

Minutes of the Hofstra Student Government Association
September 26, 2006
Green House, Student Center

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING #5

I. The meeting is called to order at 6:13 PM by Vice President Russell Akiyama

II. Quorum Call

- A. There is quorum.
- B. Absent
 - 1. Jacklyn Medina
 - 2. Kathleen Hunker (on sabbatical)
 - 3. Jenna Marucci
 - 4. Rachel Perci
 - 5. Daniel Blois
 - 6. Toni Marie Millito

C. Delegates Present

- 1. Lisa Young
- 2. Laura Gasiorowski
- 3. Elyse M. Emmerling
- 4. Michael Micuci
- 5. Gabrielle MnKande
- 6. Brent G. Weitzberg
- 7. Ashley Kowal
- 8. Kelsey Stanton
- 9. Obianom Obenna

III. Pass General Senate Minutes and Cabinet Minutes

- A. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis moves to amend section 3.A.2.f of the Cabinet Minutes from September 22, 2006 to be changed from "\$1,200" to "\$12,000" under the Spirit Committees budget.
 - 1. It is seconded and passed unanimously by senate.
- B. OCS Representative P. McDonald moves to pass the Cabinet minutes from September 22, 2006, with the amendment.
 - 1. It is seconded and passed unanimously.
- C. OCS Representative P. McDonald moves to pass the general Senate meeting minutes from September 19, 2006.
 - 1. It is seconded and passed unanimously.

IV. Public Relations Report

- A. OCS Representative P. McDonald moves to suspend the rules and allow only a minute and half for each committee report.
 - 1. OCS Representative P. McDonald amends his initial motion to limit each Cabinet member to two minutes instead of one and a half.
 - 2. The motion, with the amendment, is seconded and passed.
- B. Senator S. Smallberg moves to suspend the rules and allow the Public Relations report to go before the executive board report.
 - 1. It is seconded and passed unanimously.
- C. Public Relations Chair S. Kaplan
 - 1. Discusses the retreat
 - a. As of now, the dates for the retreat will be either the weekend of October 27, November 3, or November 17.
 - b. Has not decided if it will be one day or an overnight trip.
 - c. Asks senators to give their preference for both date and duration to Vice President R. Akiyama who will then place it in Public Relations Chair S.

Kaplan's mailbox.

V. Reports of the Executive Board

A. President P. DiSilvio

1. Will be creating a task force to research grants and fundraising and another task force to create a mass contact sheet.
2. Has appointed Senator C. Martin to attend the meeting for the first year task force along with Vice President R. Akiyama.
3. Will delegate authority to a senator to attend Student Affairs Meetings during Common Hour.
4. The first Club Congress will meet tentatively on November 1.
5. Met with Vice President Johnson and Dean Crance to discuss Town Hall Meetings, Resolutions, Lackman, the textbook library, stamp power, and the Club Congress.
6. Met with President Rabinowitz along with Vice President R. Akiyama.
 - a. Senate will have a voice on the committee that will choose the minority leader for the statue and where the statue will be placed.
 - b. Lackman has only a one year extension; three representatives for the committee designated to choose the food service on campus will be decided on in Cabinet.
 - c. Is interested in the Town Hall Meetings, especially if they are broadcasted.
 - d. Alan Kelly will be helping with fundraising and grants.
 - e. Stated that the Parking Garage is not a priority right now, but may be in the near future; however, would rather focus on giving students more facilities.
7. The remote for the television in the office is working.

B. Vice President R. Akiyama.

1. Discusses contract designed as a student waiver in regard to FERPA.
2. Will be possibly setting up a philanthropy board with the Greeks.
3. Senators are advised to see Vice President R. Akiyama if they do not have a committee or are not sure about the committee process.
4. The purchase order has been sent to Barnes and Noble for Robert's Rules of Orders.

C. Comptroller J. Napoli

1. If any senator is interested in participating in the IRC board, contact Comptroller J. Napoli.

D. Secretary L. Giunta

1. Has no news to report.

VI. Reports of the Committees

A. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel

1. Will be having an Academic Affairs Meeting on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00.

B. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez

1. Reads through Appropriations Minutes
2. Senator C. Martin moves to pass the Appropriations Minutes
 - a. The motion is seconded and the Appropriations Minutes are passed unanimously.

C. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier

1. Will be having a Club Affairs Meeting on Wednesday, September 27 at 8:00.
2. Discusses the purpose of the Club Affairs Committee.

D. Rules Chair L. Giunta

1. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to suspend the rules in order to vote in new senators
 - a. The motion is seconded and passed.
2. The delegates speak
 - a. Delegate A. Stevens speaks.
 - b. Delegate Y. Lee speaks.
 - c. Delegate J. Hisayi speaks.
 - d. Delegate J. Berry speaks.
 - e. Delegate H. Weheli speaks.

3. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to vote on the delegates as a block.
 - a. It is seconded and passed.
 4. There is debate.
 - a. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks on behalf of Delegate A. Stevens.
 - b. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis speaks on behalf of Delegate Y. Lee.
 - c. Senator L. Pleiman speaks on behalf of Delegate J. Hisayi.
 - d. OCS Representative P. McDonald speaks on behalf of Delegate J. Berry.
 - e. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel speaks on behalf of Delegate H. Weheli.
 5. The vote commences; the delegates are unanimously voted in as senators.
 - a. Associate Justice M. Bisanz swears in the five new senators.
 6. Rules Chair L. Giunta commences with her report.
 7. Senators interested in writing legislation are advised to contact Rules Chair L. Giunta.
 8. Has set up a policy that students are only allowed to bring in three pieces of legislation at a time which must be passed or fail in senate before new legislation can be brought.
 9. Ethics and Conduct Chair A. Stevens reminds senators to do their office hours; also asks that senators help with the homecoming float during their office hours.
 10. Senator C. Martin moves to pass the Rules minutes.
 - a. The motion is seconded and the Rules Minutes are passed.
- E. Spirit S. Rozakis
1. The Spirit meeting will be meeting at 7:30 on Thursday, September 28 to discuss the Homecoming Float; will know the theme of the SGA float by tomorrow, Wednesday September 27.
 2. Need contact information for all those interested in the Spirit committee.
 3. The Week of October 2 is designated for building the float.
 4. Discussed Homecoming such as the pep rally and the television news broadcast.
- F. Student Services A. Schwartz
1. Will meet after senate to discuss when the Student Services Committee will be meeting; will be meeting on Thursdays at a to be determined time.

VII. Old Business

- A. Parking (Directional): M. Bisanz
1. Senator C. Martin moves to open the gallery; the motion is seconded and passed.
 2. Associate Justice M. Bisanz speaks on behalf of his legislation.
 3. Vice President R. Akiyama opens the floor up for debate.
 - a. OCS Representative P. McDonald speaks in favor of the proposal.
 - b. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks against the proposal.
 - c. Associate Justice M. Bisanz again speaks in favor of the proposal.
 4. OCS Representative moves to vote; it is seconded and passed. Debate is closed.
 5. The vote commences.
 - a. Fifteen vote in favor of the proposal, six against, and nine abstain.
 - b. The proposal passes.
- B. New Club Check-Off Sheet: M. Bisanz
1. Ethics and Conduct Chair A. Stevens moves to open the gallery; the motion is seconded and passed.
 2. Associate Justice M. Bisanze passes out a testimony in favor of the proposal.
 3. Rules Chair L. Giunta states that she did not create the old "Contact Sheet" form.
 4. There is debate.
 - a. Senator C. Martin speaks in favor of the proposal.
 - b. Senator E. McDowell speaks in favor of the proposal.
 - c. Senator J. Meyers speaks in favor of the proposal.
 - d. Student Sid Nathan speaks in favor of the proposal.
 - e. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier speaks in favor of the proposal.
 - f. OCS Representative P. McDonald speaks in favor of the proposal.
 5. OCS Representative P. McDonald moves to vote; the motion is seconded and passed.

Debate is closed.

