

Minutes of the Hofstra Student Government Association
September 19, 2006
Plaza Room West, Student Center

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING #4

I. The meeting is called to order at 6:08 PM by Vice President Russell Akiyama

II. Quorum Call

A. There is quorum.

B. Absent

Daniel Ceriano
Evan Gottlieb
Jenna Marucci
Toni Marie Milito
Joseph Napoli (excused)
Rachel Pereci
Maria Ramos
Nathan Yadgar
Kathleen Hunker (sabbatical)

C. Delegates Present

James Collins
Michael Micucci
Amanda Stevens
Jared Berry
Elyse Emmerling
Gabrielle MnKande
Julia Hisayi
Steven Blocker
Brent Weitzberg
Yeyoung Lee
Samantha Sullivan
Ashley Kowal
Laura Gasiorowski
Hawa Wehelie

Go through Minutes, Cabinet Minutes, General Minutes

2nd page of Rules

Delegate Amendment - name is misspelled - Elite - Russell moves, seconded, mentions

Pat moves for cabinet renumbering, seconded with

Lorraine Paginated moves, seconded

Pat moves to change role to roll

Cabinet name is spelled wrong - Shellie Smallberg

Passing the record - Russell moves, seconded - all in favor of everything

Pat and Russell moves to move Stephanie and Sammi reports first

Stephanie - introduces herself

Talks about ASGA conference - different changes to make in and out of senate

Talks about PR work - not a committee, just a person. Still needs help.

Some thing to implement - discount card

Surrounding businesses, etc - McDonalds, etc, delegate one or two senators to talk to businesses

Can also use as fundraising

Will be making a positive senator comment box.

Be read by Russell at end of meeting

Hofstra TV - want to get stationary ad on channel - would see SGA ad on tv - asks if anyone want to help with that

Me and Russell have meeting with Kim Ryan to do Retreat between late October, early November

Extend retreat so new faces can come with us

If anyone wants to help or has ideas, come and speak

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Sn is yankees51

Email or im

Sammi

Jewish Holidays this weekend - not having meeting this week; will be sending out an email out tomorrow to the committee; anyone interested in helping out, put on email list

Doing a football game this Saturday - starts at six

Email what day your available - either Monday or Thursday

Conference was fun

III. Reports of the Executive Board

A. President Peter DiSilvio

Printer in the office - copier will be a printer soon - Lisa is working

Copier rules - copier has a log - if club wants to make a few copies, like ten - don't do anything more than that; use student activities - can see log

Conference was amazing

What's your passion, what do you want to do

No problem creating an ad-hom committee for senators/delegates who want to do something

Task Forces - task force simple group that has week to finish a task - first thing is to create contact list

Senators and delegates will hunt with Lisa and Diane to fill contact list - face book, etc.

Presidential meeting and cabinet, late October, early November

Lackman contract had been extended - has not been extended, asked student government to give 3 representatives to decide new dining services or continue with Lackman

Conference itself - tendency to blame things on everything else. Blame apathy - but apathy is a failure of leadership. This year Cabinet will devote itself to what students really care about - not what we think they care about

Spoke with Barry University member - wanted to build a parking garage - in three years, they raised 18 million dollars to build parking garage

Can get government to give grants

Can get business to endorse and pay - whether endorsing clubs or student government to raise money

Stamp power

Student Activities, one hour block to sign off on flyers

Talked with Diane, Anita, and Dean Crance - will do twice a day

In about a week or two when stamp comes in, Student Government will have stamp power

Can now stamp and approve flyers

Can take care of flyers

Now have weekly meetings with Dean Crance and VP Johnson to keep them up to date with student government

Severely sprained ankle in Washington.

Christina - student was very impressed by order of SGA having heard the gossiping or negativity; commend them

Pete - we're all friends here

How we stop negativity - from ASGA messages - with new VP who was once a rival, etc. - standing ovation

B. Vice President Russell Akiyama

Senators and delegates will get binders soon

Must bring binders every time to senate

Tennessee has private jet; standing ovation when 75 percent are paid sgas - we still have senators despite not being paid - Pete

Committee assignments in minutes

If you don't have a committee, come to me and I'll assign you after meeting.

Can serve on more than one committee if you'd like.

No talking when other people are talking

Raise your name placard or your hand if you're in the gallery

Silence your phones now

Next couple weeks, look for other procedural thing that will make things quicker to get done

Point of Inquiry - Christina - asks about Robert's Rules of Order

Russell - Barnes and Nobles are accepting purchase orders - will be able to buy everything in month

Daniel Blois - get one that explains

Russell - binder will have two sheets on major motion; new parliamentarian will have workshop

C. Comptroller Joseph Napoli

Pete speaks - Joe couldn't be here

Clubs come in everyday to get budget numbers - folder for senators eyes only - in right draw of front desk.

