

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

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CABINET MEETING #5

I. The meeting is called to order at 8:04 PM by President Peter DiSilvio; there is a quorum.

II. Role Call

A. Present

1. President Peter DiSilvio
2. Secretary Laura Giunta
3. Academic Affairs Chairperson Cristal Kayel
4. Appropriations Chairperson Angela Sanchez
5. Club Affairs Joshua Lanier
6. Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan
7. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta

B. Absent

1. Comptroller Joseph Napoli
2. Spirit Chairperson Sammi Rozakis

III. New Clubs

A. President Peter DiSilvio allows Rules Chair Lisa Giunta to chair this portion of the meeting.

B. Drastic Measures

1. The representatives speak on behalf of Drastic Measures
 - a. Drastic Measures will mainly focus on Barber Shop Music instead of pop music and will look for members that have tenor and bass voices
 - b. As an entertainment group, Drastic Measures will bring a lot of joy on campus and get a lot of Hofstra students involved through their performances.
2. Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan believes that it will be a good organization.
3. The two representatives perform for Cabinet
4. One of the representatives ask how Drastic Measures will get venues to perform if they are passed
 - a. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta explains that if they are passed, they will receive a confirmation email which will outline various procedures, including booking a room.
 - b. If they have anymore questions, they can see Club Affairs Chairperson Joshua Lanier.
5. The representatives for Drastic Measures leave the room; the Cabinet has a vote by a show of hands.
6. Drastic Measures is passed unanimously.

C. The Hofstra University Business Law Bar Association

1. Club Representative Matt Bisanz speaks on behalf of the Hofstra University Business Law Bar Association.
 - a. Explains that ninety students are majoring in Business Law and that it is the only major in the business school that does not have a club associated with it.
 - b. The club will bring different speakers onto campus
2. Academic Affairs Chairperson asks what Business Law incorporates
 - a. Club Representative Matt Bisanz states that it includes Corporate Laws, Entertainment Laws, Contracts, etc.
3. President Peter DiSilvio asks about the cost of the club.

- a. Club Representative Matt Bisanz explains that the business law department will help fund speakers as well as have their own connections to people in the profession; thus, the cost should be minimal
 4. The constitution permits voting by proxy.
 5. Club representative Matt Bisanz leaves; Appropriations Chairperson Angela Sanchez motions to vote.
 6. Cabinet has a vote by a show of hands; the Hofstra University Business Law Bar Association is passed unanimously.
- D. Society for the Advancement of Computing
 1. Club Representative Matt Bisanz speaks on behalf of the Society for the Advancement of Computing.
 - a. Will be a club for computer science majors
 - b. Events include attending a conference, participating in a robotics competition, bring speakers from AITP to tell Hofstra students about what careers are available to computer science, math, and computer engineering majors.
 2. President Peter DiSilvio asks Club Representative Matt Bisanz why does the constitution permits proxy voting.
 - a. Club Representative Matt Bisanz explains that many of the members will be commuters and therefore, it would be easier to allow them to vote by proxy rather than have them gather all together at one time.
 3. Appropriations Chairperson Angela Sanchez asks about the costs for the club
 - a. The long distance trip to the conference will cost between five hundred and one thousand dollars.
 - b. The short distance trip for the Robotics Competition will cost no more than a hundred.
 - c. Additional costs will be for food for speakers.
 4. Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan asks what the main purpose of the club is.
 - a. Club Representative Matt Bisanz explains that the club's main purpose to promoting knowledge of computers on campus and to Hofstra students.
 5. Club Representative Matt Bisanz explains how the club will benefit the Hofstra community.
 - a. There are currently eighty-seven computer science majors on campus.
 - b. Computer Science 005 is one of the larger classes on classes and the professors often encourage student involvement.
 - c. The Robotics Competition as well as becoming part of the AMC chapter will help make Hofstra become more well-known.
 - d. Speakers can show students the benefits of the computer science major.
 6. Academic Affairs Chairperson Cristal Kayel asks if the above in III.D.4 are all long term plans.
 - a. While the Robotics Competition is in the summer, the conference is a short-term plan as it will be held during the Fall Semester.
 7. There is possibly a Robotics Competition held at Hofstra University as well as tentatively another regional Robotics Competition.
 8. Club Representative Matt Bisanz leaves the room; the Cabinet debates.
 - a. Public Relations Stephanie Kaplan wonders if the Society for the Advancement of Computing has a solid enough purpose and is unsure if the club will have a strong enough turnout.
 - b. Appropriations Chairperson Angela Sanchez also believes the purpose of the club is not strong enough.
 - c. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta notes that a club only needs ten members to be an active club, but membership can be considered when the club sees Appropriations; moreover, many clubs choose to have vague purposes in order to have more leeway.
 9. Academic Affairs Chairperson Cristal Kayel worries that many students will not be

