K. General Projects

1. President Peter DiSilvio states that the Student Government will continue incentives for clubs, such as sending out letters to clubs after they host successful events.
2. President Peter DiSilvio states that he will make a contact sheet and roster for the Senate and Cabinet for the General Senate Meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2006.
3. Senator Kathleen Hunker will lobby for a Jets Building in 2009.
4. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta will have a meeting toward the beginning of the year to show rules, teach parliamentarian procedure, legislation, and ethics and conduct.

5. Student Services Chairperson Lindsey Ross asks if there can be General Senate Meetings every other week.
  - a. Senator Kathleen Hunker explains that the last time this was attempted, it was a failure.
6. Student Services Chairperson Lindsey Ross asks if only the committee minutes for Appropriations and Rules can be passed and not the others.
  - a. President Peter DiSilvio explains that senate can't pick and choose which minutes need to be passed; safer to have to pass all the minutes.
7. Senator Kathleen Hunker will lobby the Town of Hempstead to either create next generation housing for new graduates or to pass subsidies for property taxes for first time homeowners/ new graduates. Encourages senators to first talk to the town council and town supervisors before going to town meetings, which are held twice a month.
8. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta and Club Affairs Chairperson Joshua Lanier will work on the Club delegation process in order to help get faculty advisors for clubs as well as allow for them to advertise.
9. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta will set up the Election commission. The members for the Election commission will be chosen by the first General Senate meeting of the Fall semester 2006 and the rules will be set up by the beginning of October 2006.
10. Vice-President Simon Duncanson reminds Cabinet of the non-denominational chapel idea
11. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta reminds the Cabinet that the Student Government also has to follow through on the referendums passed during the Spring 2006 Student Government elections.

VI. Closing

- A. Vice-President Simon Duncanson reminds the Cabinet that all the plans are listed in the minutes and therefore the Cabinet can make sure that everyone does what they have set out to do.
- B. President Peter DiSilvio plans to have a Cabinet meeting during the summer between late June 2006 and early July 2006; the specific date and time will be set later on through e-mails.

VII. The Cabinet adjourned at 9:41 PM

Respectfully Submitted

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Laura Giunta  
*Recording Secretary for the Hofstra Student Government Association*