



# Agenda of the Senate

Hofstra University Student Government Association

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

At 6:00 P.M.

Greenhouse, Student Center



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- I. Call to Order
  - II. Quorum Call
  - III. Pass General Senate Minutes [2]
  - IV. Pass Cabinet Minutes [8]
  - V. Early Committee Reports
    - a. Rules A. Mellis [21]
    - b. Appropriations N. Shokrianpour [17]
  - VI. Special Business
    - a. Judicial Panel Decision: SGA vs. Henderson
  - VII. Old Business
    - a. Proposal: Delegate Entrance Exam – Senator R. Doublebower [10]
  - VIII. New Business
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    - b. Election of New Senators
    - c. Proposal: Ethics & Conduct Chair – K. Legnetti [11]
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  - IX. Executive Board Reports
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    - d. Secretary S. Caruso
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  - XII. Announcements
  - XIII. Snap Cup
  - XIV. Adjournment

General Senate Meeting  
March 24, 2009

- I. Call to order
  - a. The meeting is called to order at 6:15 pm.
- II. Quorum Call
- III. Pass General Senate Minutes
  - a. Senator L. Miedreich moves to make an amendment.
  - b. Student Services Chair A. Kowal moves to pass.
  - c. RSA Representative S. Aikens seconds.
  - d. Vote passes.
- IV. Pass Cabinet Minutes
  - a. Rules Chair A. Mellis moves to make an amendment.
  - b. Student Services Chair A. Kowal moves to pass.
  - c. RSA Representative S. Aikens seconds.
  - d. Vote passes.
- V. Special Business
  - a. Recreation Center Update—Assistant Director John McNeilly
    - i. J. McNeilly states that in SGA has a soccer team, there was some confusion with the schedule, there is a game tonight at 9. We have the Hofstra's Strongest Man competition. There will be a tug-of-war contest and a kickball tournament. Attendance is up on events, and thank you for your support. Roller Hockey team just held an event; they raised over \$4,500 for charity.
- VI. Early Committee Reports
  - a. Rules
    - i. Rules Chair A. Mellis gives his report.
      1. No new clubs.
      2. Passed four pieces of legislation
      3. Have club elections
      4. Moves to pass the Rules minutes.
    - ii. Senator M. Gluck moves to have Senator J. Campbell's appeal overturned.
    - iii. Senator M. Brandt seconds.
    - iv. Vote to bring this before the senate.
      1. 18 for
      2. 11 against
      3. 6 abstentions
      4. Vote passes.
    - v. Ethics and Conduct Chair M. Rosner states the absences.
    - vi. Senator J. Campbell states that he has recently started counseling.
    - vii. Senator R. Doublebower states a point of inquiry: can there be an elaboration as to why the counseling conflicted with the committee meeting.
      1. Senator J. Campbell answers currently involved in physical therapy, it's time conflicts.
    - viii. Student Services Chair A. Kowal states a point of inquiry: why didn't you let her know that you were going to be missing meetings.
      1. Senator J. Campbell answers honestly he thought he did place an email. It was a mistake on his behalf.
    - ix. Senator S. Erickson asks is there a way that you could join a different committee so that the times don't conflict.
      1. Senator J. Campbell answers that is what he would like to do, he just hasn't gotten around to it yet.
    - x. Appropriations Chair N. Shokrianpour asks after the first time he missed, did you notify him that he had to notify him that he had to notify you.

1. Student Services Chair A. Kowal answers no because she doesn't do that for anyone, they get the minutes which include absences.
  - xi. RSA Representative S. Aikens states a point of inquiry: when did he become a senator.
    1. Student Services Chair A. Kowal answers it was the 10<sup>th</sup> but as a delegate he was still on her committee.
  - xii. Senator R. Doublebower moves to vote.
  - xiii. OCS Representative S. Jaffe seconds.
  - xiv. Student Services Chair A. Kowal states a point of clarification: right now we're voting on whether or not the Rules committee was correct in not overturning the absence.
    1. Vice President J. Berry answers correct.
  - xv. Senator J. Wells moves to vote by secret ballot.
  - xvi. Senator F. Vivaqua seconds.
  - xvii. Vote by secret ballot
    1. 12 for
    2. 25 against
    3. 1 abstention
    4. Vote fails.
  - xviii. Senator R. Doublebower moves to pass.
  - xix. Rules Chair A. Mellis seconds.
  - xx. Vote to pass the minutes.
  - xxi. Vote passes.
- b. Appropriations
- i. Appropriations Chair N. Shokrianpour gives her report.
    1. Explains the minutes.
  - ii. Comptroller K. Legnetti states that if anyone comes into the office and says the Appropriations sheet is full, can I sign up on the side, the answer is no. There was a really big problem last night, and it's not happening again.
  - iii. Student Services Chair A. Kowal moves to pass.
  - iv. OCS Representative S. Jaffe seconds.
  - v. Vote passes.

