

Minutes of the Hofstra Student Government Association  
November 28, 2006  
Green House, Student Center

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING #13

I. The meeting is called to order at 6:08 PM by Vice President R. Akiyama

II. Quorum Call

- A. There is quorum.
- B. Absent
  - 1. Erin McDowell
  - 2. Kathleen Hunker (sabbatical)
  - 3. Maria Ramos
  - 4. Daniel Blois
  - 5. Justin Meyers
  - 6. Sean Hutchinson
  - 7. Pat McDonald
  - 8. Amanda Stevens

III. Passing of the General Senate Minutes and Cabinet Minutes

- A. Senator C. Martin moves to pass the General Senate Minutes from two weeks ago; it is seconded and passed.
- B. Senator A. Kowal moves to pass the Cabinet Minutes; it is seconded and passed.
- C. Senator C. Cruz moves to pass last week's General Senate Minutes from last week; it is seconded and passed.

IV. Special Business

- A. Swearing in the new IFC Rep.
  - 1. Justin Carbone is sworn in as the new IFC Rep. by Justice L. Ramdeen.

V. Early Committee Reports

- A. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez
  - 1. Goes over minutes
  - 2. December 1 will be the last day Student Activities is accepting paperwork until January 2, 2007 unless it is for retreats or is urgent.
  - 3. Last regular Appropriations meeting is this Thursday.
  - 4. Senator C. Martin moves to pass the Appropriations minutes; it is seconded and passed.
- B. Public Relations Chair S. Kaplan
  - 1. Looking for places for the formal in May; looking for suggestions and places SGA went in the past.
- C. Rules Chair L. Giunta
  - 1. Goes over two Rules meeting minutes.
  - 2. Goes over monthly report.
  - 3. The last rules meeting is December 4; it will be the last time they can be reactivated in the Fall Semester.
  - 4. The Blackboard site is up; there is a survey on OSA and SGA up until December 4 for club leaders to fill out.
  - 5. Senator A. Harwani moves to correct her name on the November 20 Rules Minutes.
  - 6. Student Services Chair A. Harwani moves to pass both Rules minutes with above correction; it is seconded and passed.
  - 7. Brings up the question of whether or not justices should be able to bring legislation to Rules; there is an unofficial vote.
    - a. 18 vote to have justices bring in legislation, 20 vote for justices to have their legislation sponsored by senate, and 1 votes against justices bringing legislation at all;

justices will now have to get sponsorship.

D. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel

1. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel moves to have Academic Affairs now; it is seconded and passed.
2. Goes over Day of Dialogue; asks senate to bring ideas that they are interested in to next meeting.
3. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz moves to pass the Academic Affairs Minutes; it is seconded and passed.

VI. Old Business

A. Club reactivations

1. H2O, Danceworks, and Roller Hockey are all reactivated.

B. Old Legislation

1. Referendum

- a. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks on behalf of the legislation.
- b. Senator C. Martin moves to vote, it is seconded.
- c. 41 vote in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstain; the proposal is passed unanimously.

2. Judicial Panel Amendments

- a. Justice L. Ramdeen speaks on behalf of Justice S. Harris's legislation.
- b. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to divide Section 303.1 and Article IV, Section Five of the proposal; it is seconded and passed.
- c. A vote commences on Section 303.1.
  - i. 38 vote in favor, 0 against, and 2 abstain; this section of the amendment passes.
- d. The second half of the proposal, Article IV, Section Five, is discussed.
  - i. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks against the proposal.
  - ii. Justice M. Bisanz speaks against the proposal.
  - iii. A vote commences; 17 vote in favor, 13 against, and 10 abstain; the amendment fails.

3. Secretary Proposal

- a. Justice M. Bisanz speaks on behalf of the legislation.
- b. The amendment is corrected to read eight hours and not twelve.
- c. Senator C. Martin moves to vote, it is seconded.
- d. 40 vote in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstain; the proposal passes.

V. Points of the Executive Report

A. President P. DiSilvio

1. Groupwise accounts are up for the President and Vice President of SGA
2. The committee meeting times are correct on the display case outside the SGA office.
3. Comptroller K. Tompkins and Rules Chair L. Giunta are working on needs list for alumni donations.
4. Discusses the OSA and SGA survey.
5. The hardware inventory is confirmed by Dean Crance and Vice President Johnson.
6. The Lackman committee met two weeks ago.
7. Office looks gorgeous.
8. Next week is the last senate meeting.

