

Minutes of the Hofstra Student Government Association
December 5, 2006
Green House, Student Center

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING #15

I. The meeting is called to order at 6:17 PM by Vice President R. Akiyama

II. Quorum Call

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

III. Passing of General Senate Meeting Minutes and Cabinet Minutes

- A. General Senate Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Senator C. Martin moves to pass the General Senate Meeting Minutes; the motion is seconded.
 - 2. The General Senate Meeting Minutes are passed.
- B. Cabinet Minutes
 - 1. RSA Rep. T. Kim moves to correct "OSA Rep. T. Kim" to "RSA Rep. T. Kim."
 - 2. OCS Rep. P. McDonald moves to pass the Cabinet minutes as amended; the motion is seconded.
 - 3. The Cabinet minutes with the amendment are passed.
- C. Passing Old General Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Senator C. Martin moves to pass the General Senate Meeting Minutes from two weeks ago; the motion is seconded.
 - 2. The Old General Senate Meeting Minutes are passed.
- D. Passing Old Cabinet Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Senator A. Kowal moves to pass the Cabinet Meeting Minutes that were tabled last week; the motion is seconded.
 - 2. The Cabinet Meeting Minutes that were table last week are passed.

IV. Reinstatements

- A. There are no reinstatements, but all absences are cleared for next semester.

V. Swearing in of New Senators

- A. Delegate Ian Daly speaks of himself.
 - 1. Ethics and Conduct Chair K. Legnetti speaks on his behalf.
 - 2. Senator A. Mellis speaks on his behalf.
 - 3. A vote commences.
 - 4. 32 are in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstain; Delegate Ian Daly is unanimously voted into Senate.
 - 5. Ian Daly is sworn in as a senator by Chief Justice L. Ramdeen.

VI. Early Committee Reports

- A. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to suspend the rules and have the Student Services report first; the motion is seconded and passed.
- B. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz
 - 1. Pushing for bus to go to Target and Walmart
 - 2. Ethics and Conduct Chair K. Legnetti commends Student Services Chair A. Schwartz for her work on Sinterklaas.

3. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier moves to pass Student Service minutes; the motion is seconded.
 4. The Student Services minutes are passed.
- C. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez
1. Senator J. Hisayi goes over the Appropriations minutes for Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez.
 2. Senator C. Martin asks about the contingency; the contingency is approximately \$10,000.
 3. Senator D. Blois asks about the Hofstra Gamers not receiving gaming systems; Comptroller K. Tompkins explains that Appropriations temporarily cannot fund for technology purchases during the technology inventory.
 4. RSA Rep. T. Kim moves to pass the Appropriations minutes; the motion is seconded.
 5. The Appropriations minutes are passed.
- D. Rules Chair L. Giunta
1. Goes over minutes.
 2. Thanks Rules committee, and Ethics and Conduct Chair K. Legnetti, Rules Recording Secretary L. Pleiman, and Archivist A. Harwani.
 3. Brings up the SGA Funding Committee.
 4. Asks committees to look over their own sections in the SGA constitution.
 5. Discusses the Student Activities and SGA survey; will prolong it in order to get more responses.
 6. Ethics and Conduct Chair K. Legnetti moves to pass the Rules minutes; the motion is seconded.
 7. The Rules minutes are passed.
- E. Archivist A. Harwani
1. Asks Senate to read through the SGA constitution and Policy Series during the Winter break; both documents have been updated.
- F. Ethics and Conduct Chair K. Legnetti
1. Asks Senate to read through the SGA constitution's policies on absences, lateness to meetings, etc.

