

Minutes of the Hofstra Student Government Association  
September 12, 2006  
Greenhouse, Student Center

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING #3

I. The meeting is called to order at 6:10 PM by President Peter DiSilvio

II. Administration

- A. Vice President of Student Affairs Sandra Johnson speaks
  - 1. Office is on the second floor of Philips Hall
  - 2. Would appreciate invitations to any big events held by the Student Government or other Hofstra clubs and organizations.
- B. Dean of Students Gina Crance Speaks
  - 1. Has seen many club presidents already.
  - 2. Has worked to create changes to improve Student Activities by using the students' and senators' input.
    - a. Student Activities has open door hours, making accessibility to administration easier.
    - b. Made paperwork easier and more efficient.
    - c. Office hours will be posted for Student Activities.
    - e. Encourages further input from the Student Government.
  - 3. Can be reached in 243 Student Center or at [deanofstudents@hofstra.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@hofstra.edu).
- C. Director of Student Activities Anita Ellis
  - 1. Can be reached in room 260 of the Student Center if a student or senator has concerns.
  - 2. Student Activities will be open Monday through Thursday until 8 PM.
  - 3. Every form clubs need will be on one of the walls of the Student Activities office in order to make them more accessible.
  - 4. In two weeks, everything will be online through Hofstra Portal
  - 5. Challenges Student Government to have a filled Gallery at every meeting as well as encourages them to recruit more senators.
- D. Assistant Director of Student Activities and Student Government Advisor Diane Perillo
  - 1. Works on Club flyers.
  - 2. Will work with clubs to come up with the best solution to make an event work
  - 3. Will be going with Cabinet on a leadership conference in Washington D.C. this weekend and will bring back important information to the Senate.
  - 4. Can be reached at 260 in the Student Center and will be available on Wednesday from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
- D. Final Notes
  - 1. Dean of Students Gina Crance asks for the Student Government and Clubs to make Student Activities more aware of events they are holding so they can be advertised on the Master University Calendar on Hofstra's website
  - 2. OCS Representative Pat McDonald motions to close the gallery; the motion is seconded.
    - a. The Gallery is closed.

III. Recess

- A. President Peter DiSilvio calls a seven minute recess at 6:20 PM.
- B. President Peter DiSilvio resumes the meeting at 6:35 PM.

IV. Quorum Call

- A. There is quorum.
- B. Absent

1. Senator Laura Cheston
  2. Senator Evan Gottlieb
  3. Senator Kathleen Hunker (excused)
  4. Senator Stephanie Kaplan (excused)
  5. Senator Erin McDowell
  6. Senator Christopher Nicolia
  7. Senator Narissa Palmer
  8. Senator Rachel Pereci
- C. Delegates Present in the Gallery
1. Delegate David Kortara
  2. Delegate Jason Isaacs
  3. Delegate Stephanie Mino
  4. Delegate Madeleine Magararian
  5. Delegate James Motto
  6. Delegate Ariella Kaplan
  7. Delegate Alicia Alford
  8. Delegate Lisa Young
  9. Delegate Jared Berry
  10. Delegate Robby Piazzaroli
  11. Delegate Shawn Porat
  12. Delegate Arya Saraghl
  13. Delegate Hawa Nehelie
  14. Delegate Thuvi Tran
  15. Delegate Yeyoung Lee
  16. Delegate Gabrielle Mnkande
  17. Delegate Courtney Flanagan
  18. Delegate Devon Lucia
  19. Delegate Nick Pacifico
  20. Delegate Ashley Kowal
  21. Delegate Michael Micucci
  22. Delegate Elyse Emmurling
  23. Delegate Julia Hisayi
  24. Delegate Kelsey Stanton
  25. Delegate Gennady Gallardo
  26. Delegate Sid Nathan
  27. Delegate Tayo Awe
  28. Delegate Amanda Stevens

## V. General Meeting and Cabinet Minutes

### A. Clubs

1. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta states that the Outdoor Club will be tabled until the insurance for the club is fully secured.
2. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta motions to open the gallery; the motion is seconded.
  - a. The Gallery is opened.
  - b. Sid Nathan speaks on behalf of P.O.I.S.E (Professional Organization in Speech Education).
3. Clubs to be passed
  - a. P.O.I.S.E.
  - b. Best Buddies International
  - c. Society for the Advancement of Computing
  - d. The Hofstra University Business Law Bar Association
  - e. Drastic Measures