VII. New Business

a. Reinstatements

- i. Ethics and Conduct Chair M. Rosner states that we have two reinstatements Senator J. Campbell and Senator S. Guttilla.
  - ii. Vice President J. Berry states that Senator S. Guttilla is not here therefore she is automatically removed.
  - iii. Senator J. Campbell states that he really want to be apart of this, he knowshe screwed up but everyone screws up a little.
  - iv. Senator R. Doublebower asks are you aware of the extra duties you'll have to perform once you're reinstated.
    1. Senator J. Campbell answers yes.
  - v. Senator L. Miedreich states that he thinks it's really cool that he took responsibility for what he did and it's not like someone else is going to take his spot. We should let him back in.
  - vi. Senator J. Baer states that he hasn't been here very long and he wants to see what he can do.
  - vii. Senator R. Doublebower states that he has been kicked around the past few weeks and has been still here and active.
  - viii. Senator R. Doublebower moves to vote.
  - ix. OCS Representative S. Jaffe seconds.
  - x. Vote on reinstatement
    1. Vote passes.
- b. Judicial Panel Presentation: SGA vs. Henderson—Chief Justice S. Nabi
- i. Justice E. Liu states that he is presenting the case of K. Henderson.

1. Explains the charges.
  2. Verdict: Guilty on all charges.
- ii. Chief Justice S. Nabi states that the false club minutes were handed in as evidence. There was no proof that there was evidence of discussing changing the club constitution. Explains the verdict. Sentences the individual to be removed as President from HAMA. We are here to protect SGA and SGA clubs.
- iii. Comptroller K. Legnetti states a point of inquiry: we can remove a club president.
  1. Vice President J. Berry answers yes the J-Panel can.
- iv. Comptroller K. Legnetti states a point of inquiry: what did HAMA say.
  1. Chief Justice S. Nabi states that we consulted with HAMA and they were ok with that as long as she was not removed from the club. There was a senator who told HAMA that SGA was after the club as a whole. We had to correct that and let them know that we were only going after K. Henderson.
- v. Senator T. Samson states that shouldn't this have been brought up to the whole e-board and not select members.
- vi. Senator B. Weitzberg states a point of inquiry: was the reason the two justices recused themselves because they were in the club.
  1. Chief Justice S. Nabi answers no it was for personal reasons.
- vii. Student Services Chair A. Kowal asks why was Senator A. Shaaya prosecuting and why was K. Henderson not there.
  1. Chief Justice S. Nabi answers we contacted her five times and she did not respond.
  2. Rules Chair A. Mellis answers two weeks ago he explained that because Melanie had a conflict of interest, the Rules committee decided that Senator A. Shaaya would do the prosecuting.
- viii. Senator B. Weitzberg asks so the people prosecuting K. Henderson were not part of HAMA.
  1. Chief Justice S. Nabi answers yes Senator A. Shaaya is a senator. She did a full investigation that is sited and then brought back to Rules and was approved unanimously.
- ix. Student Services Chair A. Kowal states that the defendant brought to the Rules committee with minutes stating that they wanted to amend the minutes.
  1. Chief Justice S. Nabi answers there were errors in the attendance list and there was nothing in the minutes that showed that there was discussion to change the constitution.
- x. Student Services Chair A. Kowal asks in order to change a club constitution there needs to be a vote and it needs to be in the minutes.
  1. Vice President J. Berry answers correct.
- xi. Chief Justice S. Nabi states that this should have been brought up during the trial, the defendant was notified and this could have been explained.
- xii. Senator B. Weitzberg states a point of inquiry: isn't this a separate case than that of the one the HAMA members brought.
  1. Vice President J. Berry answers yes this is a separate case.
- xiii. Student Services Chair A. Kowal states that some clubs have come to Rules in the past not knowing what to do for amendments, but she thinks that this is extreme. She just didn't put in information. She didn't falsify information. The amendments weren't passed so
- xiv. Senator T. Samson moves to overturn.
- xv. Senator M. Brandt seconds.
- xvi. Senator R. Doublebower states a point of inquiry: if we're going to consider overturning the decision of the J-Panel, shouldn't we have all of the information.
- xvii. Senator M. Brandt rescinds his second.
- xviii. Comptroller K. Legnetti moves to move this to next week.
- xix. Senator J. Silverman seconds.
- xx. Vote to table the overturning of the J-Panel decision to next week.
  1. 32 for

