

Minutes of the Hofstra Student Government Association  
October 13, 2006  
Student Center Room 218

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CABINET MEETING #10

I. The meeting is called to order at 4:25 PM.

II. Roll Call

A. Present

1. President P. DiSilvio
2. Vice President R. Akiyama
3. Secretary L. Giunta
4. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez
5. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier
5. Rules Chair L. Giunta
6. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz
7. Public Relations Chair S. Kaplan
8. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis
9. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel

B. Absent

1. Comptroller J. Napoli

III. New Club

A. President P. DiSilvio allows Rules Chair L. Giunta to chair over this portion of the meeting.

B. Amnesty International

1. Student Representative Lia Molligan speaks about Amnesty International.
2. Lia Molligan leaves; there is discussion.
3. Club Affairs J. Lanier moves to vote; it is seconded.
4. Amnesty International is approved pending Senate.

IV. Cabinet Reports

A. President P. DiSilvio

1. Twenty new students were invited to attend Senate.
2. Asks Cabinet to go through "SGA for Dummies" this week.
3. Will be giving his Monthly Report this week.
4. Is planning for SGA to have a party or concert co-sponsored with EU and Hofstra Concerts.
5. Sent out emails to the task forces.
6. Scheduling a meeting with President Rabinowitz; already scheduled a meeting with Alan Kelly.
7. Tells Cabinet members to have confidence in themselves during their meetings.
8. Working with *The Chronicle* and Tom Kopek, President P. DiSilvio will give weekly pod casts on *The Chronicle's* website to discuss the updates for SGA; also, will answer questions sent to *The Chronicle*.

B. Secretary L. Giunta

1. Asks about Cabinet meeting time.
  - a. President P. Disilvio moves to change the time from 4:00 to 4:30 on Fridays; it is seconded and passed.
2. Minutes
  - a. Will no longer put in advertisements in the minutes in order to decrease their length.

C. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez

1. Goes over minutes.
2. SGA contingency is currently \$24,744.10; however, another \$20,000 will be coming

in at the end of this month.

a. Also, hope to have grants and endorsements to add to SGA's fund by the end of the month.

3. Working on SGA Appropriations Funding Policies with Comptroller J. Napoli.

4. Rules Chair L. Giunta suggest giving clubs appointment times for Appropriations.

D. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel

1. Researching universities that do inter-college textbook exchanges in order to apply that information when developing Hofstra's own inter-college textbook exchange.

2. Met with the Career Center; will try to make it more welcoming and positive.

3. Will be setting up a meeting with Cabinet members to discuss the Day of Dialogue; does not want it to be just political.

4. Test compilations of midterms will be done in early December before finals.

5. President P. DiSilvio asks to send test files over to the Library.

6. The library will send a list of all textbooks she has with receipts; planning on setting up a contract with the library.

E. Public Relations Chair S. Kaplan

1. Met with Kim Rhyan and presented her with information on the SGA retreat

a. Have to type of objectives, goals, and budgeting for Diane and Student Activities by early next week.

b. The retreat will be held on Sunday, October 29.

c. Would like to do a retreat in the spring semester as well.

d. Need to charter buses; Spirit Chair Rozakis will find information on buses and give it to Public Relations Chair S. Kaplan by the morning of Monday, October 16.

e. The price SGA now has to pay for person has been lowered from ninety dollars to fifty dollars.

F. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier

1. Now that a faculty advisor is no longer needed to form a club, only two things are needed to start a club.

2. Will be giving an Office Space form to all clubs who already have offices to see what they are doing with their office and if they wouldn't mind sharing their office space with another club; hopefully, everyone will be able to be accommodated, including Pulse.

a. The form will be put in the club offices; clubs will only have two weeks to fill out the form. Otherwise, they will be evicted from their office.

3. Senator J. Medina will be sending letters to clubs about Hofstra Party Dates in order to inform them on the presence of an SGA representative.

