

Minutes of the Hofstra Student Government Association
October 20, 2006
Student Center Room 218

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CABINET MEETING #11

I. The meeting is called to order at 4:41 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. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel

B. Absent

1. Comptroller J. Napoli
2. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis
3. Public Relations S. Kaplan

III. Cabinet Reports

A. President P. DiSilvio

1. Task Forces are up and running.
 - a. Contact Sheet including all clubs' contact information will be completed by October 31.
 - b. Senator C. Amoroso is in charge of the Contact Sheet Task Force.
 - c. The Fundraising and grant task force will be officially operational until Tuesday; a list of grants will be completed by November 7.
 - d. After the research is complete, Public Relations S. Kaplan will get involved with the fundraising aspects.
2. Tuesday, October 24 there will be a meeting with Alan Kelly about fundraising.
3. Still waiting to schedule a meeting with Rabinowitz.
4. Three more delegates are coming in; as of now, there are 51 senators and only 58 are allowed.
 - a. Will be going over senators' absences this weekend with Ethics and Conduct Chair A. Stevens.
 - b. There needs to be serious thought in regard to expanding senate.
5. Need to address complaints about Lackman in the senate in order to get feedback for the committee. Going to also hear complaints from the clubs.
6. Cabinet discusses executive session breach.
7. Cabinet Discusses the Judicial Panel

B. There is a fifteen minute recess at 5:31 PM.

1. Senate is called back to order at 5:55 PM.

C. Vice President R. Akiyama

1. Met with Univeristy Senator Michael LeFemina.
2. Might start free bicycle program for student use.
3. Addresses Attendance at Senate meetings
4. Discuss the possibility of getting a coffee maker in the SGA office.
5. Collecting all legislation from Senator A. Harwani and Rules Chair L. Giunta after they are passed.

D. Comptroller J. Napoli

1. Signed off on the robes for the Judicial Panel this week.

E. Secretary L. Giunta

1. The SGA pens came in as did the label maker, message pads, highlighters, and stapler.
 2. Asks cabinet to get minutes in as early as possible.
- F. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel
1. Meetings will be held Mondays at 7:00 PM.
 2. Plaza Room East is reserved for Speak Your Peace (Day of Dialogue) on November 1.
 3. Set up an appointment with the Career Center.
 4. Will discuss the Textbook Library Exchange with the Director of Information Technology and Vice President Sandi Johnson.
- G. Appropriations A. Sanchez
1. Goes over minutes.
 2. As of today, the SGA contingency has \$15,413.
 3. Going to meet with Ice Hockey with Comptroller J. Napoli to discuss their jerseys.
 4. Talked with Anita Ellis and Pamela Orefice; approximately \$69,000 will be coming in either in the last week of October or the first week of November. \$50,000 will be going into the SGA account and \$19,000 will be going to Appropriations.
 5. Will try to finish the Appropriations Guidelines and Rules this weekend.
 6. In regard to timeslots for clubs, Senator L. Gasiorowski calls clubs every Monday and informs them what number they are as well as approximately how long it will take to reach them; Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez also calls them the previous Friday.
 7. Will discuss the possibility of Appropriations fundraising.
- H. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier
1. Have acquired storage for Sigma a cappella, roller hockey, and the gospel ensemble.
 2. Going to Events Management if OSA can forward the club information to them.
 3. Are not required by the constitution to have senators go on weekdays to club events for the ticket policy, even if clubs are collecting money; will look into it.
 4. Senator M. Fields-Hall will be setting up a town hall meeting with all minority clubs.
 5. Trying to set up a specific time where students can come and meet senators.
- I. Public Relations Chair S. Kaplan
1. Must respond by October 31 in regard to the retreat.
 2. The retreat will be held November 5; will be leaving at 8:00 PM.
 3. Would like to have SGA have a table in the Student Center once a month to give out brochures and pens.
- J. Rules Chair L. Giunta
1. Hands out a list of the status of SGA clubs
 2. Will use the roster packets to get her committee to contact clubs that don't have elections and need to schedule them.
 3. Will be having a meeting with Pat Montaganu in the SGA office on Tuesday at 2:30.
 4. There will be no legislation at Rules because of the backup; however, will be going over Pat's legislation, despite the problems with the cap.
 5. Working with Paul Carson to get a blackboard site up for club presidents to communicate with one another; either Club Affairs J. Lanier or Rules Chair L. Giunta would act as the advisor.
 6. SGA also has a Blackboard site, but it needs to be looked into.
- K. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis
1. The assassins game is almost up and running.
- L. Student Services A. Schwartz
1. Eisa of Lackman is coming to the Student Services Meeting on November 2; will try to get him to come before Senate.
 2. Lackman is now selling hala food for the Muslim community at Hofstra.
 3. Eisa wants to take ice cream vendor-machine and permanently place it, either in the back of the cafeteria where students can buy smoothies or create an ice cream parlor that will be opened long hours like Sbarros.
 4. Will send information to Lackman to see what they did last year for Sinterklaas.
 5. See what senate can do next semester for Disability Day.
 6. Has statistics of all crimes on campus from 2003-2005 and crime has gone up consistently; would like to bring it up to Vice President S. Johnson, including that there are only 10 blue lights on campus, 6 on the south side and 4 on the north side.

7. President P. DiSilvio states to schedule a meeting with Ed Bracht first before talking with Sandi Johnson.
8. Lighting in the quads is very minimal as well as on the intramural field; will work on that.
9. Will try to work on Hofstra's Postal Services.

IV. Special Business

- A. Cabinet should have changes to SGA for Dummies brought by Tuesday.
- B. Rules Chair L. Giunta doesn't like the fact that the SGA budgets were leaked, but believes senate should reconsider how budget weekend and appropriations is conducted; should maybe be made more public so SGA and clubs are held accountable for what they do with students' money.
 1. President P. DiSilvio states that in the future, budgets may be released to the public.
 2. Rules Chair L. Giunta states that maybe clubs should have an active voice during budget weekend; President P. DiSilvio states that this could be problematic.
 3. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez doesn't understand why clubs must wait for three months in order to hear their budgets; President P. DiSilvio explains that they believed that the administration was planning on changing them only to discover that they do not have the power to change the budgets.
 4. Will try to have budgets published in the last issue of the Chronicle at the end of the Spring Semester.
 5. Rules Chair L. Giunta states that maybe the debates should be more public.
 6. President P. DiSilvio expresses worry about having it public, but also states that as there is a growing interest in SGA, maybe voting records should be made public.
 7. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier states that as senators, they are responsible and obligated to make their actions and opinions in senate public.
 8. President P. DiSilvio believes that being more public about their stances will cause students to have more respect for the student government.
 9. Secretary L. Giunta suggests that maybe Senate meetings could be broadcasted on Hofstra TV.
- C. Vice President R. Akiyama expresses concern over some new freshman senators believing that SGA is superior to the clubs, whereas SGA is supposed to work for the students and clubs, not the other way around.
 1. President P. DiSilvio will make a comment to senate to remind them that SGA is not superior to the clubs or students.
- D. Vice President R. Akiyama would like to have a way for students to meet senate, like through a party or forum, or through a "Meet Your Senator" day or week.

V. Adjourn

- A. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez moves to adjourn; it is seconded.
- B. Cabinet is adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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