

Minutes of the Hofstra Student Government Association  
October 24, 2006  
Green House, Student Center

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING #9

I. The meeting is called to order at 6:07 PM by Vice President R. Akiyama

II. Quorum Call

- A. There is quorum.
- B. Absent
  - 1. Jacklyn Medina
  - 2. Kathleen Hunker (on sabbatical)
  - 3. Rachel Perci
  - 4. Toni Marie Milito
  - 5. Evan Gottlieb
  - 6. Nathan Yadgar (excused)
  - 7. Justin Meyers
  - 8. Kelsey Stanton (excused)
  - 9. Elyse Emmerling (excused)
- C. Delegates Present
  - 1. Jason Emerson
  - 2. Brent G. Weitzberg
  - 3. Carlos Cruz
  - 4. Robin Doublebower
  - 5. David Aldarondo
  - 6. Michael Brandt

III. Public Relations

- A. Vice President R. Akiyama introduces new three minute policy for committee reports.
- B. Public Relations S. Kaplan
  - 1. The retreat is mandatory according to SGA constitution.
  - 2. Need written confirmation, whether it be yes or no.
  - 3. Will depart Hofstra at 8:00 AM on November 5.
  - 4. Must fill out contract and bring it to retreat.
  - 5. Need at least twenty people to attend.

IV. Suspension of Rules

- A. Club Affairs Chair. J. Lanier moves to suspend the rules and vote on Proposal 4, the legislation about quorum, because it needs two-thirds of senate to pass; the motion is seconded
  - 1. Thirty five in favor, zero against, three abstain; the motion passes.
- B. Proposal 4: Quorum (J. Lanier)
  - 1. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier speaks for legislation; speaks against proxy voting.
  - 2. OCS Rep. P. McDonald moves to amend "in a row in senate" to "in a row from senate."
  - 3. OCS Rep. P moves to vote with amendment; it is seconded.
  - 4. 36 vote in favor, 0 against, 4 abstain; the legislation passes with the amendment.
  - 5. There is debate whether the legislation should be enacted at the next senate meeting or include absences that have already occurred during the semester.
    - a. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier speaks for a majority vote to make the decision.
    - b. Senator S. Smallberg, Ethics and Conduct Chair A. Stevens, and Rules Chair L. Giunta speak against initiating it for previous absences.
- C. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to suspend the rules and vote on all those pieces of Legislation that need two-thirds of Senate to pass; it is seconded and the motion passes.

- D. Proposal 1: SAOC (L. Giunta)
  1. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks for the legislation.
  2. OCS Rep. P. McDonald speaks for the legislation.
  3. OCS Rep. P. McDonald moves to vote; it is seconded and the vote commences.
  4. 34 vote in favor, 0 against, and 5 abstain; the legislation passes.
- E. Proposal 2: Judicial Panel (L. Giunta)
  1. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks for the legislation.
  2. Vice President R. Akiyama opens the gallery; Justice S. Slight and Chief Justice L. Ramdeen speak against the legislation.
  3. OCS Rep. P. McDonald moves to divide the proposal to separate sections five and six; it is seconded and the motion passes.
  4. Section Six of the proposal is debated.
    - a. Senator C. Martin speaks for the legislation.
    - b. Justice S. Slight speaks against the legislation.
    - c. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks for the legislation.
    - d. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez speaks for the legislation.
    - e. Senator D. Blois speaks for the legislation.
    - f. Delegate J. Emerson speaks against the legislation.
    - g. Justice S. Slight speaks against the legislation.
    - h. Chief Justice L. Ramdeen speaks against the legislation.
    - i. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks for the legislation.
    - j. Senator J. Berry speaks for the legislation.
    - k. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez speaks for the legislation.
    - l. Senator J. Hisayi speaks for the legislation.
    - m. Senator C. Martin speaks for the legislation.
    - n. Senator C. Martin moves to vote on section six of the proposal; it is seconded and the vote commences.
    - o. 27 vote in favor, 6 against, and 6 abstain; the amendment fails.
  5. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis speaks about the Assassins Game.
  6. Section Five of the proposal is debated.
    - a. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks for the legislation.
    - b. Justice S. Slight speaks against the legislation.
    - c. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks for the legislation.
    - d. Senator D. Blois speaks for the legislation.
    - e. OCS Rep. P. McDonald moves to send the proposal back to Rules; it is seconded.
    - f. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks against the motion.
    - g. OCS Rep. P. McDonald speaks for the motion.
    - h. The motion fails.
    - i. Debate is closed and the vote on section five of the proposal commences.
    - j. 28 vote in favor, 5 against, and 4 abstain; the amendment fails.
- F. Senator L. Pleiman moves to suspend the rules and vote in new senators; the motion is seconded and passed.
  1. The Delegates speak for themselves.
    - a. Robin Doublebower speaks for herself.
    - b. Carlos Cruz speaks for himself.
    - c. Brent Weitzberg speaks for himself.
    - d. Jason Emerson speaks for himself.
  2. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis moves to vote the delegates in as a block; it is seconded and passed.
  3. Senator K. Legnetti moves to speak about the group as a block; it is seconded and passed.
  4. Senator K. Legnetti and Spirit Chair S. Rozakis speak for the delegates.
  5. Comptroller J. Napoli and Senator M. Fields-Hall speaks against.
  6. The vote commences.
  7. 32 vote in favor, 3 against, and 0 abstain; the new delegates are now senators.
  8. Chief Justice L. Ramdeen swears in the new senators.
- G. Senator L. Pleiman moves to suspend the rules and go into Executive Session; it is seconded and passed.