4. Would like to work on referendum about allowing students to bring charges up against Public Safety.

5. Commends Senator E. Emmerling for kindly bringing in food for the Club Affairs committee.

6. Senator G. MnKande and E. Emmerling are working on the swipe access issue.

7. May move table from the conference room in the Small Clubs *Office* into the main room in order to make the conference room into a club office; the last cubicle in the main room belonging to Dance Works will be taken down and Dance Works will be moved either into the new club office that was formerly the conference room or into another office.

8. The Equestrians use their office; they have a stable in the far corner where they keep a small horse.

9. Will work on amendment that clubs may have office space even if they have only been a club for less than a year, specifically for publications such as Pulse and Urban Renaissance.

G. Rules Chair L. Giunta

1. Clubs at risk of deactivation have been published in *The Chronicle*.

2. Discusses impending investigations with Cabinet.

3. Election Commission Rules that will be placed in the Constitution if passed first in

Rules and then in Senate.

- a. C.5.b is amended from one thousand dollars of personal money to five hundred dollars.
- b. There is a recess at 5:50 PM for Cabinet to review the Election Commission Legislation.
- c. Cabinet is call back into session at 6:11 PM.
- d. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis suggests to list the groups that can endorse candidates in C.7.a; it is amended.
- e. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis suggests stating that “any member of the Election may be mediator” rather than just “one member of the Election commission” in D.2. It is amended.
- f. Vice President R. Akiyama suggests that “shall held” be changed to “shall be held” in D.1.b and that “page” is pluralized to “pages” in C.6. It is amended.
- g. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier suggests to add “or campaign for or against a referendum” in A.7 under the activities those on the Election commission are not allowed to do. It is amended.
- h. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis and Secretary L. Giunta suggest to add that Commission members be only graduating seniors in Section A, General Information.
- i. President P. DiSilivo reminds Cabinet that it must be reiterated to senate who is on the Election Commission this year.
- j. The Cabinet chooses that the election will be tentatively be chosen by plurality rather than majority to avoid a run-off, but that it will ultimately be decided in Senate.
- k. Section C.7.d regarding clubs giving their Chronicle Ads to candidates has been dropped and will be left for the Election commission to decide.

H. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis

1. Chomp and Cheers are coming in a week or week and half; should arrive by Parents’ Weekend.
2. Chris Mayo from the Marketing Association will be making the sign, “The Lion’s Den,” for Hofstra’s Basketball games.
3. Needs all receipts that relate to buying supplies for the float by Monday in order to receive a reimbursement.

I. Student Services A. Schwartz

1. Restarted the Change Hofstra Campaign again; need to post flyers on the academic side of campus.
2. Had a meeting with Kim Rhyan to discuss Sinterklaas.
  - a. Has sent letters to Wal-mart, Build-a-Bear and Toys-R-Us for donations; Target will not donate on the national level.
  - b. Going to do a Toy Drive co-sponsored with Hillel; senators can either bring in an unwrapped, unopened toy or bring in a financial donation that the Student Services committee will then use to buy gifts. There will be a cap on donations between ten to fifteen dollars.
  - c. Will meet with Eisa from Lackman on Tuesday to see if Lackman will donate food for Sinterklaas.
  - d. Kim Rhyan says that Student Activities will be paying for DJ Trash; he charges one hundred dollars an hour. However, a song list can be made out for him to play.
  - e. If Build-a-Bear cannot attend Sinterklaas, Student Services may make stockings with the children who attend.

V. Special Business

1. President P. DiSilvio discusses the SGA phone codes.
2. Dean Crance states that SGA is actually acting very responsible as well as like a self-governed group this year.
3. President P. DiSilvio states that everyone must wear a costume for Senate on Halloween, as

Halloween falls on a Tuesday this year.

VI. Adjourn

1. Cabinet is adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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Laura Giunta

*Recording Secretary for the Hofstra Student Government Association*