

Minutes of the Hofstra Student Government Association
October 10, 2006
Green House, Student Center

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING #7

I. The meeting is called to order at 6:21 PM by Vice President R. Akiyama

II. Quorum Call

A. There is quorum.

B. Absent

1. Stephanie Kaplan (excused)
2. Kathleen Hunker (on sabbatical)
3. Erin McDowell
4. Mia Fields-Hall (excused)
5. Nick Place
6. Jenna Marucci
7. Rachel Pererci
8. Maria Ramos
9. Daniel Blois
10. Toni Marie Milito
11. Lorraine Carroll
12. Evan Gottlieb
13. Nathan Yadgar (excused)
14. Justin Meyers
15. Amanda Stevens
16. Hawa Weheli

C. Delegates Present

1. Lisa Young
2. Kelsey Stanton
3. Elyse M. Emmerling
4. Obinna Obianom
5. Carlos Cruz

III. Election of New Senators

A. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to suspend the rules to elect the delegates into senate now; it is seconded and passed.

1. The delegates speak
 - a. Kelsey Stanton speaks on behalf of herself.
 - b. Elyse Emmerling speaks on behalf of herself.
 - c. Lisa Young speaks on behalf of herself.
 - d. Obinna Obianom speaks on behalf of himself.
2. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to vote the delegates in as a block; it is seconded and passed.
3. There is debate.
 - a. OCS Rep. P. McDonald, Spirit Chair S. Rozakis, Student Services Chair A. Schwartz, and Senators K. Legnetti and M. Miccuci speak on behalf of the delegates.
4. Senator C. Martin moves to vote; it is seconded and the vote commences.
5. 28 vote in favor, zero against, and zero abstain; the delegates are voted in unanimously.
6. Associate Justice S. Slight swears in the new senators.

IV. Passing of General Senate Minutes and Cabinet Minutes

A. Cabinet Minutes

1. DJ Trash

- a. Senator C. Martin speaks against using DJ Trash at Sinterklass.
- b. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz explains that it is up to Student Activities if they are funding the DJ.
- c. Senator M. Miccuci speaks against using DJ Trash.
- d. Senator J. Berry suggests getting Drastic Measures and Hillel's a cappella group to also perform.

2. Senator S. Smallbery moves to pass the Cabinet minutes; it is seconded and the Cabinet minutes are passed.

B. General Senate Meeting Minutes

1. Senator C. Martin moves to amend Senator M. Miccuci's name from "Micuci" to "Miccuci" in sections 11.C.4, IV.B.3, and IV.D.2, 4-6; it is seconded and the amendment is passed.
2. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to amend Ed Bracht's name from "Brack" to "Bracht" in VI.G.4; it is seconded and the amendment is passed.
3. Senator C. Martin moves to pass the General Senate meeting minutes with the above amendments; it is seconded and the Cabinet minutes are passed.

V. Executive Reports

A. President P. DiSilvio

1. Commends Senator J. Berry.
2. Tells Senate there will be more delegates at next week's meeting.
3. Has spoken with Alan Kelly with Vice President R. Akiyama; will soon decide on a reasonable goal for fundraising.
4. Confirms that the Judicial Panel did not lose the five hundred dollars given to them; rather, they wanted an additional two hundred dollars for robes and were denied this request for additional funding.
5. Notifies the senate that there will be a list of charges brought against him in the next issue of the Chronicle and denounces the charges.
 - a. A group of friends did not get banned when visiting campus to help on President P. DiSilvio's campaign; rather, two of his friends who had not been visiting him in particular tried to climb the bell tower and were therefore banned from Hofstra campus.
 - b. Accusations that President P. DiSilvio did any inappropriate activities during the elections are false; never broke the rules set up by the Election commission.
 - c. There are fourteen charges in total.
6. Some students involved in senate are unhappy and would like President P. DiSilvio removed from office.
 - a. Some feel not appointing a Parliamentarian warrants removal from office.
 - b. Believe he and his administration are doing an amazing job for the students of Hofstra.
7. Vice President R. Akiyama asks that everyone save questions about the allegations until For the Good of the Order (Agenda Item IX).

B. Vice President R. Akiyama

1. Any senator who runs into problems in or outside of campus may always come to senate for help.
2. Binders are in and will be stuffed with constitutions this week; collating will begin Friday with Vice President R. Akiyama and Secretary L. Giunta and will continue throughout the weekend. Senators are welcome to help.

C. Comptroller J. Napoli

1. The Report of Comptroller J. Napoli will be covered in Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez's report.