2. 4 against
  3. 2 abstentions
  4. Vote passes.
- c. Proposal: Elections Flyer Policy—Senator R. Doublebower
- i. Senator R. Doublebower explains the proposal.
  - ii. Senator R. Dweck asks is this being added to the constitution or policy series.
    1. Senator R. Doublebower answers the policy series.
  - iii. Academic Affairs Chair T. GreenPope asks why are you bringing this if it's already in the packets.
    1. Senator R. Doublebower answers because the packets change year-to-year and just want to make this permanent.
  - iv. Comptroller K. Legnetti moves to vote.
  - v. RSA Representative S. Aikens seconds.
  - vi. Vote passes.
- d. Proposal: Delegate Entrance Exam—Senator R. Doublebower
- i. Senator R. Doublebower moves to move this to next week so that the whole SGA body can see it.
  - ii. Student Services Chair A. Kowal states an objection: we have quorum.
  - iii. Senator B. Weitzberg moves to table until 7:45 pm.
  - iv. Senator R. Doublebower objects because she wants it to be reviewed by all senators.
  - v. Senator L. Miedreich seconds.
  - vi. Vote
    1. 25 for
    2. 10 against
    3. 0 abstentions
    4. Vote passes.
- e. Resolution: Co-ed Housing—Senators K. Tompkins & L. Miedreich
- i. Senator L. Miedreich explains the proposal.
  - ii. Senator A. Dadson asks what would be the next step to getting this to be a school wide thing.
    1. Vice President J. Berry answers it would be to bring it to Residential Programs.
  - iii. Academic Affairs Chair T. GreenPope asks has this ever been tried before or has there been any talk that they have thought about this.
    1. Vice President J. Berry states that the answers are no and no.
  - iv. Senator L. Miedreich states that this is not binding, just a suggestion.
  - v. Senator S. Erickson asks would you want to see the creation of the co-ed floors.
    1. Senator L. Miedreich answers it would be co-ed rooms.
  - vi. Senator J. Silverman asks do you think incoming parents will be comfortable.
    1. Senator L. Miedreich answers it would be requested.
  - vii. Senator S. Erickson asks what would you do about bathrooms.
    1. Senator L. Miedreich answers there is a guys and girls bathroom on the same floor in the towers.
  - viii. Senator A. Scheffer asks if a guy is caught in a girls bathroom, it's a \$100 fine. Would it still hold.
    1. Senator K. Tompkins answers all the towers are co-ed, if the floor were co-ed, why would there be an issue.
  - ix. Senator J. Silverman asks what if they are living in a suite, it brings up the point of sharing the bathroom.
    1. Senator L. Miedreich answers that's a personal choice.
  - x. Student Services Chair A. Kowal moves to make amendments.
  - xi. Senator R. Doublebower moves to vote.
  - xii. Vote
    1. Vote passes unanimously.
- f. Resolution: Cafeteria Hours—Senators M. Rosner & L. Miedreich
- i. Ethics and Conduct Chair M. Rosner explains the resolution.

- ii. Academic Affairs Chair T. GreenPope asks did you talk to Student Services Chair A. Kowal.
  - 1. Ethics and Conduct Chair M. Rosner answers she is aware of it.
- iii. Comptroller K. Legnetti moves to vote.
- iv. Senator J. Silverman seconds.
- v. Vote
  - 1. Vote passes unanimously.