### B. Election Commission

1. OCS Representative Pat McDonald asks how many commuters are on the Election Commission.
  - a. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta states that herself, Secretary Laura Giunta,

- Senator Kathleen Hunker, and Comptroller Joseph Napoli are commuters.
- C. Senator Lydia Pleiman motions to table the Outdoor Club; the motion is seconded.
    - 1. The motion is passed unanimously.
  - D. President Peter DiSilvio motions to pass all minutes, including Senate General Meeting #2, Cabinet Meeting #3, Cabinet Meeting #4, and Cabinet Meeting #5; the motion is seconded.
    - a. The minutes are passed unanimously.

## VI. Reports of the Executive Board

### A. President P. DiSilvio

- 1. The Club Fairs during the summer went really well.
  - a. Approximately two hundred incoming students signed-up.
- 2. Have been working very well with both Student Activities and Administration.
- 3. Has done a lot of work in the summer with former Vice President Simon Duncanson.
- 4. The Student Government Office has been done renovated during the summer.
  - a. With the exception of the coat rack, clock, and copy machine, nothing else that was renovated in the office has been paid by the Student Government Association budget.
- 5. Will be working on getting more parking for commuters on campus.
- 6. Would like to see Referendums fully realized.
- 7. Would like to see more fundraising done.
- 8. Planning to have a Carnival during the Spring Semester.
  - a. Will possibly be working with Hofstra's Entertainment Unlimited with the Carnival.
- 9. Working with Card Services to get Dutch Debits off-campus.
  - a. A student in the gallery asks about what research has been done on Dutch Debits.
    - i. Will cost a considerable amount of money originally, but the money brought in will make up for it within the first year.
  - b. Senator Daniel Blois asks why there are three different accounts on a Hofstra card.
    - ii. Senator Lydia Pleiman explains that they must be different account because Lackman gets tax breaks with the specific amount used on the meal plan.
- 10. Town Meetings
  - a. Administration will come only if more students attend the Town Meetings.
  - b. Plan to broadcast Town Meetings in order to get more student turnout
    - i. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta suggests that the Student Center can get televisions like the televisions in Breslin Hall.
- 11. Senator Lydia Pleiman asks about recycling on campus.
  - a. President Peter DiSilvio notes that it would be a job for Student Services.
  - b. Senator Christina Martin explains that at the plant Hofstra's garbage goes to, all trash is sorted accordingly; therefore, Hofstra does recycle, but just doesn't publicize that they do.

### B. Vice President \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Comptroller J. Napoli

- 1. Had been working on different policies concerning Ethics and Conduct, but has chosen to refrain from promoting his ideas to allow new Ethics and Conduct Chairperson Amanda Stevens use her own ideas for the position without conflict.
- 2. Has met with Student Government Bookkeeper Pamela Orfice in order to have the paperwork for budgets run much more smoother and quicker than in the past.
- 3. Has been working with Appropriations Chairperson Angela Sanchez and their relationship is running smoothly.
- 4. As Student Government Advisor Diana Perillo does not have all the contact information for all the clubs, Comptroller Joseph Napoli will be posting the club budgets in the Student Government office so clubs will have access to them.

### D. Secretary L. Giunta

1. Supplies have been ordered and have arrived for the Student Government Office.
2. If any senator or Cabinet member needs supplies for their specific committee or for the Student Government in general, he or she may leave a note in Secretary Laura Giunta's mailbox with what a list of what they need and Secretary Laura Giunta will order them.

