

Minutes of the Hofstra Student Government Association
September 18, 2006
Student Government Office, Student Center Room 207

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CABINET MEETING #6

I. The meeting is called to order at 8:15 PM by President Peter DiSilvio; there is a quorum.

II. Roll Call

A. Present

1. President Peter DiSilvio
2. Vice President Russell Akiyama
3. Secretary Laura Giunta
4. Comptroller Joseph Napoli
5. Appropriations Chairperson Angela Sanchez
6. Club Affairs Joshua Lanier
7. Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan
8. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta

B. Absent

1. Spirit Chairperson Sammi Rozakis
2. Academic Affairs Chairperson Cristal Kayel

III. Cabinet Reports

A. President Peter DiSilvio

1. Asks all Cabinet members to briefly describe their committees as well as their own duties; moreover, asks them to mention briefly what they learned at the American Student Government Association (ASGA) Conference.
2. Spoke with the new Vice President Johnson and Dean Crance
 - a. President Rabinowitz will hold a Student Leader Dinner from 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 26, 2006.
 - b. Vice President of Facilities and Operations Joseph Barquill is the new supervisor of Events Management.
 - c. At the Netherlands, there will be a "happy hour" every Friday Night which will include special cultural dinners; would like to get different clubs involved.
 - d. Spoke with them about the reason the Student Government budget was cut.
 - e. Talking about the possibility of adding a wing to the Student Center to add board rooms so that old board rooms can become office space for clubs.
 - f. Would like to set up a bus shuttle for residents and commuters that will run approximately every twenty minutes and will take students from distant on-campus parking lots to the Student Center.
 - g. Lackman has not had their contract approved; therefore, administration is asking for the Student Government to have three student representatives to sit on the board that will decide on the contract as well as interview other dining services.

B. Vice President Russell Akiyama

1. Committee Assignments
 - a. Academic Affairs
 - i. Erin McDowell
 - ii. Narissa Palmer
 - iii. Rachel Pererci
 - b. Appropriations
 - i. Sean Hutchinson
 - ii. Evan Gottlieb
 - iii. Shellie Smallberg

- iv. Kayleigh Tompkins
 - v. Hawa Wehelie
 - c. Club Affairs
 - i. Mia Fields-Hall
 - ii. Jackie Medina
 - iii. Lorraine Carroll
 - iv. Kenny Perez
 - d. Rules
 - i. Annie Harwani
 - ii. Chris Amoroso
 - iii. Patrick McDonald
 - iv. Katie Legnetti
 - v. Lydia Pleiman
 - vi. Amanda Stevens
 - e. Student Services
 - i. Nick Place
 - ii. David Blois
 - iii. Daniel Ceriano
 - f. Spirit
 - i. Lamar Cheston
 - ii. Toni-Marie Milito
 - iii. Maria Romos
 - iv. Christina Martin
 - v. Andrea Schwartz
- 2. Senators may serve on more than one committee.
- 3. May begin to implement the question and answer time at the end of every General Senate meeting, otherwise known as For the Good of the Order.
- 4. Asks if Lydia Pleiman still has the name placards for the senators; will be getting placards for the senators if not.
- 5. Will be making laminated color coded cards to indicate a senator's or delegate's stance on an issue or for the gallery to see if anyone in the gallery wants to be called on.
- C. Comptroller Joseph Napoli
 - 1. Being seeing bookkeeper Pamela Orefice everyday.
 - 2. Have been going to the Recreational Center and speaking to Patti Montaganu weekly; signed some paperwork there.
 - 3. The budget binder will be given to President Peter DiSilvio tomorrow, September 19, 2006.
 - a. Only senators will be able to handle the binder; they may give clubs the information from the binder, but cannot actually hand the binder or show the open binder to the club members in order to maintain a level of professionalism.
- D. Secretary Laura Giunta
 - 1. Will be ordering eighty Student Government Binders and one thousand Student Government pens.
 - 2. Asks all Cabinet members to email Secretary Laura Giunta their minutes.
- E. Appropriations Chairperson Angela Sanchez
 - 1. Appropriations Chairperson Angela Sanchez discussed the minutes of the first Appropriations meeting with the Cabinet.
 - 2. Will be setting up a meeting with Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta and Club Affairs. Chairperson Joshua Lanier in order to review the active and deactive clubs list.
 - 3. Would like to work on the Lackman issue with Vice President Russell Akiyama and Club Affairs Joshua Lanier.
 - 4. Would like to work with Recreational Center and find a way to pay the center a fee that would allow all clubs to use them for free as opposed to having the clubs, specifically the sports clubs, pay the center to use them; will find out more information on the costs of the field, etc.

