

Minutes of the Hofstra Student Government Association
August 11, 2006
Student Government Office, Student Center Room 207

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CABINET MEETING #3

I. The meeting is called to order at 8:38 PM by President Peter DiSilvio; there is no quorum.

II. Role Call

A. Present

1. President Peter DiSilvio
2. Vice President Simon Duncanson
3. Secretary Laura Giunta
4. Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan
5. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta

B. Absent

1. Comptroller Joseph Napoli
2. Academic Affairs Chairperson Cristal Kayel
3. Appropriations Chairperson Angela Sanchez
4. Club Affairs Chairperson Joshua Lanier
5. Spirit Committee Chairperson Sammi Rozakis
6. Student Services Chairperson Lindsey Ross

III. Reports of the Cabinet

A. President Peter DiSilvio

1. Went to Board of Trustees meeting on June 20, 2006
 - a. The Hofstra Gala will be using approximately nine hundred thousand dollars.
 - b. President Rabinowitz is optimistic about union negotiations.
 - c. The Board of Trustees is offering better tenure and course load as well as smaller class sizes for professors; professors are accepting lower raises and want long distance teaching and more benefits.
 - d. Discussed Hofstra's Hurricane and Bird Flu Emergency Plans
 - e. Construction going well with Axinn Library, Brower Hall, and Monroe Lecture Hall.
 - f. The next Board of Trustees meeting is August 15, 2006.
2. Hofstra's Street Fair
 - a. The Student Government will have a dunk tank.
 - b. As of now, senators and cabinet only have to attend the Monday of Kick-Off Weekend, September 4, 2006, in order to attend the Street fair; will find out if senators need to attend any other events.
3. The Club Budgets will be done by next week, the week of Monday, August 14, 2006.
4. The phones in club offices have been cut off due to the bill being too high.
 - a. Thought it was set rate; will be discussing matter with Student Activities.
5. Town Hall Meetings
 - a. Will ask Office of Student Activities to have a Town Hall Meeting in late September; everyone from Student Activities and Dean Crance will be there so students can ask them questions.
 - b. For either the October or November Town Hall Meeting, the Board of Trustees will be present; the Student Government Association will be present for the other month, depending on which month the Board of Trustees chooses.
6. Tax Break Plan
 - a. Working with both Vice President Simon Duncanson and John Venditto, the

Town Supervisor of Oyster Bay.

7. Renovating office
 - a. The television will sit on a rotating table so it can be viewed at any place in the room.
 - b. Will be getting new tables as well as a new chair.
 - c. Cords have been moved from floor to being strategically placed on the walls.
 8. Hofstra USA now has a new sound system.
 9. Talked with Dean Crance to see if the Student Government Association could have the ability to stamp flyers for clubs.
 - a. The main objection is that if a flyer is stamped, but the event isn't booked, the club's reputation will be negatively affected.
 - b. The counter argument is that the clubs will learn responsibility if there are consequences to them failing to put on an event that they advertised for.
 10. Future Lackman Meeting
 - a. Will be discussing getting Hofstra Radio played on campus, particularly in food areas such as the Student Center, Bits and Bytes, etc.
 11. Freshman Orientation
 - a. Two hundred freshman students signed up for the Student Government Association.
 - b. Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan completed the Student Government Association brochures and they were handed out during orientation.
 12. The Student Government Association will be participating in a weekly meeting with the Office of Student Activities.
 - a. Will talk with Dean Crance about different changes in regard to clubs
 13. Monthly meetings with clubs
 - a. As the Greeks meet once a month so that the different fraternities and sororities do not have events that overlap, want to form a similar meeting with the Student Government and all club leaders.
 - i. Through these monthly meetings, the Student Government and Club leaders can attempt to prevent similar events conflicting with one another so more students will be able to attend all events.
- B. Vice President Simon Duncanson
1. Working with Kim Ryan, the new Associate Director of Student Activities
 - a. Working on Leadership Program
 - i. Blue and Gold certificate program
 - ii. There will be twenty different workshops
 - iii. Researching different speakers to discuss leadership with students
 - iv. The program will be year round and consist of committee groups where people can talk about what they learned
 - v. There will be a book on leadership that will be read and discussed during committee group meetings; students will also have journals that will be discussed during these meetings.
 - b. Will hold a Club Party, instead of holding a leadership conference like the one held last year at Hofstra's University Club
 - i. The party will be held at Hofstra USA; the room cannot be booked yet, but will be as soon as the fall semester begins.
 - ii. There will be a speaker talking about leadership through the Electric Slide
 - iii. Instead of having all of the committee members and/or cabinet speak, approximately two will be chosen.
 - iv. The party will be two and a half hours, with approximately an hour for eating and an hour and a half for the speakers.
 2. Leadership Trip in Washington D.C.
 - a. The Trip will be held September 14 to 17, 2006.
 - b. Half of the cabinet will be leaving for Washington on Thursday, September