## VII. Reports of the Committees

- A. The Committee sign up sheets are passed out to Senators.
- B. Academic Affairs C. Kayel
  1. Will expand the Career Center.
  2. Will build a Faculty-Mentor Program.
  3. Will expand the Textbook Library.
  4. Will make test compilations and Professor ratings more available.
  5. If there are any problems concerning Academics, please contact Academic Affairs Chairperson Cristal Kayel.
- C. Appropriations A. Sanchez
  1. During the summer, has organized the club budgets from the past three years.
  2. Working with Comptroller Joseph Napoli and Administration in order to make things run smoother and faster.
- D. Club Affairs J. Lanier
  1. Stresses that student clubs and organizations offer a lot to Hofstra campus.
  2. While many clubs can work efficiently on their own, will be focusing on helping those clubs that need assistance.
  3. Responsible for party dates, club office space, club lockers, and club forms.
  4. Focus on the interest of the club; club interests and Student Government interests should come together rather than conflict.
  5. Party Dates
    - a. A senator must attend every party that is held on Friday and Saturday at Hofstra U.S.A.
    - b. As this is a commitment the Student Government has made to Hofstra, the senators must fulfill their obligation and sign up for a party date for the Fall Semester.
    - c. Club Affairs Chairperson Joshua Lanier hands out the party dates for senators to look at; however, they will be required to sign up for a date by the next General Senate meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2006.
- E. Parliamentarian \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Public Relations S. Kaplan
  1. President Peter DiSilvio speaks on behalf of Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan.
    - a. Notes that she made a great brochure that will soon be hanging up in the Student Government office.
    - b. Her plans have been outlined in the minutes; senators may look them over and come in with any questions at the next meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2006.
- G. Rules L. Giunta
  1. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta explains the Rules Committee
    - a. Looks over legislation to make sure it doesn't conflict with Hofstra policy or the Student Government constitution.
    - b. Looks over new clubs to make sure they don't conflict with current clubs on campus or with Hofstra policy or the Student Government constitution.
  2. Rules will be held on Mondays at 6:30 PM.
  3. Clubs will have until October 6, 2006 to get their paperwork in before becoming deactive; all clubs were notified in late August.
  4. Frances Rizzo of University Relations helped to get up the Student Government website at [hofstra.edu/sga](http://hofstra.edu/sga).
    - a. Now clubs can register for elections online, register for office space, learn

about funding, and find roster packets, etc. Also, students can learn how to start a new club or find Student Government constitutions.

5. Appointments
  - a. Senator Annie Harwani has been appointed to Rules Archivist.
    - i. Will be in charge of recording legislation and minutes as well as putting the minutes online.
  - b. Senator Lydia Pleiman has been appointed to Secretary of the Rules committee.
  - c. Delegate Amanda Stevens has been appointed to Ethics and Conduct Chairperson.
    - i. Will keep Senate civil during meetings; will have the sign-up for office hours up next week.
6. Can be contacted at sgarules@yahoo.com.
- H. Spirit S. Rozakis
  1. Will promote Sports Events including Football, Basketball, Baseball, and Soccer.
  2. Will be working with Greek Life for many events.
  3. Will be working on Homecoming float with sorority Delta Chi Delta; the theme is Broadway for Homecoming.
  4. Will have a Pre-Game party before each football game with Greek Life.
  5. Can be contacted at Hofstraspirit@yahoo.com
- I. Student Services \_\_\_\_\_

#### VIII. Special Business

- A. Swearing in of New Senators
  1. All senators have been sworn in.
- B. Election of Vice President
  1. President Peter DiSilvio speaks about former Vice President Peter DiSilvio.
  2. Senate must now decide who is the new Vice President; after going through both the Constitution and Robert's Rules, President Peter DiSilvio came up with rules to run the election.
  3. President Peter DiSilvio allows JoAnna Sieben to chair this portion of the meeting.
  4. Nominations for Vice President
    - a. Club Affairs Chairperson Joshua Lanier nominates Senator Russell Akiyama; the nomination is seconded.
      - i. Senator Russell Akiyama accepts the nomination
    - b. Comptroller Joseph Napoli nominates OCS Representative Patrick McDonald; the nomination is seconded.
      - i. OCS Representative Patrick McDonald accepts the nomination.
    - c. Senator Russell Akiyama nominates Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta; the nomination is seconded.
      - i. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta accepts the nomination.
    - d. Senator Kenny Perez nominates Justice Matt Bisanz; the nomination is seconded.
      - i. Justice Matt Bisanz accepts the nomination.
    - e. Senator Annie Harwani nominates Justice Shaun Slight; the nomination is seconded.
      - i. Justice Shaun Slight accepts the nomination.
    - f. Club Affairs Chairperson Joshua Lanier nominates Academic Affairs Chairperson Cristal Kayel; the nomination is seconded.
      - i. Academic Affairs Chairperson Cristal Kayel accepts the nomination.
  5. OCS Representative Patrick McDonald inquires if there is a quorum.
    - a. President Peter DiSilvio confirms that there is a quorum.
  6. Each candidate speaks for three minutes.
    - a. Senator Russell Akiyama speaks on behalf of himself.
    - b. OCS Representative Patrick McDonald speaks on behalf of himself.

