

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

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CABINET MEETING #14

I. The meeting is called to order at 4:42 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. Public Relations S. Kaplan
5. Rules Chair L. Giunta
6. Spirit Chair C. Kayel
7. Club Affairs J. Lanier
8. Student Services A. Schwartz

B. Absent

1. Spirit S. Rozakis

C. Visiting

1. Senator K. Hunker (yay!)

III. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez

A. Goes over minutes.

B. Talked with Anita; December 1st is the last day OSA will be collecting paperwork for fall and spring semester events.

1. Paperwork for the spring semester will be resumed on January 2, 2007.

2. December 11 is the last day of fall semester events.

3. Rules Chair L. Giunta states that the date for paperwork for the spring semester should be moved back to December 11; Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez will look into it.

C. November 30 is the last meeting for Appropriations; after December 1, Appropriations will be doing an inventory of jerseys and equipment.

D. Cash for Crew

1. Will be looking into companies in order to fundraise for Crew.

2. Will have Diane Richardson revise their fundraising proposal.

E. President P. DiSilvio will place online all the sports teams and clubs that alumni can donate to.

1. Working with Alan Kelly.

2. Forming a contact list of alumni from the student government, a letter to the alumni, and a needs list of the different events that the student government is holding that need funding.

3. Will try to contact clubs to get events on the needs list as well.

4. Rules Chair L. Giunta states that an SGA committee for the SGA fund should be set up which will be in charge of fundraising.

F. Senator K. Hunker states that SGA gave the IFC \$20,000 during budget weekend to do their own version of appropriations; if they have not started working on it, that money can be returned to the SGA contingency.

1. Rules Chair L. Giunta states that the IFC is currently deactive.

IV. Reports of the Executive Board

A. President P. DiSilvio

1. Sent an email out to senate which had the Halloween picture attached.

2. Contacted Senator K. Tompkins about fundraising.

3. Already have the beginning of an alumni contact list.

4. Fall Open House is this Sunday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM; both President P. DiSilvio and

Vice President R. Akiyama will be attending.

a. Will be giving a speech in the arena.

5. The Lackman committee met this week and will be meeting in two weeks; because they are dealing with contracts, this was a closed meeting.
6. The first fireside chat pod cast is already up on the Chronicle's website.
7. Will be holding a University Senate Unity Meeting at 8:30 PM on Sunday for all students in the University Senate.
8. Trying to get a complete senate email list; only five or six more people left to put on.
9. All senators should have access to the office by Wednesday.
10. Asks Cabinet to keep their reports to three minutes during Senate and not to repeat their minutes.
11. HOLA's dating auction is from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Thursday.
12. There will be a seminar this week in the Multipurpose room regarding gangs in Nassau County.
13. Co-sponsoring Afroconomy Tour.

B. Vice President R. Akiyama

1. Met with Senator C. Martin about the First Year Task Force
 1. There will be two presentations at the first and second meeting of next semester.
 2. Will be trying to refocus their attention from statistics to social groups.
 3. Would like a more in-depth roommate selection process that is catered more toward students and their personalities.
 4. First presentation will be about Resident Life.
 5. The second presentation will be about advisement continuing after the freshman year.
 6. While retention rates have stayed the same for the freshman class, they have been decreasing for the sophomore class.
2. As certain aspects of senate have become unruly and redundant, Vice President R. Akiyama will cut the cabinet reports off if they run over the time; Cabinet members can move to extend their time if necessary.
3. Asks for Cabinet to streamline their reports in order to get work done, especially with the current problem of retaining quorum.
4. Met with OCS Rep. P. McDonald and Associate Justice S. Harris to discuss the Parliamentary Procedure Task Force.
5. Took over the duties of comptroller this week; signed checks and met with both Pam and Anita.
 - a. The election of comptroller will take place on Tuesday's Senate meeting.
6. Sent list to Kim Rhyan in regard to Blue and Gold.
7. President P. DiSilvio states that the table format at Senate will now change to how it was in years past.
 - a. Vice President R. Akiyama states that he will be getting two microphone, one which will be at the podium where people will stand to speak in order to have more order and control.

C. Secretary L. Giunta

1. May push back the Holiday decorating on Sunday, November 26 to 7:00 PM or 8:00 PM so more residents returning back from Thanksgiving can come.
2. Will be receiving money from the Public Relations budget to purchase decorations for the office.
3. Senators may also bring decorations from home on Sunday, November 26 if they get anything while their back home for Thanksgiving; just asks that senators inform her what they are bringing by Monday, November 20, if they are able to.
4. The order for the coffeemaker was given to Pam on Wednesday, November 1, 2006, but it has yet to arrive. Asked Pam about it again on Wednesday, November 8; she is looking into it.
5. Supplies keep going missing; asks that senators keep them in the vicinity of the desks.
6. Asks to be exempt from using the podium so that she that she does not miss recording any of the minutes; she is exempted.
7. Talked to Anna of OSA on Tuesday about getting staplers for the SGA copier; she is ordering them.

V. Reports of the Cabinet

A. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel

1. Afroconomy Tour will be held this Monday from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in Plaza Room West.
2. Speak Your Peace has been rescheduled for the Spring Semester.
3. Doing research for the textbook library exchange.
4. Working on the professor ratings.
5. Would like to have the library hours extended to 2:00 AM.
6. Recess
 - a. There is a recess at 5:24 PM.
 - b. Cabinet is called back to order at 5:50 PM.
7. Rescheduled meeting with the Career Center.
8. Will have a meeting on November 15 about the FYC.
9. Would like to expand mentorship to include sophomores, juniors, and seniors.
10. Would like there to be a step-by-step process that continues throughout all four years on how to get a career.
11. Would like to focus on getting internships for all majors, not just business majors.
12. Thanks Senator E. Emmerling for helping with banner.

B. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier

1. Masquerade now has a cabinet to keep their keyboard in.
2. Planning to move the Marketing Association in with Crew and the Equestrians; have only talked to Crew.
3. Pulse will be moving into an office with H2O and Strictly Stepping.
4. Provost Berliner and Ed Bracht will be attending the Diversity Forum.
5. Received suggestions from committee on how to make Senate run more smoothly.
 - a. Have a session on how to make motions for senators.
 - b. Cut the committee reports down.
 - c. Asks that an announcement is made about senators repeating themselves
 - d. Senators who speak softly need to speak up.
 - e. Asks for a suggestion box; Public Relations Chair S. Kaplan is working on it.
 - f. Advise members to sit next to senators who are experienced if they feel confused.
 - i. Will talk with Senator A. Stevens about a senator mentor-program.
 - g. Committee was split about having a podium.
 - i. Rules Chair L. Giunta states that new senators might be intimidated to talk at a podium.
 - ii. President P. DiSilvio states that something must be done to stop the unruly behavior.
 - iii. Vice President R. Akiyama states that senators will not be forced to speak at the podium unless there is a large group of senators all speaking at once; also, committee reports will be done at the podium.
 - iv. Senator K. Hunker is looking forward to the podium.

C. Public Relations S. Kaplan

1. The retreat was very successful.
2. There will be a retreat in the spring.
3. Tells Student Services Chair A. Schwartz that she will do different flyers for Sinterklaas; just need to send her the information.
4. If committees want help with flyers, getting them approved, or bringing them to events management or OSA, contact Public Relations Chair S. Kaplan.

D. Rules Chair L. Giunta

1. The new Ethics and Conduct Chair is K. Legnetti; she will be doing reinstatements.
2. President P. DiSilvio states that cabinet will review the committee assignments at the next cabinet meeting.
3. Deactive clubs were published in *The Chronicle*; if they do not contact Rules Chair L. Giunta by December 11, they will become defunct and their funding will be returned to the SGA contingency.
4. Monthly Reports need to be done by the Cabinet or cabinet members will receive an absence.

- a. President P. DiSilvio has an absence for not doing his monthly report for September,
 5. Review the How-to-make legislation packet.
 - a. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier states that the packet could be trimmed down so it is less intimidating.
 - b. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel suggests to try and bullet or bold items.
 - c. Rules Chair states that it is for those senators who cannot attend Monday's legislation making session.
 6. Rules Chair L. Giunta asks for committee meetings to no longer be held in the SGA office; it is distracting for both the committees and the senators in the office doing other work.
 - a. President P. DiSilvio asks for Cabinet members to move their committee meetings to other rooms, such as the conference room in the small clubs office or assign another room, so it is more professional.
 7. Will be making a blackboard site for clubs in which Rules Chair L. Giunta and Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier will be the administrators.
 - a. Clubs will be able to email each other, use message boards, etc.
 8. Senator K. Legnetti is making legislation to punish senators who leave early.
 9. Will be making legislation so that SGA can control its own funding and purchase its own supplies.
 10. Working on a consensus about OSA and SGA.
 11. Coalition of Publication is coming up along with the Business Federation; the Coalition of Publication does not want to be funded separately, but would rather lobby administration to get them the resources they need and can be shared so they aren't wasting funding.
 12. The Business Federation probably won't come until after Thanksgiving.
 13. A meeting to set up the Day of Dialogue will be on November 15 during Common Hour in Hofstra Hall; The Day of Dialogue will be held on March 21, 2007.
 14. Rules Chair L. Giunta thanks Archivist A. Harwani for having the constitution updated; just needs to be put online.
 15. Rules Chair asks for additional time to allow for both Archivist A. Harwani and Ethics and Conduct Chair K. Legnetti to speak; Vice President R. Akiyama will put bullets for them under Rules in the Agenda and for any other officer appointed in any other committee.
 - a. President P. DiSilvio states that the agenda will have quorum, then Public Relations, the passing of the General Senate meeting minutes and Cabinet minutes, then Appropriations and Rules.
- E. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz
1. Sinterklaas will be held on December 6 from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM.
 - a. President P. DiSilvio and Vice President R. Akiyama will be dressed in costume for Sinterklaas.
 - b. Fusion, Drastic Measures, and Dance Works, if they are reactivated, will perform for Sinterklaas.
 - c. If senators donate a toy between November 27 to December 1, they are exempt from one office hour.
 - d. Need to email Eisa about Lackman donating food.
 - e. There will also be raffles and gift certificates; OCS will be raffling off an Ipod while OSA might be raffling off movie tickets. May also ask the Honors College or the Hofstra bookstore.
 - f. Money will be going to the Make-a-Wish Foundation.
 - g. Working with Circle K.
 - h. Senator K. Hunker suggests that there are competitions for individual students instead of just clubs.
 - i. Gingerbread House making competition.
 - ii. Talent Show for individuals.
 - iii. Ornament making competition.
 - iv. Snowflake making.
 - i. Wrote letter to faculty and staff about donating to Sinterklaas by 5:00 PM on December 6.
 2. Meeting with Ed Bracht on Tuesday at 3:00 PM with Vice President R. Akiyama.

3. Talked to Dean Smith of Resident Life; the elevators in Vander-Pool, Bill of Rights, and Alliance are being fixed.
4. Has table dates in the Student Center for Change Hofstra on December 4 and December 11; will be counted as office hours.
 - i. Would like to have a whole week for Change Hofstra next semester.
5. Met with Eisa; has begun to take the suggestions from last Senate meeting into effect.
 - i. Veggie burgers are now being cooked on a separate grill.

VI. Adjourn

- A. Vice President R. Akiyama moves to adjourn; it is seconded.
- B. Cabinet is adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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