1. There is a vote if justices may stay in Executive Session.
  - a. 16 vote in favor, 18 against, and 4 abstain; the justices must leave the gallery.
2. Executive Session begins
3. Executive Session is closed.

#### V. The Passing of General Senate Meeting Minutes and Cabinet Minutes

- A. General Senate Meeting Minutes.
  1. Senator L. Pleiman moves to pass the General Senate Meeting minutes; it is seconded.
  2. The General Senate Meeting minutes pass.
- B. Cabinet Minutes.
  1. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to pass the Cabinet minutes; it is seconded.
  2. The Cabinet minutes pass.

#### VI. Reports of the Executive Board

- A. President P. DiSilvio
  1. All senators must do office hours.
  2. SGA will be officially releasing the correct budgets to *The Chronicle*.
  3. Met with Alan Kelly to discuss fundraising.
  4. Working on a carnival or festival at the end of the Spring Semester; will be working with Entertainment Unlimited, Hofstra Concerts, Alan Kelly, Board of Trustees, Student Activities, etc.
  5. Will institute a dress code for Halloween; all senators must wear a costume to Senate.
  6. Commends Appropriations.
  7. New SGA pens are in.
- B. Vice President R. Akiyama
  1. Needs twelve more names for the leadership development committee; aimed toward educating younger students about leadership.
- C. Comptroller J. Napoli
  1. Having meetings with Anita Ellis and Pam Orefice.
  2. Will have monthly report in soon.
  3. Would like to have a board outside the SGA office where clubs can post flyers.
  4. Would like it if clubs sent a representative to every SGA meeting.
- D. Secretary L. Giunta
  1. Supplies came in.
  2. Asks about missing scissors.

#### V. Reports of the Committees

- A. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel
  1. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz moves to pass the Academic Affairs minutes; the motion is seconded and the Academic Affairs minutes are passed.
- B. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez
  1. Goes over minutes.
  2. Will be fundraising or looking for donations for In-Touch Arts
  3. There is a motion to amend the Appropriations minutes to add that GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) received \$577.00; it is seconded and the amendment passes.
  4. Senator D. Blois moves to amend the decimal point and change it to a comma after the seven and before the four; it is seconded and the amendment passes.
  5. Senator R. Doublebower moves to change "Robyn" to "Robin." It is seconded and the motion passes.
  6. Rules Chair L. Giutna speaks against the money given to Hofstra Concerts; moves to cut the budget in half, giving Hofstra Concerts \$3749.50.
  7. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez and Senators J. Emerson, K. Legnetti, K. Tompkins, C. Cruz, J. Hisayi, and M. Fields-Hall speak against the motion.
  8. The vote commences; 1 votes in favor, 26 against, and 3 abstain; the motion fails.
  9. OCS Rep. P. McDonald moves to pass the Appropriations minutes; it is seconded and the

Appropriations minutes pass.