6. The vote commences.
 1. Twenty-nine vote in favor, zero vote against, and one abstains; the proposal is passed.

C. Constitutional Amendment Packet: P. McDonald

1. Vice President R. Akiyama states that a Constitutional Amendment must be passed by two-thirds of the entire senate in order to pass.
2. OCS Representative P. McDonald moves to vote on individual amendments within the proposal separately.
 - a. It is seconded and passed.
3. OCS Representative P. McDonald speaks on behalf of the first amendment in his proposal.
4. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz moves to open the gallery; it is seconded and passed.
5. Associate Justice M. Bisanz speaks against the amendment.
6. A delegate in the gallery speaks in favor of the amendment.
7. Senator K. Legnetti speaks in favor of the amendment.
8. Senator J. Meyers speaks in favor of the amendment.
9. Senator N. Palmer speaks in favor of the amendment.
10. Senator C. Martin clarifies Associate Justice M. Bisanz's argument.
11. A delegate in the gallery speaks in favor of the amendment
12. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks in favor of the amendment.
13. OCS Representative P. McDonald speaks in favor of the proposal.
14. OCS Representative P. McDonald moves to vote; it is seconded and passed. Debate is closed.
15. The vote commences.
 - a. Fifteen vote in favor, fifteen against, and zero abstain; the first amendment fails.
16. OCS Representative P. McDonald speaks in favor of the second amendment.
17. Senator C. Martin moves to vote; it is seconded and passed.
18. The vote commences.
 - a. The amendment passes unanimously with a vote of thirty.
19. OCS Representative P. McDonald speaks in favor of the third amendment.
20. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to vote; it is seconded and passed.
21. The vote commences.
 - a. Twenty eight vote in favor, zero against, and two abstain; the third amendment passes.
22. OCS Representative P. McDonald speaks in favor of the fourth and final amendment in his proposal.
23. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks against amendment
24. OCS Representative P. McDonald speaks in favor of the amendment.
25. Senator C. Martin moves to defer the amendment back to rules; the motion is seconded.
26. The vote commences.
 - a. Twenty one vote in favor of deferring the amendment back to Rules, two against, and five abstain. The fourth amendment is therefore tabled until it is reviewed by Rules.

D. Clubs

1. Club Baseball
 - a. There is still no advisor.
 - b. Ethics and Conduct Chair A. Stevens moves to table Club Baseball; it is seconded and passed.
2. Dance with Me.
 - a. There is still no advisor.
 - b. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz moves to table Dance With Me; it is seconded and passed.

VIII. New Business

- A. OCS Representative P. McDonald moves to untable the constitutional amendment; his motion is not recognized.
- B. Ratified ALFSA Amendments
 - 1. Vice President R. Akiyama entertains a motion to pass the ratifications made to ALFSA's constitution.
 - 2. It is moved, seconded, and passed.
- B. Quo Vadimus
 - 1. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to open the gallery; it is seconded and passed.
 - 2. The representative for Quo Vadimus speaks on behalf of the club.
 - 3. It is moved to pass the club, seconded, and passed unanimously.

IX. Special Business

- A. The swearing in of RSA Representative T. Kim
 - 1. RSA Representative T. Kim speaks on behalf of herself.
 - 2. RSA Representative T. Kim is sworn in by Associate Justice M. Bisanz.

X. Announcements

- A. Senator K. Legnetti makes an announcement in regard to Camp Wellstone.
- B. Vice President R. Akiyama makes an announcement in regard to the FERPA contracts and the Retreat dates.
- C. President P. DiSilvio asks for the contact information for new senators as well as there 700 numbers for access to the office.
- D. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz makes an announcement for Student Services.
- E. Comptroller J. Napoli makes an announcement about an OCS meeting on Wednesday, September 27.
- F. Associate Justice S. Slight makes an announcement about the History Club meeting on Wednesday, September 27.
- G. Senator C. Martin makes an announcement about the Spirit Committee on behalf of Spirit Chair S. Rozakis.
- H. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez makes an announcement to her committee members.

XI. Adjourn

- 1. It is moved to adjourn; the motion is seconded and passed.
- 2. Senate is adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Laura Giunta
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