

Minutes of the Hofstra Student Government Association
November 14, 2006
Green House, Student Center

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING #12

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

II. Quorum Call

- A. There is quorum.
- B. Absent
 - 1. Kathleen Hunker (on sabbatical)
 - 2. Jessi Garcia
 - 3. Erin McDowell (excused)
 - 4. Jacklyn Medina (excused)
 - 5. Nathan Yadgar (excused)
 - 6. Christopher Amoroso
 - 7. Rachel Pererci
 - 8. Maria Ramos
 - 9. Toni-Marie Milito (excused)
 - 10. Evan Gottlieb
 - 11. Justin Meyers
 - 12. Jared Berry (excused)
 - 13. Brent Weitzberg
- C. Delegates Present
 - 1. Fred Greenwood
 - 2. Ian Daly

III. Additions

- A. Vice President R. Akiyama adds Item C, Election of Comptroller, under Special Business in the agenda.
- B. Vice President R. Akiyama adds Item C, Judicial Panel Presentation, under New Business in the agenda.

IV. Passing of General Senate and Cabinet Minutes

- A. Cabinet Minutes
 - 1. Senator C. Martin moves to strike IV.A.11.a; it is seconded.
 - a. 23 vote in favor, 4 against, 3 abstain; the item is stricken.
 - 2. Ethics and Conduct Chair K. Legnetti moves to pass the Cabinet minutes; it is seconded and the Cabinet minutes are passed.
- B. General Senate Minutes
 - 1. Ethics and Conduct Chair K. Legnetti moves to pass the General Senate minutes; it is seconded and the General Senate minutes are passed.
- C. Committee Minutes
 - 1. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to suspend the rules and pass committee minutes table last week as a bulk; it is seconded and passed.
 - 2. Senator C. Martin moves to pass the Committee minutes tabled last week; it is seconded and the Committee minutes tabled last week are passed.

V. Special Business

- A. Reinstatements
 - 1. Evan Gottlieb and Rachel Pererci have now resigned as they did not appear at Senate today; Senator J. Meyers will be reconsidered because he has class during Senate and has already informed President P. DiSilvio of this.
- B. Swearing in of New Senators
 - 1. There are no new senators to be sworn in

C. Election of Comptroller

1. Rules Chair L. Giunta explains the position of Comptroller.
2. Senator J. Hisayi nominates Senator K. Tompkins for Comptroller; it is seconded.
3. There are no other nominations.
4. Senator K. Tompkins speaks on behalf of herself.
5. Senator K. Tompkins leaves; a vote commences.
6. 32 vote in favor, 2 abstain, and 1 for Spiderman; Senator K. Tompkins is elected the new Comptroller.
7. Chief Justice L. Ramdeen swears in Senator K. Tomplins as the new Comptroller.

VI. Early Committee Reports

A. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez

1. Goes over minutes.
2. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez states that Diane Perillo stated that the university is doing a College software inventory; therefore, appropriations is not allowed to fund for software, hardware, or other technology for clubs until the inventory is complete.
 - a. Because of this inventory, Nonsense received only \$54.00 as they had been asking to purchase a scanner and a keyboard and Appropriations temporarily cannot fund for this.
 - b. Senator C. Martin notes that the University already has scanners that clubs can use.
3. Ethics and Conduct Chair K. Legnetti moves to pass the Appropriations minutes; it is seconded and the Appropriations minutes are passed.

B. Rules Chair L. Giunta

1. Rules Chair L. Giunta introduces Ethics and Conduct Chair officially.
2. Goes over minutes.
3. Thanks Ethics and Conduct Chair K. Legnetti, Archivist A. Harwani, and Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier for helping with the How to Make Legislation session.
4. Ethics and Conduct Chair K. Legnetti will do the OCS election.
5. The Club and Organization Blackboard site is up; thanks Senator C. Amoroso for getting the club contact information.
 - a. The two contact people for each club, usually the vice president and the president, will have access to the website; it may be expanded later to e-board members.
6. Ethics and Conduct Chair K. Legnetti moves to pass the Rules minutes; it is seconded and the Rules minutes are passed.

C. Archivist A. Harwani

1. Asks senators to wait another week before printing out the constitutions, after they are completely updated; the constitution will be updated one to two weeks.
2. It is decided that senators will print out the most present, up-to-date constitution and only print a new one if major changes occur; otherwise, senators can write out all other changes made on their constitution instead of repeatedly printing out new ones.

D. Ethics and Conduct Chair K. Legnetti

1. Senators must tell committee chairs if they are unable to attend their committee meeting that week.
2. All Chairs must put their attendance for the week in Ethics and Conduct Chair K. Legnetti's mailbox by Friday at 3:00 PM; if not, they will receive a half-absence.
3. All senators who need to be excused for Senate must have a letter in the mailbox of Ethics and Conduct Chair K. Legnetti by Monday at 6:00 PM.