- C. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier
  - 1. Goes over minutes.
  - 2. Minority Town Hall Meeting on November 15, co-sponsored by the Club Affairs Committee.
  - 3. Club Affairs J. Lanier moves to pass the Club Affairs minutes; it is seconded and the Club Affairs minutes are passed.
- D. Rules Chair L. Giunta
  - 1. Goes over minutes.
  - 2. Assigns people to do club elections.
  - 3. Senators must not email Ethic and Conduct Chair A. Stevens if they are going to be absent for Senate; must write or type a statement out and sign it, then put it in her mailbox 24 hours before the absence or after if it is an emergency.
  - 4. Senator M. Fields-Hall moves to pass the Rules minutes; the motion is seconded and the Rules minutes pass.
- E. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz
  - 1. Goes over minutes
  - 2. It is up to Student Activities to choose the DJ.
  - 3. There will be no Student Services meeting this week.
  - 4. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to pass; it is seconded and the Student Services minutes are passed.
- F. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis
  - 1. Vice President R. Akiyama speaks on behalf of Spirit Chair S. Rozakis.
  - 2. There will be a Spirit meeting this week.
  - 3. Chomp and Cheers are in.
  - 4. Senators must not tamper with other senators mailboxes in regard to the Assassins game.
  - 5. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to pass the Spirit minutes; it is seconded and the spirit minutes pass.

VI. Quorum Call.

- A. There is no quorum.
- B. It is moved to table the rest of the old and new business; the motion is seconded and all new and old business remaining is tabled.

VII. For the Good of the Order

- A. Senator C. Martin is glad the minutes are double-sided.
- B. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks about senate trying to hold quorum in order to better benefit the students and clubs.
- C. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks about executive session; doesn't like that it was broken, but thinks that senate should consider about making the budgets public.
- D. President P. DiSilvio states that Budget Weekend will not be in executive session this year; also, reiterates that *The Chronicle* has been given the correct budget information officially by Senate and that the Appropriations committee as also written an official press release as well.
- E. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez states that after the budgets are passed in the Spring, they will be released to the public.
- F. Senator M. Micucci agrees that the budgets should be published; also, asks senators to speak louder during meetings.
- G. Senator M. Micucci encourages senators to come to the meeting on November 7 in which Lackman will be bringing a representative; feels students are being overcharged for food.
- H. OCS Rep. P. McDonald states that senate should consider canceling the Senate meeting on Election Day.
- I. Senator C. Martin commends *The Chronicle*.
- J. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz asks senators not to get angry when Eisa comes to represent Lackman.
- K. Senator C. Amoroso asks for senators to help his task force in creating a massive contact sheet.
- L. Rules Chair states that according to the constitution there must be a Senate meeting every Tuesday class in session and therefore cannot be canceled.

- M. Senator C. Martin states that senators should bring in information and research for Lackman on the November 7 meeting.
- N. President P. DiSilvio states everything discussed during the Lackman meeting on November 7 will be information used for evaluating Lackman when considering their contract.
- O. Senator C. Carlos speaks about Election Day and Lackman.
- P. Secretary L. Giunta asks about Executive Session; all senators part of the Student Government are allowed to be informed about Executive Session, even if they are absent from the meeting in which Executive Session is held.

VIII. Announcements

- A. Senator K. Legnetti makes an announcement regarding recycling.
- B. Senator A. Kowal makes an announcement regarding a walk outside Hofstra Hall against Domestic Violence.