14, 2006 and half will be leaving on Friday, September 15, 2006.

3. The paperwork for Student Activities will be different for clubs setting up events; there will be a checklist.
 4. Student Activities will set an appointment with every single active club in order to be well-informed and up-to-date on all of the clubs' different activities and events.
 5. Will be working on different Alternative Spring Breaks and Winter Breaks to offer students.
- C. Comptroller Joseph Napoli
1. There is no information available on Comptroller Joseph Napoli's progress during the summer or his plans for the fall semester.
 2. Comptroller Joseph Napoli discussed wanting to change some of the rules within Ethics and Conduct, but there is no information on his progress.
- D. Secretary Laura Giunta
1. Asks Cabinet if any specific supplies need to be ordered.
 - a. Rules Chairperson asks for different colored folders as well as labels.
 - b. President Peter DiSilvio says that the Student Government association needs a whole batch of pens and to talk with Pam Orefice in Student Activities to order them.
 - c. A label maker is also requested.
- E. Academic Affairs Chairperson Cristal Kayel
1. According to Vice President Simon Duncanson, Academic Chairperson Cristal Kayel has been working on Career Center and the Faculty Mentor Program
 2. No information available about the progress of the Tuition Referendum
 - a. Cannot make changes to the tuition until next year.
 - b. There was a proposal that some classes may change from three credits to four credit courses; however, the proposal is not being seriously considered. Rather, it was just a suggestion that came up.
- F. Appropriations Chairperson Angela Sanchez
1. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta has been working with Appropriations Chairperson Angela Sanchez to see which clubs are active and which are deactive.
- G. Club Affairs Chairperson Joshua Lanier
1. There is no information available on Club Affairs Chairperson Joshua Lanier progress during the summer or his plans for the fall semester.
 2. According to President Peter DiSilvio, the Fire Marshall examined the club offices and the office which is shared by Students Against Injustice, Women of Action, and Student Organization for Animal Rights has many violations.
 - a. Club Affairs Chairperson Joshua Lanier is responsible for having the office cleaned as soon as possible.
 3. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta says Club Affairs Chairperson Joshua Lanier has been working on a way for students to bring complaints and charges against Hofstra's faculty and staff and prosecuting them.
 - a. Has the first draft of the proposal already written.
- H. Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan
1. Completed the Student Government Association brochures.
 2. When the school year starts, will be the representation for the clubs
 3. The Student Government Association Website has been created by Frances Rizzo with the help of Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta
 - a. The Archivist for Rules has not been chosen, but s/he will be responsible for putting the Student Government General Meeting minutes online along with the Cabinet Meeting Minutes.
 - b. Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan will work on advertising for clubs on the website
 - c. As of now, all changes on the website must go through Frances Rizzo
 - i. Plan to send a whole package of changes to Frances Rizzo, including getting an accurate list of the clubs up on the website and a list of corrections written by Justice Matt Bisanz.