- able to understand the level of computer science and will not be able to participate.
10. Club Affairs Chairperson Joshua Lanier would like to consider clubs without considering membership or the amount of funding needed later on.
 11. President Peter Disilvio states that the amount of possible membership for a club cannot be determined by a club's constitution.
 12. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta notes that as the club has a roster, advisor, and a correctly written constitution, the club is technically sound; the rules committee usually only considers the technical soundness of the club and then will allow the Senate to debate the issues before fully passing the club.
 13. The Cabinet votes by a show of hands; it is passed unanimously.
- E. Best Buddies International
1. The Club Representative for Best Buddies International speaks on behalf of Best Buddies International.
 - a. The Club Representative for Best Buddies International does a presentation for senate.
 - b. Explains that all the funding will come from fundraising; the only funding needed will be start-up money for pins, stickers, buttons, etc to help with recruitment.
 - c. The international constitution has some specific stipulations
 - i. No graduate students are allowed to participate
 - ii. The President of the club is to be chosen by a state representative.
 2. The Club Representative asks about Appropriations
 - a. Appropriations Chairperson Angela Sanchez explains the Appropriations procedure for clubs to the club representative.
 3. The Club Representative for Best Buddies International leaves the room; Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta motions to vote. Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan seconds it.
 4. The Cabinet votes by a show of hands; it is passed unanimously.
- F. Outdoor Club
1. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta notes that it also partly a reactivation of the deactive Trailblazers, which was once the Extreme Sports Club
 2. The Club Representatives speak on behalf of the Outdoor Club
 - a. There is currently no advisor.
 - i. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta explains that if the Outdoor club is passed by Cabinet, it will continue to be tabled in Senate until a Club advisor is found.
 - b. The club will focus on outdoor activities such as rock climbing, hiking, and camping.
 - c. The club will also promote Physical Fitness.
 - d. The club will make students more aware of what Long Island has to offer in terms of outdoor activities.
 - e. The club will also help to make students more aware about the environment; one way of doing this may be to bring speakers to campus.
 3. Appropriations Angela Sanchez asks about how much funding the club will need.
 - a. The Club Representatives state that the range will be five hundred to seven hundred dollars and then ask for more in the Spring Semester if there is a lot of student interest.
 4. President Peter DiSilvio asks about what trails the club plans on looking into.
 - a. The Club representatives plan to look for different trails in Nassau and Suffolk county; also planning a trip north or upstate if there is a strong membership.
 5. Appropriations Chairperson Angela Sanchez asks how the club plans to advertise.
 - a. The club plans to use posters/flyers and put them around campus and in the dormitories. Would like both residents and commuters to get involved in the club.
 6. The club also plans to offer members to get trained in CPR.

7. Academic Affairs Chairperson Cristal Kayel notes that there will probably be some New York State Guidelines that the club may have to look into.
8. The club representatives for The Outdoor Club leave the room
9. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta is concerned with insurance issues in regard to the club.
 - a. President Peter DiSilvio explains that as the trails they will be hiking on will be primary on Long Island where there are no mountains, they won't have to worry about insurance.
 - b. Moreover, if they want to go rock climbing, the club will have to go to an Extreme Sports Center in which the center will have insurance or require insurance; then, the Outdoor club can go through Student Activities to get insurance.
10. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta reiterates that the Outdoor Club is partly a reactivation of the Trailblazers
11. The Cabinet votes by a show of hands; the Outdoor Club is passed unanimously.
12. The Club Representatives for the Outdoor Club ask about getting insurance
 - a. The Cabinet explains that the Outdoor Club will have to go through Student Activities.