VIII. Executive Board Reports

- a. President
  - i. President P. DiSilvio gives his report.
    - 1. Meeting with the J-Panel this week.
    - 2. Will be attending Club Affairs tomorrow.
    - 3. Music Fest is May 2<sup>nd</sup>, thank you to anybody who went to Applebee's last night.
    - 4. As far as the Unite Movement is concerned, we have gone our separate ways.
    - 5. Co-Sponsorships will be here next week.
- b. Ethics and Conduct
  - i. Ethics and Conduct Chair M. Rosner states that we are now going to moving to swipe access. Starting next week. The sheet was missing yesterday. Feel that so people are being dishonest. You swipe into your office hour and you swipe out. The absences have been accumulating like crazy. If you cannot make senate or something comes up you need to let me know within a 24-hour window. Now that it's swipe access, office hours are technically between 9-9.
  - ii. Comptroller K. Legnetti asks could whoever did it be a grown up and stand up.
  - iii. Senator R. Doublebower states that Ethics and Conduct Chair M. Rosner is not the devil for doing this, she's doing it because she has to.
- c. Vice President
  - i. Vice President J. Berry gives his report.
    - 1. There are delegates, however the delegate gallery has been empty.
    - 2. Need help with advisor appreciation week.
    - 3. We're waiting for the couches to come in soon.
- d. Comptroller
  - i. Comptroller K. Legnetti has nothing to report.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Student Services
  - i. Student Services Chair A. Kowal gives her report.
    - 1. Relay for Life, there have been a few other senators who have signed up. Need support or else the event is not going to happen. If you can't make it please tell her why so she can keep some sort of tally. If money is an issue, we have had senators who are willing to sponsor others.
    - 2. Referendum deadline is April 14<sup>th</sup>.
    - 3. Moves to make an amendment.
    - 4. Going to be meeting with Vice President Johnson and bringing up the health and wellness center.
- b. Spirit
  - i. Senator A. Stevens gives the Spirit report.
    - 1. Meeting was short, all we did was create the shirt.
- c. Fundraising
  - i. Senator R. Doublebower gives the Fundraising report.
    - 1. Brainstormed on how to put on the Gong Show and revamp the parking spot raffle.
- d. Club Affairs
  - i. Senator S. Erickson gives the Club Affairs report.
    - 1. Decided that Club Olympics is going to be postponed until the fall.

2. Focusing on helping Music Fest.
  - e. Academic Affairs
    - i. Senator A. Scheffer gives the Academic Affairs report.
      1. We're focusing on the Schools for Schools book drive.
      2. We're thinking about a finals study break.
  - f. Vice President J. Berry entertains a motion to table the delegate entrance exam to next week.
  - g. Senator B. Weitzberg seconds.
  - h. Vote passes.
- X. For Good of the Order
  - a. Senator F. Van Keuren states that she is announcing her resignation. Want to tell you that personally because she doesn't want you to think that she hatesSGA. She is leaving for Cairo and was about to resign anyways. Really trying to take this time to focus on that and her schoolwork.
  - b. Senator K. Tompkins states that we're done with election packets, if it's not in the pile you are not going on the ballot. If there are any elections related questions, please address them to the email.
  - c. Senator L. Miedreich states that if you're on a committee, please go because they need quorum to function. Again Rules had to scramble to get people to pass legislation.
  - d. Senator R. Doublebower states thather legislation is in the packet so please look it over. She thinks that it's really despicable that we have to swipe in for office hours. We shouldn't have to be treated as infants.
- XI. Announcements
  - a. Senator F. Van Keuren states that Battle of the Classes is this Saturday.
  - b. Appropriations Chair N. Shokrianpour states that IMANI is having their annual showcase.
  - c. Senator B. Weitzberg states that we have a soccer game tonight at 9 pm.
  - d. Senator M. Brandt states that Gaming Olympics is starting.
  - e. Senator L. Miedreich states thank you for passing his legislation.
  - f. RSA Representative S. Aikens states that this Friday is Pop! Goes the 90s dance party.
  - g. Senator J. Silverman states that Delta Chi is doing a powder puff football game this Saturday.
  - h. Comptroller K. Legnetti states that Shabbat 100 is on Friday. It is in the Greenhouse.
- XII. Senator A. Puttney states please come we have tickets on sale. Showup.
- XIII. Adjournment
  - a. Student Services Chair A. Kowal moves to adjourn.
  - b. RSA Representative S. Aikens seconds.
  - c. The meeting is adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Cabinet Meeting  
March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009