VII. Clubs

- A. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to suspend the rules to hear clubs; the motion is passed.
- B. Collegiate Women of Color (Reactivation)
1. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks on behalf of the Collegiate Women of Color.
 2. It is moved to a vote.
 3. The Collegiate Women of Color is reactivated.
- C. IFSC (Reactivation)
1. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks on behalf of the Collegiate Women of Color.
 2. It is moved to a vote.
 3. IFSC is reactivated.
- D. New Club Photography Club (New Club)
1. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks on behalf of the New Club Photography Club
 2. It is moved to a vote.
 3. The New Club Photography Club is passed as a new club.
- E. Hofstra Sahkiyan (New Club)
1. Representatives speak on behalf of Hofstra Sahkiyan.
 2. Senator C. Martin speaks in favor of Hofstra Sahkiyan.
 3. It is moved to a vote.
 3. Hofstra Sahkiyan is passed as a new club.
- F. Biomedical Engineering Society (New Club)
1. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks on behalf of the Biomedical Engineering Society.
 2. It is moved to a vote.
 3. The Biomedical Engineering Society is formed.
- G. College Democrats (Amendment to Constitution)
1. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks on behalf of the College Democrats
 - a. Will be rewording their purpose.
 - b. Will change "Hofstra Democrats" to "College Democrats."
 - c. Will change officer titles.

2. It is moved to a vote.
3. The amendments to the College Democrats' constitution are passed.

VIII. Old Business

- A. There is no old business.
- B. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to reconsider the Proposal for Leaving Senate Early; the motion is seconded.
 1. Two-thirds of Senate are needed to pass the legislation.
 2. Ethics and Conduct Chair K. Legnetti speaks on behalf of the legislation.
 3. Senator D. Blois speaks on behalf of the legislation, but believes it should not be up to the discretion of the Ethics and Conduct Chair.
 4. Senator A. Kowal speaks for allowing discretion.
 5. Senator K. Stanton states that set rules will cause more problems.
 6. Senator M. Miccuci states that homework is not an excuse.
 7. Senator C. Amoroso speaks on behalf of the legislation.
 8. Senator C. Martin speaks on behalf of the legislation and the Ethics and Conduct Chair's discretion, stating that the decision can still be appealed by the Rules Chair, President, or Vice President.
 9. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel speaks in favor of the legislation and the Ethics and Conduct Chair's discretion; moves to vote.
 - a. 25 vote in favor, 5 vote against, and 4 abstain; the motion to vote passes.
 10. 30 vote in favor of the legislation, 1 against, and 10 abstain; the legislation fails.
 11. Senator K. Stanton moves to divide the house; it is seconded and passed.
 12. The vote is tallied; still 30 in favor, 1 against, and 10 abstentions.

IX. New Business

- A. OCS Rep. P. McDonald moves to remove Justice M. Bisanz from office; the motion is seconded.
- B. Senator C. Cruz moves to go into Executive Session.
 1. OCS Rep. P. McDonald speaks against Executive Session.
 2. Senator C. Martin speaks against Executive Session.
 3. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks for Executive Session.
 4. Senator C. Cruz speaks for Executive Session.
 5. OCS Rep. P. McDonald speaks against Executive Session; moves to vote.
 6. The motion is seconded and a vote commences.
 7. 28 vote in favor of Executive Session, 8 against, and 3 abstain.
- C. Senate Moves into Executive Session.
- D. Senate Moves out of Executive Session.
- E. Senator J. Berry moves to table all other new business; the motion is seconded and passed.
- F. Rules Chair L. Giunta discusses the SGA Funding Committee.

X. Remaining Committee Reports

- A. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel
 1. Discusses Day of Dialogue
 2. Senator J. Berry moves to pass the Academic Affairs minutes; the motion is seconded.
 3. The Academic Affairs minutes are passed.
- B. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier
 1. Tells Senate about the new SGA coffee maker.
 2. Senator C. Cruz moves to pass the Club Affairs minutes; the motion is seconded.
 3. The Club Affairs minutes are passed.
- C. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis
 1. Senator B. Weitzberg speaks on behalf of S. Rozakis.
 2. Stormed the dorms with flyers for Hofstra Basketball.
 3. Senator C. Cruz moves to pass the Spirit Minutes; the motion is seconded.
 4. The Spirit minutes are passed.

XI. Adjourn

- A. Senator J. Berry moves to adjourn; it is seconded.
- B. Senate is adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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