

Agenda of the 79th Senate

Hofstra University Student Government Association

February 5th, 2015

Green House, Student Center

Call to Order

- I. Quorum Call
- II. Approval of Senate Minutes
- III. Approval of Cabinet Minutes
- IV. New Business
 - A. Elections
 - i. Public Relations Chair
 - ii. Rules Chair
- V. Executive Board Reports
 - **A.** President M. Atkinson
 - B. Vice President- N. Olson
 - **C.** Comptroller A. Guarino
 - **D.** Secretary- J. Wyatt
- VI. Committee Chair Weekly Reports
 - **A.** Academic Affairs H. Blain
 - **B.** Appropriations D. Gallagher
 - **C.** Club Relations A. Engelson
 - D. Programming W. Shepherd
 - **E.** Spirit S. Harris
 - F. Student Services M. Manuel
- VII. For the Good of the Order
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Snap Cup

Adjournment

Student Government Association Senate

December 4th, 2014

Meeting of the 79th Senate called to order at 6:04pm

- I. Ouorum Call
- II. Approval of the Senate Minutes
 - a. Senator Gitlin motions to pass
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passes 27-0-0
- III. Approval of the Cabinet Minutes
 - a. Chair Engelson motions to pass
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passes 27-0-0
- IV. Rules Committee Chair Weekly Report
 - a. IFSC came, but will be coming back next semester
 - b. Adopt a Dream came to update their constitution
 - c. Saw the Lackmann Transparency and Student Activities Fee Resolutions
 - d. Senator Beer motions to pass the Rules minutes
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passes 27-0-0
- V. Mock Trial Team
 - a. Mock Trial Team: I am very passionate about law as I know many Hofstra students are. This would give Hofstra students a hands-on experience with law acting as judges, attorneys, etc. We really want to bring a new opportunity that will be a great learning experience and a fun time for students interested in law to connect. People will see what it is actually like to go to trial while working as a team for their common goal. We are a club for everyone who is interested in having fun while learning courtroom procedure; we are not just a pre-law activity. There are also roles of witnesses to be played. We want to get all of our participants involved in the club to bring them to our events and tournaments.
 - b. Questioning Period
 - i. Chair Engelson: What does SGA recognition mean to you?
 - 1. Mock Trial Team: I know that SGA is not just a bank; we want the publicity and help that SGA has to offer. The old Mock Trial team went inactive and we are trying to bring it back. With SGA's help we could make this club last. This also would bring more prestige to our club.
 - *ii.* Senator Esteban: You said you have connections with law professionals, what would you do with those connections?
 - 1. *Mock Trial Team:* Those people can come in and help with practicing and strategies. They can also teach us and help us network.
 - *iii.* Senator Ahmedin: How do you get the cases for the competitions? And how would this incorporate people who are not knowledgeable about law?
 - 1. Mock Trial Team: You get a case from the umbrella organization. Additionally you do not need to have the knowledge, we will all learn together. Our participants (...).
 - *iv.* Senator Andrews: Since the club did not work in the past, what do you think has changed? In addition, how will you get people interested?
 - 1. Mock Trial Team: One of the largest problems the past club had was a poor working relationship with their club advisor. Our advisor has a lot of experience and is interested in dedicating a lot of time. The old mock trial club also had

many people who graduated and they did not recruit new people in. There is a great interest and we already have 19 members on Collegiate Link. We hope to keep recruiting and keep this going.

- v. Senator Gitlin: Do any competitions have an age or grade limit? Do you think that it might be beneficial to have law students come in as mentors?
 - 1. Mock Trial Team: No, they are open to all undergraduate. We also have been in contact with the law school's Mock Trial Team and we want to get more involved with them.
- vi. Senator Ramdhani: Would the team be interested in hiring a coach?
 - 1. *Mock Trial Team:* I do not feel that would be necessary. We have many resources with the law school here and local professionals.
- vii. Senator McKeown: Would your advisor be acting as your coach?
 - 1. *Mock Trial Team:* Yes he would be our main coach. We are hoping to get many perspective from various professionals to provide a great learning experience.

c. Debate

- i. Senator Beer (Speaker For): As it stands right now, I do not understand why we would not pass them. In their constitution, you can tell that they are very open to everyone. They really want to get people involved. We have a law school and great resources; this will be great for our school.
- ii. Senator Andrews (Speaker Against): I am not against the club passing, but we need to consider some issues as well. Collegiate Link is not always accurate in showing participation; they were unable to get the interest before because it is time consuming. I am not sure if it the right thing to bring it back with SGA backing.
- *iii.* Senator Esteban (Speaker For): This club seems very organized and they seem to have strong leadership and interest. They are actually going to provide opportunities to network and that will always keep members more interested. It will help our students. This will not cost a lot. I know they will keep getting people interested.
- iv. Senator Gitlin (Speaker Against): If they said that they have had meetings and events already I would be ready to pass them. However, I do not believe they need SGA recognition right now. They will be able to establish themselves and we can see if there is a true interest, before we recognize them. I would like to see the club do a little bit more before they come to us.
- d. By a vote of 22-4-1, the Mock Trial Team passes as a Student Government Association recognized club.