- I. Call to Order
  - a. The meeting is called to order at 7:55 pm.
- II. Agenda
  - a. Vice President J. Berry states that special business will include overturn the decision of the J-Panel, right after early committee reports. Snap Cup is reentering this week.
- III. Public Relations
  - a. Public Relations Chair T. Kim gives her report.
    - i. Going back and forth with ticket prices. Going to be \$5 for SGA members and \$15 for guests.
    - ii. Have about \$200 left in the budget.
  - b. President P. DiSilvio says that he's going to knock up Public Relations to \$500.
- IV. President
  - a. President P. DiSilvio gives his report.
    - i. Need to know what you guys want to spend money on to readjust the budgets.
- V. Vice President
  - a. Vice President J. Berry gives his report.
    - i. Spent the past hour cleaning up the conference room.
    - ii. Would like all committees to be meeting in here.
    - iii. Getting to missions statements and crap.
- VI. Academic Affairs
  - a. Academic Affairs Chair T. GreenPope gives his report.
    - i. Tomorrow during meeting Fundraising is going to come and we are going to start scanning the books.
    - ii. Going to be doing a study break.
- VII. Appropriations
  - a. Appropriations Chair N. Shokrianpour gives her report.
    - i. We have yet to find out our budget numbers.
    - ii. Getting ready for budget weekend.
- VIII. Club Affairs
  - a. Club Affairs Chair A. Lucci gives his report.
    - i. Working with Music Fest now.
    - ii. Trying to get performance clubs to participate and get clubs to donate.
    - iii. Booked the 29<sup>th</sup> for Club Congress. It's a Wednesday at 6:30 pm.
- IX. Rules
  - a. Rules Chair A. Mellis gives his report.
    - i. Will be implementing new system of filing.
  - b. Vice President J. Berry and Rules Chair A. Mellis enter into their own world of filing systems. They are happy.
- X. Fundraising
  - a. Fundraising Chair B. Marquis gives his report.
    - i. Going to have a joint meeting with Academic Affairs.
- XI. Student Services
  - a. Vice President J. Berry gives the Student Services report.
    - i. Had a meeting.

- XII. Spirit
  - a. President P. DiSilvio gives the Spirit report.
    - i. Will have a meeting.
  
- XIII. Adjourn
  - a. Vice President J. Berry motions to adjourn.
  - b. Fundraising Chair B. Marquis seconds.
  - c. The meeting is adjourn at 8:49 pm.

Be it Enacted by the Hofstra University Student Government Association:  
That the following:

- D. A short entrance exam shall be administered to all delegates who have completed the aforementioned requirements prior to election to senate.
  - a. The exam shall be 25 multiple-choice questions comprised of information from the Constitution, the Policy Series, and basic parliamentary procedure.
  - b. The Rules Committee shall administer and grade the exam weekly, at a time and place to be appointed by the committee.
  - c. A master list of multiple choice questions and answers shall be assembled by a special meeting of the Rules Committee and Vice President in a timely manner following the passages of this legislation. The list shall be 150 questions long.
  - d. The questions on the weekly exam shall be pulled from this list so as to allow variety from week to week.
  - e. If no delegates are eligible for election in a given week, the exam need not be administered. However, if the last requirement falls on the evening preceding the general senate meeting at which the delegate is to be elected, the exam must be administered between the fulfillment of the last requirement and the general senate meeting
  - f. A delegate must pass the exam with a minimum of 80% (20 questions) correct to be eligible for election to senate. A delegate may take the exam an unlimited number of times.
  - g. New delegates, excluding former senators, who complete the process to be added to the ballot in the general election, but do not go through the standard delegation process, must also pass the exam, prior to the commencement of voting in the general election, in compliance with the aforementioned guidelines.
    - i. A special exam session shall be administered in conjunction with the Informational Meeting presided over by the Elections Commission. The Elections Commission shall not preside over the examination.

Be inserted as 301.2, sub-section D to the Constitution and the following sub-sections be re-numbered accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Senator Robin Doublebower*

A Proposal

Edit Section 206.8 to read:

206.8 ETHICS AND CONDUCT CHAIR: The Rules committee Chair shall appoint an Ethics and Conduct Chair who will serve as a Cabinet member. He/she shall refer to the Rules committee matters concerning the integrity and ethics of SGA members. The Ethics and Conduct Chair shall maintain a record of absences of all members. The Rules committee shall have the power to investigate members for alleged violations, and may recommend impeachment and removal from office.