B. Vice President R. Akiyama

1. Senator C. Martin discusses the First Year Task Force.
  - a. Going to have meeting with Provost Berliner.
  - b. There are no representatives for Resident Life, Commuters, the department of Communications, etc. in the First Year Task Force.
  - c. Senator C. Martin and Vice President R. Akiyama are going to do a slide show for the task force with a more social, rather than an academic focus.
  - d. The Freshman clusters program is being revamped.
  - e. Will have advisement for all students, even sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

- d. The Career Center is being revamped.
  - 2. The Binders can be made once the server is up on the site which the files must be emailed to.
- C. Comptroller K. Tompkins
  - 1. Last day to hand in OSA paperwork is December 1.
  - 2. Any questions can be left in the Comptroller's mailbox.
- D. Secretary L. Giunta
  - 1. Thanks everyone for helping to decorate the office.
  - 2. Discusses the missing supplies.
  - 3. Thanks Senator J. Berry for helping with the minutes all the time.
  - 4. Comptroller K. Tompkins has a new mailbox now.

## VI. New Business

- A. Leaving Early Proposal
  - 1. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to suspend the rules to discuss the Leaving Early legislation; it is seconded and passed.
  - 2. Ethics and Conduct Chair K. Legnetti speaks on behalf of her legislation.
  - 3. Club Affairs J. Lanier asks how this will apply to the Ethics and Conduct Chair; Rules Chair states that she will be checked by rules.
  - 4. An absence that is "excused" is up to the discretion of the current Ethics and Conduct Chair.
  - 5. President P. DiSilvio speaks for the proposal.
  - 6. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel asks about the appeal process.
  - 7. A vote commences; 25 vote in favor, 6 against, 4 abstain.
  - 8. The legislation fails.

## VII. Committee Reports

- A. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier
  - 1. Discuss Hofstra USA Party Dates.
    - a. Senator R. Doublebower speaks against not doing party dates.
    - b. Senator L. Young states that clubs don't want senate there, but that it is important to collect data.
    - c. Senator K. Legnetti speaks against doing party dates.
    - d. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks against doing party dates.
    - e. President P. DiSilvio speaks not doing party dates.
  - 2. Senator L. Young moves to pass the Club Affairs minutes; it is seconded and the Club Affairs minutes are passed.
- B. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis
  - 1. There will be a sign up sheet tomorrow for all those who want to participate in the Survivor Game in the Spring Semester.
  - 2. There will be another sheet for senators to list how many "kills" they had in the last game.
  - 3. Saturday is the Men's Basketball Game.
  - 4. The Spirit Meeting is going to be tomorrow at 8:30 PM instead of on Thursday.
  - 5. Working on the SGA Sinterklaas tree starting on Thursday.
- C. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz
  - 1. Goes over minutes.
  - 2. Eisa solved many of the complaints brought up at Senate.
    - a. Eggs going to be served at the Netherlands.
    - b. Reworking the registers so they don't bring up tax.
    - c. The pictures of the managers will be up at every facility.
    - d. Breakfast will be changed to 11:00 AM; there will be brunch on Saturday and Sunday.
  - 3. Had meeting with Ed Bracht
    - a. Will revamp the bus schedule; will need more buses to go to Mineola.
  - 4. If senators donate a gift, they will not have to do an office hour this week; the toy box will be in the SGA office.
  - 5. The Table Dates for Change Hofstra are on Mondays. December 4 and December 11; sign up is in the SGA office.
  - 6. Trying to get a cardswipe so people can use their Dutch Debits to donate at Sinterklaas.

7. Next Tuesday is Sinterklaas; Senate will end at eight so that senators can attend the event.
8. Senator C. Cruz moves to pass the Student Services minutes; it is seconded and passed.

VIII. For the Good of the Order

- A. Discuss Thanksgiving Break
- B. Justice M. Bisanz discusses his impeachment.
- C. Secretary L. Giunta bring up Senator E. Emmerling's Holiday Skit.

IX. Announcements

- A. There is a Society for Advancement of Computing Meeting Tomorrow.
- B. Next Week is Sinterklaas.
- C. Senator C. Cruz brings up the Senate going caroling.

X. Adjourn

- A. Senator L. Young moves to adjourn; it is seconded.
- B. Senate is adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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