- d. On Hofstra's main website, there is a calendar for Student Activities
 - i. According to Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan, the calendar is not always accurate and the prominent and larger events are rarely posted.
 - 4. Student Government Association Retreat
 - a. Vice President Simon Duncanson spoke to Associate Director of Student Activities Kim Ryan about working on a retreat for the Student Government Association; she will get in touch with the Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan to discuss it.
 - b. Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan has met with resistance on the subject of the retreat as there has not been a retreat for two or three years.
 - c. Vice President Simon Duncanson reiterates to talk with Kim Ryan and confirms that there will be a Student Government Association retreat.
- I. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta
 - 1. Active and Deactive Clubs
 - a. There will be a grace period until October 6, 2006 for all clubs to have elections and get in their constitutions, rosters, or any other paperwork they may be missing.
 - b. Will email Cabinet the list of clubs that are both active and deactive.
 - i. As there is paperwork missing, Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta asks if anyone on cabinet knows if a club listed as deactive has held an event during the past year to email her and the club will be moved to the active list and be given the grace period.
 - 2. The Election Commission
 - a. The Election Commission will be chosen by the first Senate meeting.
 - b. The rules for the elections of Spring 2007 will be chosen a couple weeks later, specifically by the first week of October.
 - 3. Rules meetings will be held Mondays at 6:30 PM.
- J. Spirit Chairperson Sammi Rozakis
 - 1. Planning for all of Hofstra's Home Football games
 - 2. Hofstra Basketball Games
 - a. Will give away megaphones, foam claws, and other items to students at the basketball games
 - b. Will promote the basketball games through flyers and emails
 - 3. Although former Spirit Chairperson Nima Mansouri left the Spirit Committee in the red, the purchase orders for the fall semester are already in and everything will be fined as soon as the new budget kicks in.
- H. Student Services Chairperson Lindsey Ross
 - 1. There is no information available on Student Services Chairperson Lindsey Ross's progress during the summer or his plans for the fall semester.

IV. Other Business

- 1. Talked with Katherine Dwyer in Events Management about having clubs book their events through the internet.
 - a. Students can already order their food for events through Lackman online.
 - b. The online booking of events should be finished by next semester and will be tested out by the Student Government Association.
- 2. The first general meeting of the Student Government will be held on the second week into the semester as the first day of school is Tuesday, September 5, 2006.
- 3. Cabinet will tentatively hold meetings on Fridays in the afternoon at 4:00; however, the time may change if it proves to inconvenient.
 - a. A room still needs to be chosen for the meetings other than the Student Government office.
- 4. In order to make sure there is a quorum at all times, it has been proposed that any senator who leaves, even if temporarily, gives a note to Secretary Laura Giunta before doing so.
- 5. New Delegates and Senators

- a. To make sure all senators are able to participate in the meetings, it is advised that the same senators are not constantly called on.
- b. It is all advised not to critique new senators and delegates as harshly as new senators and delegates are still unsure about what is exactly going on during meetings.
- c. Vice President Simon Duncanson will establish ground rules when the semester begins; he will encourage all senators to be respectful and have Cabinet do the same. Furthermore, senators will not be allowed to continue speaking if they are being rude.
- d. Would like to set up a mentor program for new senators and try to assign old senators as mentors for new senators to help those who may be confused, perhaps during the delegate process. Cabinet should also try and help new senators or other senators who may be confused about the subject being discussed.
- e. Delegates will be able to sit at the table during senate instead of in the galley.

V. Future Meetings

- A. The first Senate meeting will be held September 12, 2006 at 6:00 PM in the Greenhouse.
- B. A special cabinet meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on September 12, 2006 for all Cabinet members who can attend in the rear of the Greenhouse
- C. Again, Cabinet will tentatively hold meetings on Fridays in the afternoon at 4:00; however, the time may change if it proves to inconvenient.

VI. The Cabinet adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Laura Giunta
Recording Secretary for the Hofstra Student Government Association