A. *Process of Appeal*: All decisions of the Ethics and Conduct Chair are final.

1. *Reinstatements*: The Ethics and Conduct Chair must notify a Senator of their reinstatement no less than twenty four (24) hours before the Senate meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Legnetti  
SGA Comptroller  
Ethics and Conduct Chair 2006-2007

Melanie Rosner  
SGA Ethics and Conduct Chair

Ashley Kowal  
SGA Student Services Chair  
Ethics and Conduct Chair 2007-2008

A Proposal:

Insert the following sub-section under Section 202:

G. *Community Outreach Committee*: to consist of at least four (4) Senators, including the Committee Chairperson.

Insert the following section and have all subsequent sections re-numbered accordingly:

210: **COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

210.1 STUDENT GOVERNMENT SERVICE INITIATIVE: After the turn-over meeting, the newly elected Community Outreach Chairperson will present the new Cabinet with no less than three (3) proposals for a year long outreach project.

210.1.a: The year-long outreach project must be a local project or planned in conjunction with a local organization (i.e. The Knights of Columbus).

A: The year-long service initiative does not necessarily need to raise funds for an organization; it can raise awareness or educate. However, if funds are raised they will go directly to the organization or cause.

B: All Cabinet members must vote on the project and it must be passed by a majority of Cabinet.

210.1.b: The Committee will plan no less than one (1) event per semester for this outreach project. This event will be mandatory for all Senators unless excused by the Ethics and Conduct Chair.

A: An unexcused absence will result in one (1) absence.

210.1.c: The Committee will extend invitations to other clubs and organizations for participation in planning and/or attending these events.

210.2 OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

210.2.a: Any philanthropy event that SGA participates in (i.e. Relay for Life) will be coordinated by the Community Outreach Committee.

\*This Committee Chair will be elected after this years turn over meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kate Legnetti-SGA Comptroller  
Nitsan Ayali-SGA Senator/Class of 2010 Representative  
Ashley Kowal-Student Services Chairperson  
Tyler GreenPope-Academic Affairs Chairperson

**HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY**  
**Student Government Association**  
*IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND NINE*

*Whereas*, many Hofstra students return home during winter and/or summer break;

*Whereas*, many of these students live in commuting distance from the university and take winter and/or summer classes;

*Whereas*, students who take intersession classes often park on the academic side of campus nearest to the building in which their class is being held;

*Whereas*, the parking lots on the academic side of campus are deemed commuter only parking, thus residents who commute during winter and/or summer sessions cannot park in some of the parking areas on that side of campus (i.e. behind Breslin Hall);

*Whereas*, parking availability greatly increases while fall and spring semesters are not in session and therefore parking restrictions are unnecessary during intersessions.

*Let it be resolved* by the Hofstra University Student Government Association, that the parking areas on the academic side of campus be offered to both residents and commuters while winter and summer courses are in session.

*Respectfully Submitted by:*

*Ethics and Conduct Chair Melanie Rosner and Senator Lukas Miedreich*

**HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY**  
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*IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND NINE*

*Whereas*, Hofstra University has many visitors daily who do not have a meal plan;

*Whereas*, credit/debit cards are a popular way to pay for items and services;

*Whereas*, the University Bookstore and Lackmann Culinary Services are not run by Hofstra  
University;

*Whereas*, the University Bookstore accepts credit/debit cards as means of payment.

*Let it be resolved*, by the Hofstra University Student Government Association, that dining  
locations on campus will accept credit/debit cards as a form of payment.

*Respectfully Submitted:*

*Senator Lukas Miedreich*

# Hofstra University Student Government Association

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## REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

March 31, 2009

### **SENATE MEMBERSHIP – 58 Senators**

#### **RESIGNATIONS**

Senator Francois VanKeuren, resigned

Senator Sofia-Marie Guttal, failure to attend reinstatement

#### **SGA PLANNING COMMITTEE**

SGA Mission: *Our mission is to act as an advocate for all Hofstra students, and to serve as a liaison among individual students, student organizations, and the Hofstra administration, ensuring that all students realize a valuable and memorable student life experience.*

Next step, developing goals based on committees and cabinet ideas

#### **COLLAGE**

Collage Executive Board will begin planning over Spring Break for the Fall semester

#### **SMALL CLUBS OFFICE SWIPE MACHINES**

I sent a very concerning e-mail regarding the machines not working to Administration, to which they responded immediately; the machines appear to be working including the Conference Room. All Senators will be given access to the main door of Small Clubs, and Cabinet members will be given swipe access to the Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jared Berry

Vice President

Hofstra University Student Government Association

# *Academic Affairs Minutes*

Attendance:  
Tyler-Chair  
TJ-Senator-Excused  
Kendall-Senator-Excused  
Matt-Senator  
Alex-Senator  
Carlos-Senator  
Amanda-Senator-Excused  
Erin-Senator

Joint meeting with the Fundraising committee and we scanned and packed up books total of three boxes and more to come this week.

