

Minutes of the Hofstra Student Government Association  
December 8, 2006  
Student Center Room 218

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CABINET MEETING #17

I. The meeting is called to order at 4:58 PM.

II. Roll Call

A. Present

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

B. Absent

1. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel
2. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis

III. Reports of the Cabinet

A. President P. DiSilvio

1. Lists SGA Accomplishments of the Fall 2006 Semester.
  - a. The Club Blackboard site
  - b. The SGA Website
  - c. The Bus Schedule
  - d. Blue and Gold Initiative
  - e. No factions within SGA
  - f. Full utilization of office space
  - g. Contact Sheet
  - h. A popular Appropriations Committee
  - i. First SGA retreat
  - j. Election Commission and Attendance legislation passed.
  - k. Club Congress
  - l. Raising money for SGA
  - m. Sinterklaas
  - n. Setting up for Carnival in the Spring.
2. Will continue to decorate the office for the various holidays during the year.
3. January Meeting; will not have one unless we are able to get quorum.
4. Goals for next semester.
  - a. Will try and get Dutch Debits off campus
  - b. Laid groundwork for Club Congress; now need Public Relations and Club Affairs help to contact clubs.
  - c. Need to Raise money, with the help of Comptroller K. Tompkins, Appropriations, and the Fundraising Committee, which is in the process of being created.
  - d. Need President Rabinowitz's approval for the SGA Carnival.

B. Vice President R. Akiyama

1. Will work on SGA Mission Statement
2. Will create a Change Hofstra group on Facebook.

C. Public Relations S. Kaplan

1. Will be working on SGA Formal
  - a. The Garden City Hotel is too expensive for the SGA formal.

- b. Contacted the Fox Hollow; uneasy because the numbers are so flexible; it will be \$48 per person, including gratuity, appetizer, meal, and dessert.
  - c. Will need 75 people for Fox Hollows; might not be able to bring dates because it is a lot of money and each senator will be paying for half of his/her admission price.
  - d. The Chateau Lemere is a little more expensive; without the bar, it will be \$47, but will need two security guards.
  - e. The Chateau Lemere has May 10, 2007 available; will try to meet with both the Fox Hollow and the Chateau Lemere during January.
- 2. Will be working on second SGA retreat depending on the budget.
- 3. Will continue doing publicity work for events.
- D. Comptroller K. Tompkins
  - 1. Will try not to freeze anymore budgets.
  - 2. Make the IRC Board successful; will be activating it and a few people have already signed on to it.
  - 3. Met with HOLA to discuss their frozen budget.
  - 4. Will get a figure on the entire amount of money SGA has.
- E. Secretary L. Giunta
  - 1. More decorating office fun
  - 2. Order more supplies and keep those supplies
  - 3. Discusses the time for Cabinet next semester.
  - 4. Reminds Cabinet members to send their committee minutes on time.
- F. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez
  - 1. SGA has approximately \$24,000 for the Spring Semester; would like to appropriate it properly.
  - 2. Would like to bring a speaker in a month before budget weekend to do a training session or workshop with Club representatives so they can learn how to make a budget proposal as well as prioritize; two weeks later they can hand in their budget proposals.
  - 3. Want budget weekend to be two days instead of one so that Appropriations can be more thorough; would like to itemize everything.
  - 4. Appropriations will be requiring one more member to avoid ties.
  - 5. Thanks committee for their work this semester.
  - 6. Will discuss with committee about having an open Appropriations meeting once a month for all senators to attend.
- G. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier
  - 1. Would like to work and make OSA more efficient when it comes to problems with club budgets.
  - 2. Would like to create a Club Bill of Rights.
  - 3. Dealing with Club Office Space as needs come up and change.
  - 4. Last meeting on Wednesday.
  - 5. Will get coffeemaker working.
- H. Rules Chair L. Giunta
  - 1. Revising the SGA constitution in January.
  - 2. Asks Chairs to look at their own sections for revision, as well as to ask their committees to do the same.
  - 3. Working on a letter of agreement with Vice President R. Akiyama for all those members of SGA who get sworn in.
  - 4. Creating Fundraising Committee in January.
  - 5. Will work on Memorial Hall.
  - 6. Will try to do two joint Rules and Appropriations meetings, one in early February and one when the speaker comes to discuss budget weekend.
  - 7. Would like to make a mandatory workshop for senators and delegates.
  - 8. Would like to Restructure OSA.
  - 9. Computer Paperwork in finally in.
  - 10. The Election Commission will be meeting in January and February.
  - 11. Suppose to have Elections April 18 and 19; will try to move it April 25 and 26 to avoid Greek week; needs to be approved.
  - 12. Twenty-four people did the OSA and SGA evaluation; will send out another email to clubs

about it.

13. Will email the information given so far to the rest of Cabinet.
14. Shows list of defunct/deactive clubs.
15. Should look into the \$20,000 encumbrance with IFSC; can take back the funding if they did not use it as they were supposed to.

I. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz.

1. Would like to have a successful Culture Diversity Day, sometime in late April near spring break; either April 18 or April 25.
2. Would like to have a Disability Day.
3. Would like to have a full week of a Change Hofstra Table in the Student Center as well as a Change Hofstra group on Facebook.
4. Will write a proposal for a bus that goes to Target, Walmart, and Stop and Shop.
5. Raised \$165 at Sinterklaas; will see if President Rabinowitz will match it.
6. Raised 41 gifts for the Boys and Girls' Club at Sinterklaas.
7. The Sinterklaas trees will be collected on Wednesday.
8. Would like to get two weeks of a table in the Student Center for Sinterklaas next year; would also like to do gingerbread houses during the after party next year.
9. Would like to get more food and DJ Trash back during next year's Sinterklaas.

IV. Special Business

- A. Rules Chair L. Giunta would like Senate to attend a New York Ranger Game as a Public Relations event.
- B. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez will attend the Board of Trustees meeting with Vice President R. Akiyama on December 12.
- C. Cabinet is unanimously against the Student University Senate making cardswipes on all classrooms; will discuss it at the University Senate Meeting on Monday.
- D. The back of the Student Center Cafeteria is being renovated; it will be more like a lounge, similar to the Netherlands.
- E. The Ice-cream shop is now in; will stay open until 2:00 AM.

V. Adjourn

- A. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier moves to adjourn; it is seconded.
- B. Cabinet is adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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Laura Giunta  
*Recording Secretary for the Hofstra Student Government Association*