IX. Adjourn

- A. It is moved to adjourn; the motion is seconded.
- B. Senate is adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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

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October 27, 2006  
Student Center Room 218

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CABINET MEETING #12

I. The meeting is called to order at 4:42 PM.

II. Roll Call

A. Present

1. President P. DiSilvio
2. Vice President R. Akiyama
3. Secretary L. Giunta
4. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez
5. Public Relations S. Kaplan
5. Rules Chair L. Giunta
6. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis

B. Absent

1. Comptroller J. Napoli
2. Club Affairs J. Lanier
3. Student Services A. Schwartz
4. Academic Affairs C. Kayel

III. Special Business

A. Impeachment

1. It is moved, seconded, and passed to have the impeachment brought to senate.

IV. Cabinet Reports

A. President P. DiSilvio

1. Meeting with Ed Bracht about the Hofstra carnival.
2. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz will also meet with Ed Bracht this week.
3. Contacted academy that has hosted a carnival before; also will be getting quotes from Newton Shows.
4. Has everyone's email in SGA.

B. Vice President R. Akiyama

1. Thursday at 7:30 in the Office of Student Activities there will be a Blue and Gold meeting.

C. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez

1. Goes over minutes.
2. Meeting with Evan from the Ice Hockey club in order to get funding back from their jerseys.
3. Getting \$19,000 for the SGA contingency to appropriate to clubs.
4. Lost quorum last meetings; three clubs will have to wait until next week's meeting.

D. Public Relations Chair S. Kaplan

1. Received a fair number of responses for the retreat.
2. Will have a table date in the Student Center
3. Speak Your Peace will be held Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00.

E. Rules Chair L. Giunta

1. Met with Pat and Patti from the Recreational Center; they are interested in the funding aspects of Sports clubs and perhaps limiting the number of clubs on campus.
2. Cannot limit how many clubs form, but will try to limit how many new clubs are seen each week.
3. Pat and Patti also want to have a meeting with SGA and Student Activities to discuss the Sports Clubs.
4. Have not deactivated any clubs, although people have been telling certain clubs that they are deactive when it isn't the case.
5. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez states that there have been complaints about Student

Activiites.

6. Will send a list of all active clubs to Diane and tell her not to deactivate any clubs.
7. All are welcome to come to the next Rules meeting if they want to give there own input on the impeachment rules.
8. The Business Federation is coming to the next Rules meeting; may advise him to come to the following weeks meeting.

F. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis

1. Filled 600 Chomp and Cheers yesterday and placed them in boxes of one hundred; will be used for Parents' Weekend. May put labels on them.
2. Making banner for the Football Game.

G. Secretary L. Giunta

1. Asks if Cabinet can hand in their minutes extra early on Tuesday, November 7 as she must attend a mandatory event on Hofstra Campus for the Honors College at 4:00 PM that day.

V. Adjourn

- A. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis moves to adjourn; it is seconded.
- B. Cabinet is adjourned at 5:06 PM.

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**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS MINUTES**  
**October 30, 2006**  
**SGA Office, 7pm**

**Present: Senator Gabrielle Mnkande**  
**Senator Elyse Emmerling**  
**Senator Daniel Blois**  
**Senator Lisa Young**  
**Senator Narissa Palmer**

**Excused: Senator Erin McDowell**

-Finalized the arrangement and topic discussion for the Speak Yo Peace event WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 at 7pm in Plaza Room East.

-Chairwoman Kayel has an appointment with the Career Center next week.

-Research will be done to find the best career centers in the U.S. and compare with Hofstra's.

-Further research will be done for the online inter-campus textbook exchange in order to meet with the Dean of Technology.

Adjourned 7: 48pm

Appropriations  
October 22, 2006

Attendance

Chairwoman **Error! Reference source not found.**

Comptroller Joe Napoli

Senator Kayleigh Tompkins

Senator Laura Gasiorowski

Senator Yeyoung Lee

Senator Jason Emerson

Senator Shellie Smallberg

Senator Nattaly Shokrianpour

Delegate Michael Brandt

Excused

Jared Berry

Julia Hisayi

Sean Hutchinson

Absent

Sean Hutchinson

Called to order at 6:36 p.m.

Clubs

Outdoors Club

Amount requested: \$3234.56

Amount received: \$191.89

Vote: 3-2-1

Society of Women Engineers

Amount requested: \$5,825.00

Amount received: \$300.00

Vote: 4-2-0

Athletic Training Students

Amount requested: \$3,061.00

Amount received: \$1,002.33

Vote: 6-0-0

Kayleigh Tompkins is excused at 8:09.