PS-if you have any books in your rooms or at home please bring them back and leave them in the office so that we can scan them and send them off.



APPROPRIATIONS MEETING  
March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**ATTENDANCE:**

Kate Legnetti  
Brian Marquis  
Jared Berry  
Yeyoung Lee  
Jared Silverman  
Jordan Baer  
Kenny Perez  
Frankie Vivaqua  
Sean Hutchinson

**Show Choir**

REQUESTED: \$1,640.58

Just clothes

VOTE: Unanimous

FUNDED: \$1048.77

Without Shipping: Unanimous

SHEET MUSIC and 2 SONGS: \$10.90

MEN'S VEST: \$238

WOMEN'S DRESS: \$779.87

COPIES: \$20

7-0-0

**IFSC**

REQUESTED: \$19,651.70

IFSC: \$15,351.70

IFC: \$4,300

Cannot fund for giveaways: Scholastic Promotions was stricken

\$3500 or \$5000: \$5,000

FUNDED: \$5,000

7-1-0

**Entertainment Unlimited**

REQUESTED: \$23,563.95

FUNDED: \$6,006.73

Give-a-way towels stricken because do not fund for giveaways

Tent, 1/2 food, bathrooms, tables and chairs = \$6,006.73

7-0-1

**IMANI**

REQUESTED: \$1,487.24

FUNDED: \$1,000

Playhouse fees: \$1,000

7-0-0

**Hofstra World Order**

REQUESTED: Looking for extension on encumbrance (2 Weeks): April 13<sup>th</sup>  
Comptroller Catherine "Kate" Legnetti Approved

**Color Guard**

REQUESTED: \$238.09

FUNDED: \$238.09

Encumbranced for April 2<sup>nd</sup> to have verification of space to store items.  
7-0-0

**6<sup>th</sup> Element**

REQUESTED: \$6,000

FUNDED: \$2,500

Encumbrance April 17<sup>th</sup>  
7-0-0

Comments from the committee:

We turn away clubs to fund their own events out of pockets. This is not right. There is reason for Appropriations. When \$90,000 is spent on one event, it sets a precedent for other events and other clubs.

\$6,000 of what was spent tonight. This is the third year Musicfest has happened, this is the third year Musicfest has come to us for funds. We need to think about where our funds are going. If Musicfest is getting bigger, and more ambitious, what does this mean for the future of funds?

It is the opinion of the committee that this year's Musicfest was run as well as it could have been. However, it seems to be a reoccurring problem with funds, and we would recommend that planning must be done beginning the day after the Musicfest (For example; May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009).  
Total Allocated Over the Evening: **\$15,793.59**

**Club Affairs Minutes**  
Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Call to order: 9:08pm

Attendance:

Chair Anthony Lucci  
Senator Dan Lebo  
Senator Sam Erickson  
Senator Yulong Cui  
Senator Christian Fuscariano  
Senator Tor Vullo  
Senator Mike Brandt  
Senator Yaneke Douglas  
Senator Kenny Cordero (visiting)  
President Pete DiSilvio (visiting)

Pete's Presentation

IFSC Benefit Show

Everyone in the committee is going to talk to a club or two about performing at the show

HAMA/ HFC Room

Tor will handle ordering the new swipe for the room

Music Fest

The committee will be contacting clubs to perform

In addition, they will each be contacting at least one club to donate money to fund the event

Epic Fight of Dirty Jersey VS. Long Island

No winner was declared at this time. However, cultured humanity loses in both cases.