D. Secretary Laura Giunta

Talks about conference

Supplies

IV. Reports of Committees

A. Academic Affairs Chairperson Cristal Kayel

Committee members come see me or give me email addresses to set up meeting

Give ideas as well as start working on project

Explains what committee does - textbook library, career center, test files, faculty-student mentor program

B. Appropriations Chairperson Angela Sanchez

Explains briefly about committee

Budget approximately 3 quarters of a million - control and give it out to clubs - 120 approximately clubs; hard to regulate

Weekly, Anita, Pam and Joey, meeting

Go over every single budget, see who's spending, how much.

Have a meeting weekly with Diane, she's our advisor.

Go over every club we've done with her and see what's been allocated to each club

Give information to Angela if you're interested in committee

After the conference - got to know cabinet members really well

Two main issues

Lackman - prices go up, quality to goes down

Would like to work on it, may not be a representative, but will try to still work on it and make a change

Second issue with sports clubs and rec center - have to pay to play what they love - on fields. What if SGA pays the rec center or fields administration yearly so that clubs can use field for free - working on it

Discusses minutes

Meeting with other clubs - 55,000 dollars in contingency - don't have as much as we thought - chunk of money coming in October; we get 600,000 dollars in beginning, and 9 dollars for admitted student which will come in October

Clubs need food, pizza - read handout in mailbox about delivery and costs

Russell moves to pass approps, seconded, vote majority

C. Club Affairs Chairperson Joshua Lanier

In charge of party dates - send a representative Friday and Saturday

Make sure money is collected legitimately

A senator for each date

Sign up date - everyone needs to sign up now, but can change later

Will pass around

Taking this seriously - cabinet signed up first

Two or three people can go to the same event

Will be statistical sheet - put it in mailbox

Lydia - let clubs know

Pete - in years passed, not important; money and other issues of party - now necessity

Will be notified by email, mailboxes, at presidential meeting

Anyone assigned to Club affairs, meet after general senate meetings

Russell - more mailboxes for clubs

Josh - will pursue that

Explains about Club Affairs

Party dates, club's interests, club offices and lockers

Conference - some good and some bad aspects

Would like to work in committee I represent - want to go with what committee wants; some form of consensus

Delegates - if looking for committees, can always join Club affairs if interested

D. Parliamentarian (vacant)

E. Public Relations Chairperson Stephanie Kaplan

Moved up

F. Rules Chairperson Lisa Giunta

Josh speaks for Lisa

Goes over minutes

Point of Inquiry - Pat about advisor for Club Baseball

Don't know

Point of Inquiry - Pat

Josh moves to suspend the rules to hear the club - seconded
One nay, rest yay

Josh goes through clubs in minutes
Pop Psy

Josh yields to Lisa to chair

Point of Inquiry - Pat
Were all the clubs set

Lisa - Club baseball and Dance With Me don't have advisors - need to be tabled; when they have it, can be voted on in senate

Pop Psy, Outdoor Club, and Society of Woman Engineers - can be passed

Pat moves to pass pop psy, society of woman, outdoor club, seconded, voted and passed

Pat moves to table Dance With Me and Club Baseball, seconded, voted and passed

Representatives for 3 Elections - Josh

Lisa explains POISE - at common hour - 11:15 - Cristal will do it

Anthropology club - at seven - Christopher Amoroso will do it

Drastic Measures - Friday, Sept. 29, 7 PM - Lydia Pleiman will do it

IF three can come and talk to her, give election form.

Entertain motion to pass
Christina moves; seconded, voted and passed

G. Spirit Chairperson Sammi Rozakis

H. Student Services Chairperson (vacant)

V. Old Business

A. Election of Student Services Chair

Explains Student Services - does programming, events, works with administration, fuse senate with student body

Chris Amoroso speaks about Student Services - worked with Lackman, student surveys

Cristal Kayel speaks - lots of options to explore

Christina Martin speaks - created email account where students could send issues, public safety, lackman, try to fix it.

