

Minutes of the Hofstra Student Government Association  
October 17, 2006  
Green House, Student Center

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING #8

I. The meeting is called to order at 6:11 PM by Vice President R. Akiyama

II. Quorum Call

A. There is quorum.

B. Absent

1. Stephanie Kaplan
2. Kathleen Hunker (on sabbatical)
3. Erin McDowell
4. Nattaly Shokrianpour
5. Kayleigh Tompkins
6. Jenna Marucci
7. Annie Harwani
8. Kate Legnetti
9. Christina Martin (excused)
10. Rachel Pererci
11. Daniel Blois
12. Narissa Palmer
13. Lorraine Carroll (excused)
14. Evan Gottlieb
15. Nathan Yadgar (excused)
14. Justin Meyers

C. Delegates Present

1. Jason Emerson
2. Brent G. Weitzberg
3. Akeem Mellis
4. Robin Doublebower

III. Passing General Senate Minutes and Cabinet Minutes

A. General Senate Minutes

1. Vice President R. Akiyama entertains a motion to pass; it is moved and seconded.
2. The General Senate Minutes for October 10, 2006 are passed.

B. Cabinet Minutes

1. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz moves to amend "Isa" to "Eisa" in IV.I.2.c.
2. Senator M. Micucci moves to amend "Miccuci" to "Micucci" throughout the Cabinet minutes.
3. Vice President R. Akiyama entertains a motion to pass with the above amendments; it is seconded.
4. The Cabinet minutes for October 13, 2006 with the above amendments are passed.

IV. Suspension of the Rules

A. Public Relations Chair S. Kaplan

1. Need confirmation from senators if they are attending the retreat by October 31, 2006.
2. The retreat will be held November 5, 2006 from 11:00 AM-5:00 PM.
3. Please contact the Public Relations Chair at skapla4@pride.hofstra.edu.
4. The retreat is mandatory.
5. All those who confirm and say they are coming, yet fail to attend will be required to pay a fee.

V. Special Business

A. There are currently no new delegates to elect as senators.

## VI. Points of the Executive Board

- A. Vice President R. Akiyama sets a three minute time limit for Cabinet members.
- B. President P. DiSilvio
  - 1. Cabinet will now be held at 4:30 PM.
  - 2. Will soon receive the increased money promised for each academic year.
  - 3. The new academic building will be opening tomorrow, October 18, 2006.
  - 4. Attended the Board of Trustees Meeting
    - a. A bridge across Hempstead Turnpike will be up next September.
    - b. Would like to renovate the Student Center
  - 5. Completed index for the constitution.
  - 6. Have scheduled meetings with President Rabinowitz and Alan Kelly.
  - 7. The university is looking into acquiring more land, specifically the nearby military grounds.
  - 8. A new rule has been established: senators who want an excused absence need to submit a letter twenty-four hours in advance to either President P. DiSilvio, Vice President R. Akiyama, or Ethics and Conduct Chair A. Stevens.
  - 9. Senator C. Amoroso is in charge of the Contact Sheet Task Force; they will have two weeks to complete their task.
  - 10. Senator K. Tompkins is in charge of the Grant Task Force.
  - 11. Working with Chronicle for weekly fireside chats via internet pod casts.
  - 12. Discussed Lackman committee and reiterated the senators serving on the committee.
  - 13. Review the possibility of an electronic card swipe access on every door on campus.
    - a. Rules Chair L. Giunta, Student Services Chair A. Schwartz, OCS Rep. P. McDonald, Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez, Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel, and Senators D. Ceriano, E. Emmerling, M. Micucci, A. Kowal, and J. Berry speak against the electronic card swipe policy proposal.
    - b. There is an unofficial vote; 0 are in favor of the proposal, 27 are against, and 0 abstain. Therefore, if official, the proposal would have failed unanimously in senate.
- C. Vice President R. Akiyama
  - 1. Apologizes for binders not being ready; they will be sent to the printing department at Hofstra and will be ready by next week.
  - 2. All those senators interested in participating in the Blue and Gold Task Force see Vice President R. Akiyama.
  - 3. All those senators interested in being involved in the Club Congress, also see Vice President R. Akiyama.
  - 4. Senate has received a new white board; invites senators to give any suggestions on how to use the board during meetings.
- D. Comptroller J. Napoli
  - 1. Will be having a meeting with Director of Student Activities Anita Ellis and SGA Bookkeeper Pamela Orefice tomorrow, October 18.
  - 2. Had a meeting last week with Director of Student Activities Anita Ellis.
  - 3. If any senator has any questions, feel free to ask.
- E. Secretary L. Giunta
  - 1. Ordered supplies; should be arriving shortly.
  - 2. Made new mailboxes for the new senators.
  - 3. Asks that all cabinet members have their minutes in by 2:00 on Tuesday before senate.

## VII. Cabinet

- A. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel
  - 1. Rescheduled meetings to Mondays at 7:00 PM.
  - 2. Goes over minutes.
  - 3. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz moves to pass the minutes; it is seconded.
  - 4. The Academic Affairs minutes are passed.
- B. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez
  - 1. Goes over minutes.
  - 2. \$24,744.10 is left in the contingency.
  - 3. Senator K Stanton moves to amend "contact" to "contract" in section four.

4. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier moves to pass the Appropriations Minutes with the amendment; it is seconded.
  5. The Appropriations minutes with the amendment are passed.
- C. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier
1. Goes over minutes
  2. Delegate J. Emerson moves to amend “Emmerson” to “Emerson” in the minutes.
  3. Club Affairs J. Lanier moves to pass the Club Affairs minutes with the amendment; it is seconded.
  4. The Club Affairs minutes with amendment are passed.
- D. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis
1. Will have a meeting next week.
  2. Chomp and Cheers are coming.
  3. Waiting to hear back from Chris Mayo in regard to the sign.
  4. There are no more football games until November and the basketball season has not started yet.
  5. Will be working on a game of assassins during Thursday’s meeting.
  6. No committee has been established; therefore, everyone on SGA can be considered part of her committee.
- E. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz
1. During a yet to be determined week in November, Senators can bring in an unwrapped toy to substitute for an office hour.
  2. DJ Trash will be the DJ at night during Sinterklaas; however, there will also be live entertainment
  3. Have not heard back from Target, Wal-mart, Build-a-bear, Toys-R-Us; Target will not donate on the national level and therefore have to go to the local level.
  4. Working on the Change Hofstra campaign
  5. Ethics and Conduct Chair A. Stevens states that all senators are required to be at Sinterklaas for at least one hour.
  6. RSA Rep. T. Kim moves to pass the Student Services minutes; it is seconded.
  7. The Student Services minutes are passed.
- F. Rules Chair L. Giunta
1. Goes over minutes.
  2. Today was the final day for clubs to get in their paperwork; next week there will be a finalized list of active and deactive clubs.
  3. Hands out list of club purposes to Senate.
  4. All senators interested in learning to write legislation, see Rules Chair L. Giunta or the Rules Committee.
  5. Ethics and Conduct Chair A. Stevens reiterates to senators that they must hand in letters for their excused absences.
  6. Ethics and Conduct Chair A. Stevens states that cabinet members must put the attendance list after committee meetings in her mailbox.
  7. Comptroller J. Napoli moves to pass the Rules minutes; it is seconded.
  8. The Rules minutes are passed.

### VIII. Old Business

- A. Club Baseball
1. Club Baseball no longer needs a faculty advisor.
  2. Senator L. Young moves to pass Club baseball; it is seconded and passed.
- B. SAOC
1. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to table the rest of the Old Business until next week; it is seconded and passed.

### IX. New Business

- A. New Clubs
1. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to vote the clubs in as a block; it is seconded.
    - a. 24 vote in favor, 2 against, and 0 abstain; the motion passes.
  2. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks for Amnesty International, Democracy Matters, Students for a

Democratic Society, and the Wrestling Club.

3. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier moves to vote; it is seconded.
4. 19 vote in favor, 2 against, and 4 abstain; the clubs are passed.

#### B. Legislation

1. Copy Machine Use (M. Bisanz) resolution
  - a. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks against the resolution.
  - b. OCS Rep. P. McDonald speaks for the resolution.
  - c. Senator A. Kowal speaks against flyers in the minutes.
  - d. Senator E. Emmerling speaks against flyers in the minutes.
  - e. Senator M. Micucci speaks for the flyers, but suggests changing the formatting, double-siding, or changing the margins for the minutes.
  - f. Senator C. Amoroso suggests to decrease the size of the advertisements to fit more on one page.
  - g. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel speaks against resolution.
  - h. President P. DiSilvio states that Cabinet already decided not to put flyers in the minutes; also speaks against the resolution
  - i. Justice M. Bisanz speaks for the resolution.
  - j. Debate is closed.
  - k. The vote commences; 1 votes in favor, 14 against, and 10 abstain.
  - l. The resolution fails.
2. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz moves to table proposal one and three; it is seconded.
  - a. Proposals one and three are tabled.
3. Election Rules
  - a. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks for the resolution.
  - b. OCS Rep. P. McDonald speaks against the resolution; should have the election commission look it over before it goes in the Policy series.
  - c. OCS Rep. P. McDonald moves to table the proposal and have it deferred to the elections commission; it is seconded and the motion is up for debate.
  - d. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel speaks against the motion to table for further review.
  - e. Comptroller J. Napoli speaks for the motion.
  - f. OCS Rep. P. McDonald speaks for the motion.
  - g. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks against the motion.
  - h. President P. DiSilvio speaks for the motion unless it cannot be reviewed by the election commission before partisanship emerges.
  - i. Club Affairs J. Lanier speaks for the motion.
  - j. OCS Rep. P. McDonald speaks for the motion.
  - k. Comptroller J. Napoli speaks for the motion.
  - l. The vote commences. 4 are in favor of tabling, 12 against, and 7 abstain; the motion fails.
  - m. There is quorum call; do not have quorum.
  - n. Senator E. Emmerling moves to table the proposal; it is seconded and passed.

#### X. For the Good of the Order

- A. Senator J. Berry speaks about discussing senators with many excused absences.
  1. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel speaks about absences.

#### XI. Announcements

- A. Tomorrow, October 18 there will be a film screening about Islamic extremists sponsored EMET and College Republicans
- B. Thursday October 26 there will be a walk against domestic violence.

#### XII. Adjourn

- A. Comptroller J. Napoli moves to adjourn; it is seconded.
- B. Senate is adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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Laura Giunta

*Recording Secretary for the Hofstra Student Government Association*