Adjournment- 9:58pm

Respectfully Submitted By,  
Anthony Lucci  
SGA Club Affairs Chairman

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE  
March 27, 2009

Attendance

Samantha Rashid  
Ralph Dweck  
Mike Gluck  
Brent Weitzberg  
Robin Doublebower  
Cait Scungio

1. Joint Academics Affairs and Fundraising meeting to scan books and pack them.
  - a. Lots of books were able to be packed up

**Rules Committee Meeting  
March 30, 2009**

**Meeting began at 6:32 pm**

**In Attendance**

Rules Chairman Akeem Mellis  
Ethics and Conduct Chair Melanie Rosner  
Club Information Chair Jon Adonailo  
Archivist Jimmy Wells  
Senator Kayleigh Tompkins  
Senator Luke Miedreich  
Senator Kenny Cordero  
Senator Alessandra Shaaya  
Senator Adriana Figueroa

**Visiting**

OSLA Director Anita Ellis  
Vice President Jared Berry

**Reactivations**

- 1) MENC: The National Association of Music Educators – **Passed 8-0-0**

**LEGISLATION**

- 1) **Resolution:** Intersession Parking – **Passed 7-0-0**
- 2) **Proposal:** Community Outreach Committee – **Passed 8-0-0**
- 3) **Proposal:** Ethics & Conduct Chair as Cabinet Member – **Passed 8-0-0**
- 4) **Resolution:** Dining Payment Options – **Passed 6-0-0**

**REINSTATEMENTS**

- 1) Christian Fuscarino: Appeal Failed 1-7-0

**Special Business**

Anita Ellis, Director of the Office of Student Leadership and Activities, visited the Committee to propose drafting new definitions for a Club to exist, and for Club Criteria to be looked at for future clubs.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:52pm**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Akeem Mellis**

SpIrlt CoMmItTeE MiNuTeS  
March 27, 2009

Attendance:

Amanda Stevens, Senator  
Allen Putney, Senator  
Hiba Qazi, Senator  
Lydia Pleiman, Chair  
Adam Dadson, Senator  
Krishna Khadar, Senator

Unexcused:

Ferdous Pirzada

The meeting was called to order at 6:12pm held in room 218 of the Student Center.

We had discussion of the "I survived the blue beetle" and other top 10 ways yo know you're a hofstra student shirts. Top ten list to be finalized next week.

The committee looked at several lion artistic renditions and decided which should be put on the shirt. Chairwoman Pleiman is going to see how much that will cost or how doing so is even possible.

Special projects for the rest of the semester discussed. Hiba and Adam mentioned several things.

When is the best game to do Henna that Hiba bought at the beginning of the year? We will discuss this at the next meeting as well.

Meeting adjourned 6:48pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia E. Pleiman

## Student Services Meeting Minutes WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009

*Called to Order: 6:05PM*

***In Attendance:***

Chairwoman Ashley Kowal  
RSA Representative Steve Aikens  
OCS Representative Sam Jaffe  
IFSC Representative Mike Shulansky  
Senator Andrew Lerner  
Senator Nitsan Ayali  
Senator Edward Sitt

***Excused Absence:***

Senator Nick Schweers  
Senator John Campbell

***Unexcused Absence:***

Delegate Jonathan Grady

**Meeting:** *Vice President Johnson and Vice President Barkwill*

Health and Wellness Center: Complaints must be documented and forwarded to Vice President

Johnson so that cases may be settled on an individual basis

Public Safety: When students call, they will be given a wait time

Residence Halls:

The lounges of at least 2 but possibly up to 4 towers will be renovated and furniture will be refreshed.

Nassau/Suffolk ceiling tiles will be replaced.

Liberty/Republic bathrooms are being renovated

Colonial Square will be refreshed

Student Center:

Discussing renovating the meeting rooms and Multipurpose rooms

Requested more garbage cans and a better cleaning job in the Rathskellar

A new arrangement is being planned for the dining area, including Maui Tacos

Looking into extending dining hours during finals week

Commuter Parking: Looking into creating another commuter parking lot

Bike Rakes: With the onset of warm weather, bike rack locations are being scouted. Need student input!

Events Management: Are there still any issues concerning the office and scheduling?

**Relay For Life-**

Everyone must tell me their conflicts with registering for Relay For Life if they cannot make it

**Recycling Drive-**

Possible date: April 21-27 during Greek Week

Award Greek organizations Greek Week points

Award clubs money toward their budgets

**Referendum-**

Would the student body be interested in co-ed residence room options?

**Complaints-**

Recreation Center- there should be a full listing of classes taking place in the center

Hofstra Music Fest's name should be changed

*Adjourned: 6:15 PM*