IV. The General Senate Meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at 6:00 PM

A. Food

1. President Peter DiSilvio plans on getting pizza, cookies, and drinks, including soda and water, for the General Senate Meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2006

B. Vice Presidential Election

1. JoAnna Sieben has been chosen to chair the portion of the meeting dealing with the election of the Vice President.
2. Rules for the Election
 - a. The candidate must be nominated and seconded.
 - b. Each candidate gets three minutes to speak.
 - c. Following this, there will be a ten-minute debate; however, the chair of the election, JoAnna Sieben, has the right to end the debate earlier or extend the allotted time if necessary.
 - d. There will then be a vote; a candidate must have fifty one percent of the present senate's vote to win.
 - e. There will be a run-off until there are only three candidates remaining; after this, there will be further debate amongst the senate. Then the vote will proceed, continuing with the run-off.
 - f. When there are two candidates, the vote will continue until one has fifty-one percent of the vote.

C. Outline for the General Senate Meeting

1. President Peter DiSilvio will call a motion to special business so that administration can speak. They will speak until approximately 6:30 PM.
2. Then Cabinet minutes will be reviewed, thus including the passing of clubs.
3. There will then be a twenty minute recess
4. Once Senate is resumed, the committee chairs will give their reports to the senate.
5. The Vice Presidential Election will then commence.
6. Following this, the Student Service Chair will be voted on.
7. Lastly, the senators will write out what committees they are interested in joining so that the committee members can be chosen by the following meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2006 at 6:00 PM.

V. Election Commission

A. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta hands out the roster for the Election Commission

1. Members of the Election Commission
 - a. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta as Chair
 - b. Senator Kathleen Hunker as Vice Chair

- c. Secretary Laura Giunta
 - d. Spirit Chairperson Sammi Rozakis
 - e. Dave Rosenthal
 - f. Liz Schmermund
 - g. Senator Mia Fields-Hall
 - h. Nicolette Smithson
 - i. Justice Matt Bisanz
2. Two spots are available on the commission; the cabinet nominates the last two members.
 - a. The Cabinet nominates JoAnna Sieben
 - b. The Cabinet nominates Comptroller Joseph Napoli
 - c. JoAnna Sieben and Comptroller Joseph Napoli will be invited to join the Election Commission before the General Setting Meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2006.
 3. President Peter DiSilvio motions to vote on the Election Commission, including JoAnna Sieben and Comptroller Joseph Napoli.
 4. The Cabinet votes by a show of hands; the Election Commission is passed unanimously.

VI. Hofstra U.S.A. Party Dates

- A. Club Affairs Joshua Lanier shows a preliminary chart for senators to fill out when attending Hofstra party dates in order to collect data, particularly about Public Safety.
 1. Will help give direction to senators when doing Ticket Policy.
 2. Senators are only supposed to remain at the party until the money is collected; they are allowed to leave afterwards.
 - a. Club Affairs Chairperson Joshua Lanier says he will make a note about this on the bottom of the chart.
 3. Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan asks if there is a time when the entrance has to be closed and no more students are allowed in; therefore, senators will know how long they are going to be staying at Hofstra U.S.A.
 - a. Public Relations Stephanie Kaplan explains that most parties go from ten to four.
 - b. Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan also notes that students who work for Public Safety are usually assigned to be at Hofstra U.S.A. an hour to two hours before a party starts; moreover, the amount of Public Safety officers should not be changing over the course of the party, but should remain consistent throughout.
 4. President Peter DiSilvio states that it is better not to mention specific times, but that the chart should remain monitoring the party hourly with general terms.
 5. Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan states that senators should be allowed to bring a friend with them so they're not bored; rather than a maximum of two senators doing ticket policy, it should be a minimum of two senators.
 6. Public Relations Stephanie Kaplan notes that the ticket policy should remain well-documented and organized.
 7. President Peter DiSilvio states that Cabinet will do the first party dates to set an example.
 8. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta states that the senate should be considerate to commuter students and give them party dates that start at earlier times so they don't have to drive home at such late hours.
 9. Club Affairs Chairperson Joshua Lanier will give the list of party dates for the Fall Semester out tomorrow for senators to look at; senators will have one week to think about it and then must sign up for a party date. However, senators are free to switch their party date with another senator afterwards.
 10. President Peter DiSilvio emphasizes that the ticket policy will be enforced as will the punishments for those who fail to do the ticket policy, including the Cabinet.
 - a. Rules Chairperson notes that the punishments for failing to do the ticket

policy are outlined in the Student Government Constitution.

V. Future Meetings

A. The next General Senate meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:00 PM.

VI. The Cabinet adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Laura Giunta

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