VII. Old Business

A. Election Commission Rules (L. Giunta)

1. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to amend the Election Commission Rules, Section G, Number 1, changing "Election Commission" to "Rules Committee" and "Year to "September."
 - a. OCS Rep. P. McDonald speaks against the amendment to the Election Rules.
 - b. Senator D. Blois speaks for the amendment.
 - c. Senator E. Emmerling speaks for the amendment.
 - d. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks for the amendment.

- e. A vote on the amendment commences.
 - f. 22 are in favor, 7 against, and 4 abstain; the amendment passes.
 2. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz moves to limit debate on the proposal for seven minutes; it is seconded.
 1. 25 are in favor, 7 against, and 0 abstain; the motion passes.
 3. OCS Rep. P. McDonald calls the question; it is seconded.
 1. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks against this motion.
 2. A vote commences to end the debate.
 3. 17 in favor, 11 against, 6 abstain; debate is closed.
 4. A vote commences on the Election Commission Rules.
 1. 27 vote in favor, 1 against, and 8 abstain; the Election Commission Rules Pass.
- B. Publicizing Club Budgets (J. Emerson)
1. Senator J. Emerson speaks for the proposal; states that all clubs who have grievances in regard to their budgets may present them to him.
 2. The proposal is now open for discussion.
 3. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz moves to make the debate on the proposal seven minutes; it is seconded.
 - a. Ethics and Conduct Chair K. Legnetti speaks against.
 - b. There is a vote; the motion fails.
 4. Senator S. Smallberg speaks against the proposal.
 5. OCS Rep. P. McDonald states that instead of publishing the budgets in *The Chronicle*, Budget Weekend should not be in Executive Session.
 6. Senator R. Doublebower speaks for the proposal.
 7. Senator M. Brandt moves to amend and strike “through *The Chronicle*” and add “through a means determined by the Appropriations committee”; it is seconded.
 8. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier moves to amend the amendment so that it states, “By the Appropriations committee, which shall be made public through the most transparent means possible.”
 - a. 6 in favor, 21 against, 8 abstain; the amendment to the amendment fails.
 9. Debate on the original amendment, “through a means determined by the Appropriations committee,” continues.
 10. Senator D. Blois speaks against Executive Session during Budget Weekend.
 11. Senator L. Pleiman speaks for Executive Session during Budget Weekend.
 12. Debate is closed; a vote commences.
 13. 21 in favor, 3 against, 11 abstain; the amendment passes and debate on the proposal continues.
 14. Senator C. Cruz speaks against the proposal
 15. Rules Chair L. Giunta and Senators M. Brandt, D. Blois, and J. Emerson speak for the proposal.
 16. OCS Rep. P. McDonald moves to open the gallery to hear from a representative from *The Chronicle*.
 - a. The representative of *The Chronicle* states that *The Chronicle* should not be forced to publish anything as there should be a separation of the press and the government.
 17. A vote on the proposal with the amendment commences.
 18. 32 are in favor, 4 against, and 1 abstains; the proposal on Publicizing Club Budgets, with the amendment, passes.
- C. Quorum Call
1. 32 senators are present; as two-thirds is 34, referendums cannot be heard.
 2. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz moves to table the referendums; it is seconded and the referendums are tabled.
 3. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to table the Judicial Panel Legislation; it is seconded and the referendums are tabled.

VIII. New Business

A. Clubs

1. NAACP

- a. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks on behalf of NAACP.

- b. A vote commences; NAACP is passed.
- B. Legislation
 - 1. Resolution on Ordering From scsupply.com (L. Giunta)
 - a. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks on behalf of the resolution.
 - b. Senator L. Young asks about ordering in bulk to avoid multiple shipping.
 - c. Senator D. Blois asks about each member on the executive board having their own separate password.
 - d. Senator M. Brandt moves to vote; it is seconded.
 - e. The resolution passes.
 - 2. Resolution on Blue Beetle Train Stops (C. Martin)
 - a. Senator C. Martin speaks on behalf of the proposal.
 - b. The resolution would apply to Sundays and Saturdays.
 - c. Public Safety will decide the official hours.
 - d. A vote commences.
 - e. 24 are in favor, 4 against, and 2 abstain; the resolution passes.
- C. Judicial Panel Presentation
 - 1. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to suspend the rules to pass the minutes; it is seconded.
 - a. OCS Rep. P. McDonald speaks against the motion.
 - b. A vote commences.
 - c. 9 are in favor, 13 against, and 5 abstains; the motion fails.
 - 2. The Judicial Panel makes their presentation to Senate; invites senators to come to their meetings after senate.