Point of information - hofstra.sga@gmail.com - Pete

Lorraine speaks - miscellaneous committee - any problems, they can fix
Delegate Amanda Stevens speaks

Point of Inquiry - why can't you nominate yourself - Lisa

Russell - just president

After nominations, each nomination will speak, ten minute debate then vote

Russell opens up nominations

Cristal nominates Chris Amoroso, seconded, accepts
Annie nominates Daniel Blois, seconded, accepts
Lisa nominates Andrea Schwartz, seconded, accepts
Josh nominates Kate Legnetti, seconded, declines

Russell closes nominations
Statements from candidates
Get three minutes

Chris speaks on behalf of himself
Daniel speaks on behalf of himself
Angela asks what plans he has
Daniel answers
Andrea speaks on behalf of himself

Close the speaking; asks three nominations to leave

Pat moves to debate for six minutes
Seconded, passed

Russell states for and against - one for and one against

Lisa moves to just have for

Angela and Christina disagrees

Russell decides to keep it for and against

Chris - Angela speaks for
Russell speaks against

Daniel - Narissa speaks for and so does Lorraine, Lisa
Christina speaks against, Angela, Lydia, delegate

Andrea - Katie Legnetti speaks for, Christina speaks for,
Russell speaks against

Close discussion - vote commences

Andrea is the new Student Services Chair by plurality
Sworn in after new business

VI. New Business

A. Resolutions

1. Parking: Patrick McDonald

Pat speaks on behalf of his Parking Resolution
Christina speaks/asks about - inexperienced, etc
Pat defends
Pete Point of Information - explains the large cost of parking garage
Christina - unnecessary - Pat explains

Christina move to amend resolution to strike the word "inexperience" from the clause "filled with inexperienced drivers"
Seconded

Open to debate
Pat speak against amendment
Daniel asks for compromise - filled with “drivers of variant experiences”
Pat disagrees
Pete talks about what happens to resolutions - don’t go anywhere
Crance - talking about parking garage, etc - hasn’t ever transformed into written request
Will directly go to Diane, Anita, and Dean Crance, VP Johnson, and President Rabinowitz’s secretary
Every administration who matters will read this
Lydia speaks - just explain what inexperienced means
Lisa asks about term for under 25
Pat answers
Kate Legnetti speaks against amendment; moves to vote on amendment, seconded

Debate is closed
9 for, 10 against, 2 abstains
Amendment fails

Second amendment - strike word unnecessary from “unnecessary construction” - Christina seconds
Delegate speaks for amendment
Pat moves to vote, seconded, debate is closed
Vote
For amendment 18, against 0, abstains 2

Josh moves to strike from “Noting line 3 to 6 Suggesting” seconded, open for debate

Josh speaks for amendment and against those four lines
Pat speaks for those lines and against amendment
Delegate speaks in gallery for amendment
Andrea speak against amendment - small fee added on to residential tuition
Lisa - point of information - administration won’t let it happen
Russell entertains motion; it is moved to vote, seconded,
Vote
For amendment 11, against 5, 4 - amendment is passed

Christina moves to vote
Seconded
Vote
17 for, 1 against, abstains 0
Resolution passes

Daniel asks about combining parking; will be sent together if both passed

2. Interdisciplinary Honor Essays: Matthew Bisanz

Russell entertains motion
Pat moves to open gallery, seconded
Matt speaks on behalf of resolution

Kate Legnetti - point of inquiry - one essay, three credits
Matt Answers
Lisa - point of inquiry - when will it be done
Matt answers, show how it will work in other departments, business, then go from there

Pat moves to vote, seconded
For 17, against 0, abstains 0

3. Parking (Directional): Matthew Bisanz

Opens gallery for Matt to discuss resolution

Where's colonial drive - Shellie

Matt answers - becomes two ways

Daniel asks point of inquiry

Josh speaks aren't there usually a lot of parking available in that area

Matt answers that during events there aren't

Any debate on this proposal

Daniel Blois speaks against proposal

Patrick speaks on behalf of Matt

Pat moves to vote, seconded

Vote

In favor of passing 6, against 8, 4 abstains

Amendment does not pass

Doing quorum call

Don't have quorum

Andrea moves to table everything from parking and new club check-off sheet and Packet Legislation - seconded, passed

4. New Club Check-off Sheet: Matthew Bisanz

C. Proposals

1. Constitutional Packet Legislation: Patrick McDonald

VII. Special Business

A. Swearing in New Senators

Chief Justice Leela Ramdeen swears in Andrea Schwartz as the new Student Services chair

VIII. Announcements

Pete courtesy - everything said here is committed to record - refrain from profanity

Kate announces - do not take nametags, give them to me

Circle K - Saturday cleaning elderly woman's yard - meet in Student Center at 9:30

Lisa tells about SCAFFU - meeting Wednesday in Multipurpose room West

Plaza room west most of the time

Russell gives the Justices an opportunity to introduce themselves

Leela Ramdeen introduces herself - Chief Justice of Judicial Panel

Matt Bisanz introduces himself - Justice

Sean Slight introduces himself - Justice

Lisa reminds everyone to do office hours and sign up sheet

IX. Adjourn

Entertain motion to adjourn

Move to vote, seconded, passed

Adjourn at 8:25 PM

Senate is adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted

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