D. Secretary L. Giunta

1. Thanks those senators who worked on the Homecoming Float for being so nice.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Academic Affairs C. Kayel
 - 1. Goes over minutes.
 - 2. Student Services Chair A. Shwartz moves to pass the minutes; it is seconded and the Academic Affairs minutes are passed.
- B. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez
 - 1. Goes over minutes
 - 2. Will be putting together an Appropriations Funding Policy.
 - 3. T-Shirts for fundraising for the Philosophy Club
 - a. Senator L. Pleiman speaks against giving four hundred dollars for T-shirts to fundraise.
 - b. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel speaks in favor of it.
 - c. Senator L. Pleiman speaks against it.
 - d. President P. DiSilvio speaks in favor of it.
 - c. Senator L. Pleiman speaks against it.
 - e. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks against it.
 - f. OCS Rep. speaks in favor of it.
 - g. Senator M. Miccuci speaks against the amount given for the T-shirts, but not against the idea of using T-shirts to fundraise.
 - h. Senator N. Shokrianpour speaks in favor of it.
 - i. Delegate C. Cruz speaks against it.
 - j. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz speaks for the T-shirts.
 - k. Senator J. Hisayi speaks for the T-shirts.
 - 4. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to amend the four hundred dollars given to the Philosophy club for T-shirts to fundraise to two hundred fifty dollars; it is seconded.
 - a. There is debate.
 - b. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis suggests finding a set price for T-shirts.
 - c. Senator A. Harwani speaks against finding a set price.
 - d. Rules Chair L. Giunta notes that clubs may not be able to spend any money on clothing.
 - e. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier speaks for fundraising with T-shirts.
 - 5. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier moves to vote on the amendment; debate is closed.
 - 6. 4 vote in favor of the amendment, 17 against, and 6 abstain; the amendment fails.
 - 7. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier moves to vote on the entire Appropriations minutes; it is seconded.
 - 8. The Appropriations minutes are passed.
 - 9. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis moves to suspend the Rules and move the Spirit Chair's Report after Club Affairs; it is seconded and passed.
- C. Club Affairs J. Lanier
 - 1. Goes over minutes.
 - 2. Club Affairs J. Lanier moves to pass the Club Affairs minutes; it is seconded.
 - 3. The Club Affairs minutes are passed.
- D. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis
 - 1. Thanks all those who worked on the Homecoming float.
 - a. The SGA float one Most Original.
 - 2. No Spirit meeting this week.
 - 3. Chomp and Cheers are coming in this week.
 - 4. Goes over Monthly report.
 - 5. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis moves to pass the Spirit Monthly Report; it is seconded and passed.
- E. Rules L. Giunta
 - 1. Deadline for clubs to get their paperwork in was October 6; now it has been moves to October 17.
 - 2. 64 clubs have handed in roster clubs while 55 haven't.
 - 3. All senators must bring in a constitution to Senate next week or they will receive an absence.

4. Cabinet members will receive a half-absence if they do not hand in their monthly reports.
5. Goes over minutes.
6. Senator C. Martin moves to pass the Rules minutes; it is seconded and the Rules minutes are passed.

F. Student Services A. Schwartz

1. Student Services meeting this week will be held at 7:00 PM, not 8:00 PM this week in the SGA office.
2. Monthly report will be in next week.
3. Vice President R. Akiyama entertains a motion to pass; it is moved and seconded.
4. The Student Services minutes are passed.

VII. Special Business

- A. Senator C. Martin hands out Homecoming awards to those who helped with the construction of the float.

VIII. Old Business

A. Legislation

1. There are no old pieces of legislation to review.

IX. Recess

- A. Rules L. Giunta moves to recess at 7:52; it is seconded and passed.
- B. Vice President R. Akiyama calls senate back into session at 7:58 PM.

X. New Business

- A. There is a quorum call; there is quorum.

B. Clubs

1. Rules Chair L. Giunta motions to vote on clubs as a block; it is seconded and passed.
2. Club Lanier J. Lanier moves to vote all clubs in, including the Gay-Straight Alliance (reactivation of PRISM), the American Chemistry Society (reactivation of ACS), and Students of Political Dialogue.
3. The Clubs are passed unanimously.

C. New Legislation

1. Proposal II - Default Faculty Advisor.
 - a. Senator C. Martin moves to vote on the legislation; it is seconded and the legislation is passed.
2. Senator C. Martin moves to table proposal 1; it is seconded and passed.

XI. For the Good of the Order

A. Minutes

1. Senator C. Martin speaks against printing out minutes; would prefer them to be emailed.
2. Rules Chair L. Giunta, Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel, Student Services Chair A. Schwartz, and Senator N. Palmer speak for it.

- B. OCS Rep. P. McDonald informs Senate that none of the allegations of him doing any wrongdoing are true.

- C. Rules Chair L. Giunta asks about bring back ice-cream to the Student Center; Student Services Chair A. Schwartz will work on it.

- D. President P. DiSilvio notes that Lackman is willing to fund all of SGA's food for the rest of the year.

XII. Announcements

1. Sid Nathan invites senators to come to Free Speech Day sponsored by POISE and speak.
2. Senator C. Martin invites senators to attend the Sexual Pleasure Workshop sponsored by WOA.
3. Senator A. Kowel asks if Senate could try to start on time at 6:00 PM rather than starting late.
4. RSA Rep. T. Kim invites senators to attend an Open Mic Night at Nassau and Suffolk Halls.

5. Senator J. Garcia invites senators to attend a fundraising event at Coldstone for IBA.
6. Senator C. Amoroso invites senators to support the walk for Breast Cancer at Jones Beach.
7. Senator K. Tompkins tells senators about Circle K fundraising with a raffle for tickets to a Panic! At the Disco concert.
8. Rules Chair L. Giunta will have a meeting with her committee after Senate has adjourned.
9. Vice President R. Akiyama asks Cabinet to send him a list of members on their committees.

XIII. Adjourn

1. Senator K. Legnetti moves to adjourn; it is seconded and passed.
2. Senate is adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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