- F. Club Affairs Chairperson Joshua Lanier
 - 1. The Roller Hockey Club has reserved a roller rink outside of campus and has got a contract with Hofstra University; however, there is a four dollar cover charge for every student each time s/he uses the rink.
 - a. It is determined that the Student Government is not responsible to observe ticket policy anywhere else but at Hofstra USA; therefore, senators are not required to do ticket policy there.
 - 2. Would like to get office space for storage for the Roller Hockey Club for their equipment.
 - a. Discuss that the Greek offices might be being used for storage space rather than an office; however, they are supposed to be used as offices and therefore should be inspected and monitored like other clubs to make sure all clubs are abiding by the rules and fulfilling their office hours.
 - b. Can ask Dean Crance for storage space for clubs as well as see if clubs can use the Student Activity storage space or share Hofstra Concerts' storage space.
 - 3. Completed Party Date Sign-Up Sheets
 - a. Only two dates, November 18, 2006 and December 9, 2006, are available.
 - b. Cabinet will sign up for dates before everybody else.
 - c. Also, completed statistical data gathering sheet for the ticket policy.
 - d. If the club holding the party is not charging, the senator or senators assigned to that ticket policy may leave.
- G. Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan
 - 1. Vice President Russell Akiyama will put Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan at the top of the agenda.
 - 2. Would like to post a Student Government still advertisement on the Hofstra television channel; any senator interested can speak with Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan.
 - 3. Would like to work with Comptroller Joseph Napoli to get discount cards for Hofstra students for nearby locations such as McDonalds, Dunkin Donuts, Baskin Robins, etc.
 - 4. Will be making a Fun Box in which senators can put positive comments in about other senators that will be read each week in senate by Vice President Russell Akiyama
 - a. May also make a suggestion box for senators in the future.
 - 5. Would like to do a press release in the Hofstra Chronicle that lists the different club events being held on Hofstra Campus.
 - 6. Planning to have the Student Government retreat sometime in late October or early November.
- H. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta
 - 1. ASGA Conference
 - a. Learned about elections, particularly online elections
 - b. Met with other Student Governments; learned from them as well as learned that many were smaller despite receiving stipends or other forms of compensation. Proud that Hofstra University's Student Government maintains such a large amount of senators despite a lack of financial compensation.
 - c. President Peter DiSilvio notifies the Cabinet that Hofstra is once again affiliated with the ASGA and is part of the ASGA's national database.
 - i. The ASGA will eventually do a profile on Hofstra's Student Government.
 - 2. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta discussed the minutes of the first Rules meeting with the Cabinet.
 - 3. Need to talk with Diane Perillo to see if the Outdoor Club can be passed at Tuesday, September 19, 2006 General Senate Meeting.
 - 4. Delegates would like to debate in Senate as they have both the right to debate as well as make motions and vote in committees; just can't vote in Senate.
 - a. President Peter DiSilvio would like the delegates to be moved back to the table where the other Senators sit.

- b. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta states the only problem is voting and perhaps they can assign a specific section of the table for delegates as to make it easier to see who is allowed to vote and who isn't.
 - c. President Peter DiSilvio states that they can acknowledge at the beginning of the meeting that delegates do not have the right to vote.
5. The copy machine should be working as a printer by Wednesday, September 20, 2006, tentatively.
6. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta will miss part of September 19, 2006's General Senate meeting, specifically between 6:30 PM and 7:00 PM.
 - a. It is decided that after Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan speaks, Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta will speak in order to make sure that the clubs get passed.
 - b. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta asks Club Affairs Chairperson Joshua Lanier to go through the new clubs if she is unavailable as he had attended the Rules meeting on September 18, 2006.
7. Senate will always start promptly at six o'clock.
8. President Peter DiSilvio praises Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta for running Rules correctly, as designated in the constitution, and allowing legislation and clubs to pass and get the chance to be debated in Senate.

IV. Future Meetings

- A. The next General Senate meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19 at 6:00 PM IN Plaza Room West.

V. Adjourn

- A. President Peter DiSilvio moves to adjourn Cabinet; the motion is seconded.
 1. The Cabinet adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Laura Giunta
Recording Secretary for the Hofstra Student Government Association