Nattaly Shokrianpour is excused at 8:12.

Quorum is lost.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:14.

Club Affairs 10/25/06

Started at 8:10pm

Present

Gabrielle  
Laura Gasiorowski  
Kenny  
Yeyoung  
Jackie  
David Aldarondo  
Lorraine  
Obi  
Josh

1. Diversity Forum Discussed – Topics identified: Campus safety, residential halls, Lackmann, Hofstra Employees, Person of Color Statue.
2. Coffee machine to be ordered; free coffee for the students!  
Expenditures - \$181 on coffee maker.  
1,000 cups – undetermined price
3. Cabinets to be acquired through Events Management and Student Activities.
4. Gabrielle and Laura agree to do ticket policy on Saturday for Malik. (Thanks a lot guys!)

Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.

Special thanks to Kenny, Laura, and Gabrielle for their initiative and hard work.

Rules Committee Meeting  
October 30, 2006

Attendance:

Lisa Giunta (Chairwoman)  
Lydia Pleiman (Secretary)  
Annie Harwani (Archivist)  
Senator Christopher Amoroso  
Senator Kate Legnetti  
Senator Pat McDonald (OCS Representative)  
Senator Mia Fields-Hall

Visiting:

Senator Robin Doublebower  
Vice President Russell Akiyama  
Senator Jason Emerson  
Senator James Orlando

Excused:

Senator Amanda Stevens  
Senator Jared Berry

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm by Chairwoman Lisa Giunta

The Recreation Center and Office of Student Activities wants to put a cap on the number of clubs on campus.

Comments made on the topic:

- It was discussed on how to limit the amount of time it takes to have a club go defunct
- The desire for a “club orientation day” was expressed
- Limiting the amount of clubs is shooting themselves in the foot in regards to getting people from different backgrounds to attend Hofstra.
- Too many clubs=not enough funds for the clubs that are currently in existence.
- There needs to be a month length of time for clubs to get everything done.
- Pairing club presidents together, old with new to help them learn in the process.
- Student Government could formulate a letter and send it out to all RA’s to make sure things get hung up
- Clubs should express some initiation and fund-raise.
- Joe is starting the Internal Revenue Board to look over all the clubs and their budgets thus far to make sure the money is being spent correctly.
- Pat McDonald suggested that the Rules Committee should talk to Chairperson
- Redefine Rules Committee role in okaying clubs
- Club delegation period (where clubs have a time period to show that they may exist well)
- How are we checking to make sure that clubs have 10 members?

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Legislation:

1. Proposal regarding club budgets presented by Senator Jason Emerson
  - a. A fear that clubs will and have harassed other club presidents
    - i. Other Universities do this
  - b. Might be solved with a preamble in the Chronicle, saying for example, “this club elected
  - c. Make it available in the SGA office
    - i. Post it in the Chronicle that the numbers have been released.
  - d. Pat McDonald suggested places to put the legislation
  - e. Move to vote, seconded (3-3-2) passed

Impeachment rules discussed and the results are attached.  
Move to vote (6-0-1) passed

Impeachment Rules:

For the first five minutes of the proceedings technical corrects shall be made. After such time, no technical corrections shall be made to the resolution. During this time (the first ten minutes) no additional charges shall be added.

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Opening Statements:

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The presentation of evidence:

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At the end of debate a vote shall occur to pass or fail the resolution.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm

Spirit Committee Minutes  
Thursday, October 26, 2006  
8:30PM SGA Office

Attendance:

Chair Sammi Rozakis  
Senator Lydia Pleiman  
Senator Gabrielle Mnkande  
Senator Michael Micucci  
Senator Brent Weitzberg  
Senator Kate Legnetti  
Senator Christina Martin

Excused:

Senator Elyse Emmerling  
Senator Toni-Marie Milito  
Senator Ashley Kowal  
Senator Tammy Kim  
Everyone else.

Meeting called to order at 8:25PM

1. We stuff 600 cheer and chomps with skittles and made a huge mess. We had tons of fun singing old school songs, watching TNL, running around, and eating skittles.
2. The committee will no longer eat skittles.

Meeting called to an end at 9:54PM

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