- a. Senator Christina Martin and Senator Lydia Pleiman pose questions to OCS Representative Patrick McDonald.
    - c. Justice Matt Bisanz speaks on behalf of himself.
      - a. A student from the gallery speaks on behalf of Justice Matt Bisanz.
    - d. Academic Affairs Chairperson Cristal Kayel speaks on behalf of herself.
    - e. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta speaks on behalf of herself.
    - f. Justice Shaun Slight speaks on behalf of himself.
  - 7. There is now a ten minute debate on the candidates' merits.
    - a. President Peter DiSilvio states that each senator should pick whoever they believe is best suited for the Vice Presidential Position.
    - b. Senator Lydia Pleiman believes it is irresponsible for a justice or cabinet member to take the Vice Presidential position when they already have a position.
      - i. Senator Shellie Smallberg agrees; then there will be no chair for either the Rules or Academics Affairs Committee.
    - c. Senator Christina Martin believes someone who ran during the election in the Spring, such as Senator Chris Nicolio, Tom Kopec, or Senator Russell Akiyama should have the position; believes Senator Russell Akiyama will do a good job from his work as the Parliamentarian last year.
    - d. Senator Daniel Blois believes that candidates shouldn't be penalized just because they have cabinet positions; rather, he believes that whoever is the best person for the Vice Presidential position should have it regardless of their current position in senate as the Vice President is technically a more important position than the committee chairs.
    - e. Club Affairs Joshua Lanier supports Senator Russell Akiyama because he believes he is easy to work with and to get along with; furthermore, he believes he will work well with President Peter DiSilvio and with administration.
    - f. The gallery is opened; one student states that the Student Government can survive without a Vice President, but not without committees, thus making the committee positions more important.
    - g. Comptroller Joseph Napoli states that while committees usually run smoothly, the general senate meetings are most important and are less likely to be run smoothly; therefore, the Senate needs someone who can run the General Meetings efficiently and the best.
    - h. Senator Daniel Blois states that it is the senates job as student leaders to take higher positions and therefore should be eager for the opportunity to chair a committee if a cabinet member is elected Vice President.
    - i. Senator Christina Martin believes that the Cabinet positions should not be vacated for Vice President because the cabinet works as a unit and everyone is equally important.
    - j. Ethics and Conduct Chair Amanda Stevens commends the senators for working together.
    - k. President Peter DiSilvio reiterates for the senate to vote for the person they believe is the most qualified.
    - l. The debate is ended by JoAnna Sieben.
  - 8. The Vote commences.
  - 9. Senator Russell Akiyama is voted in Vice President by the Senate.
  - 10. Senator Russell Akiyama is sworn in as Vice President by Justice Matt Bisanz.
- C. Election of Student Services Chair
- 1. Vice President Russell Akiyama will chair the rest of the meeting.
  - 2. Vice President Russell Akiyama opens up the senate for Student Services Chair nominations.
  - 3. Comptroller Joseph Napoli nominates Senator Daniel Blois for Student Services Chairperson; the nomination is seconded.
  - 4. Spirt Chair Sammi Rozakis moves to table the election of the Student Services

Chairperson until the beginning of the next General Senate meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2006; the motion is seconded.

- a. The motion is passed unanimously.

IX. Announcements

- A. Comptroller Joseph Napoli and Appropriations Chairperson Angela Sanchez will be having an Appropriations meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2006.
  1. Need senators to be on the committee because a meeting is necessary and urgent; however, those who do attend as a committee member will not permanently be members of the Appropriations Committee.
  2. Delegates can also attend the meeting.
  3. The meeting will be held in the Student Government Office
- B. Calendar
  1. President Peter DiSilvio states there will be a calendar up in the Student Government Office tomorrow; it will state where and when Senate will be held.
  2. Senators will also receive emails concerning meetings.
- C. Those Senators who have not been receiving emails or do not have swipe access to the office, please contact President Peter DiSilvio.

X. Adjourn

- A. Spirit Chairperson Sammi Rozakis motions to adjourn; the motion is seconded.
  1. The motion is passed unanimously.
- B. Senate is adjourned at 8:03 PM

Respectfully Submitted

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