IX. Cabinet Reports

- A. President P. DiSilvio
 - 1. Asks senators who have specific issue to go to the committee that pertains to that issue rather than discussing it in senate.
 - 2. The first presidential fireside chat is online at hofstrachronicle.com.
 - 3. Working on survey with Rules Chair L. Giunta about SGA and OSA.
 - 4. Working on getting a complete SGA email list.
 - 5. All senators who do not have cardswipe access to the SGA office should be getting access tonight, via Kim Rhyan.
 - 6. Thanks Senator S. Smallberg for bringing food to Appropriations.
 - 7. Thanks Public Relations Chair S. Kaplan and Senators C. Martin and A. Mellis for coming back to Senate.
 - 8. Cabinet is moved to 4:30 PM on Fridays.
 - 9. Funding Gangs of New York event.
 - 10. HOLA's dating auction will be held in the Student Center Theater on Thursday.
 - 11. Senator M. Micucci asks about the mandatory cardswipe proposal.
 - a. When the University Senate makes an official proposal, it will be fought against.
 - 12. Next week a picture for the yearbook will be taken.
- B. Vice President R. Akiyama
 - 1. Discusses the binders and the SGA constitutions being printed.
 - 2. The rest of the report can be found in the Cabinet minutes.
 - 3. Discusses his report as comptroller for the week; remarks that the paperwork for the coffeemaker was missing.
- C. Secretary L. Giunta
 - 1. Discusses the issues with the Coffeemaker; replaced the order with Pamela Orefice today, November 14, 2006.
 - 2. Discusses Holiday Decorations; will be setting up a day to buy decorations. The actual decorating of the office will take place on Sunday, November 26 at 7:00 PM.
 - 3. Asks Chairs to get the minutes and the agenda in by 2:00 PM on Tuesday.
 - 4. Asks Senate to try and pass committee minutes weekly so they don't have to be put in the agenda packet a second time.
- D. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier
 - 1. Goes over minutes.

2. States that the Diversity Forum will take place tomorrow during common hour in the Student Center Theater.
 3. Tells senators to sit with their committee chairs.
 4. Moves to pass the Club Affairs; it is seconded and the Club Affairs minutes are passed.
- E. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis
1. Ethics and Conduct Chair K. Legnetti goes over the minutes for the Spirit Committee.
 2. Senator C. Martin moves to pass the minutes; it is seconded and the Spirit minutes are passed.
- F. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz
1. Sinterklaas has been officially moved to Tuesday, December 5, 2006; senate will therefore adjourn at 8:00 PM that day.
 2. All those senators that donate a gift during the last week of November will not have to do an office hour for that week.
 3. Sends around sign-up sheet for sitting at the table in the Student Center on December 4 and December 11; those who sit at the table are not required to do an office hour that week.
 4. OCS Rep. P. McDonald moves to pass the Student Services minutes; it is seconded and the Student Services minutes are passed.
- G. RSA Rep. T. Kim
1. The first RSA event, the Fall Festival, will take place on Sunday.
 2. There will be a Charity Formal next year at the Hofstra Arena.
 3. HOPE will be trying to get recycling bins next to the garbage cans in the resident buildings.
 4. Will also be trying to get a set of pots and pans for each of the residents buildings.
- X. For the Good of the Order
- A. President P. DiSilvio will send out an email to Senate to see who can attend Senate next Tuesday; then Cabinet will decide if there will be quorum and if there will be a senate meeting.
 - B. Senator C. Martin expresses concerns about OSA in regard to Circle K conference.
 1. President P. DiSilvio states that the survey on OSA and SGA will address these issues; will be handed out to all club presidents and possibly to SGA members.
 - D. Senator J. Emerson discusses the problem of flyers not being put up when RAs are supposed to remain impartial.
 1. President P. DiSilvio states that SGA has no authority over ResLife, but a resolution can still be made.
 2. Senator C. Martin states that RAs are required to put up all flyers; suggests going through RSA to remedy the problem.
- XI. Announcements
- A. A Thanksgiving Dinner will be hosted by Catholic Campus Parish, Hillel, and Circle K on Thursday in the Greenhouse; a donation of five dollars or five nonperishable items must be given, which will be donated to Mary Brennan Inn.
 - B. The College Republicans, because of Senator K. Hunker, has organized SGA, the Office of the Provost, Student Affairs, Dean of Students, and other campus organizations to collect \$20,000 for John Ashcroft to speak at Hofstra. He will be speaking on March 20, 2006 at the Playhouse.
 - C. The weekend after Thanksgiving, December 1, 2, and 3, SCAFFU! will be hosting Lord of the Rings Weekend.
 - D. All those interested in working on decorating the office for the holidays are asked to meet after Senate adjourns.
 - E. The Hofstra Monarchists will be hosting a Grand Debate against Democracy.
 - F. The first planning meeting for the Day of Dialogue will be held tomorrow during common hour.
- XI. Adjourn
- A. OCS Rep. P. McDonald moves to adjourn; the motion is seconded.
 - B. Senate is adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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