VI. Lackmann Transparency Resolution

- i. Senator Andrews: We wrote this resolution because a few weeks ago, there was the meeting with Andrew Lackmann, and there were great things that were brought up at the meeting as well as a great turn out. We wanted to also show SGA's support of these Lackmann initiatives.
- ii. Questioning Period
 - 1. Senator Gitlin: The let it be resolved clause that speaks about VP Barkwill, is this something he is already doing?
 - a. Senator Andrews: At the meeting, VP Barkwill said he would be willing to do this. This would be SGA pushing him to do that.
 - 2. Senator Price: Would this newsletter only showing positive things really be transparent or would it be good PR?
- *iii.* Senator Gitlin motions to strike the final let it be resolved clause which reads "*Let it also be resolved*, that the Student Government Association encourages Lackmann Culinary Services to prepare an electronic newsletter each semester to inform students of changes."
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Objection
 - 3. Debate

- a. Senator Gitlin (Speaker For): Lackmann is a company and they should be doing their own PR. It is not our job to say, "Hey you should be advertising for things you do well." This shows too much SGA support to Lackmann.
- b. Chair Manuel (Speaker Against): We are willing to listen to the student complaints. I do not believe that students understand that we don't have it that bad. This will help alleviate that issue.
 - *i. Senator Braitman:* This would encourage Lackmann to do it and it could help our students.
- c. Senator Price (Speaker For): I do not agree with removing, but think we should change it to something more like to inform students around Hofstra's community.
- d. Senator Caputo (Speaker Against): Without that clause this resolution loses a lot of its weight. This is a good idea because of some of the specials and option we have.
 - *i. Senator Andrews:* The Student Services committee listens to the student's concerns; most people do not know what Lackmann is doing.
- 4. Senator Beer motions to move into a secret ballot on the amendment to strike "Let it also be resolved, that the Student Government Association encourages Lackmann Culinary Services to prepare an electronic newsletter each semester to inform students of changes."
 - a. Motion seconded
 - b. Motion passes
- 5. By a vote of 5-20-4 the motion to strike "*Let it also be resolved*, that the Student Government Association encourages Lackmann Culinary Services to prepare an electronic newsletter each semester to inform students of changes" fails.
- iv. Chair Harris motions to pass the Lackmann Transparency resolution
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Objection
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Chair Manuel (Speaker For): This is a big student services initiative and issues with Lackmann are one of the largest issues our committee works with. I would ask anyone if what he or she has heard at these meetings has made it to paper they do not. This helps hold them accountable.
 - b. Senator Gitlin (Speaker Against): I think the first let it be resolved point is SGA standing with our students, but the second one seems like us supporting Lackmann which is not going to go over well with the student body. Most of our students hate Lackmann.
 - c. Chair Blain (Speaker For): We are customers of Lackmann and as their customers we can ask for certain things. This is one of those things.
 - d. Senator Pollock (Speaker Against): At the food meeting and talking here I know we say we do not have it as bad. Just because other schools are worse, does not mean it is right. I understand that many things are not in our control. However, I think we can all understand that this is not us saying SGA loves Lackmann, but that may be how other students see it.
 - 4. Chair Manuel motions to move into a three minute moderated caucus with three speakers.
 - a. Motion seconded
 - b. Motion passes 23-6-0
 - c. Moderated Caucus
 - *i. Chair Manuel:* I would like to remind everyone that we need to work with Lackmann, we are not here to take down the Death Star. There are many things that students do not know and they bring those concerns

- to us. If no one knows of what is happening they cannot take advantage (...).
- *ii.* Senator Beer: I am not as concerned about the action; I am concerned with the reaction.
 - 1. Yielded to Senator Price: I hear many people talking about how much hate Lackmann, but they would not buy it if they hated it so much.
- iii. Senator Andrews: I understand people do not love Lackmann, but as the resolution states we have a contract with them until 2017. Today Chair Manuel and I had a meeting with VP Barkwill and spoke about (...).
 - 1. Yielded to Senator Caputo: They are not doing this newsletter now, and this will push them to do it.
- 5. By a vote of 27-0-2 the Lackmann Transparency resolution passes.
 - a. Senator Ahmedin: Yea
 - b. Senator Andrews: Yea
 - c. Chair Barry: Yea
 - d. Senator Beer: Abstain
 - e. Chair Blain: Yea
 - f. Senator Braitman: Yea
 - g. Senator Caputo: Yea
 - h. Senator Casey: Yea
 - i. Senator Cinquemani: Yea
 - j. Senator Dent: Yea
 - k. Senator Diaz: Yea
 - 1. Chair Engelson: Yea
 - m. Senator Esteban: Yea
 - n. Chair Gallagher: Yea
 - o. Senator Gitlin: Yea
 - p. Comptroller Guarino: Yea
 - q. Chair Harris: Yea
 - r. Senator Ho: Yea
 - s. Chair Manuel: Yea
 - t. Senator McKeown: Yea
 - u. Senator Mishkin: Yea
 - v. Senator Pollock: Abstain
 - w. Senator Price: Yea
 - x. Senator Ramdhani: Yea
 - y. Senator Senderowicz: Yea
 - z. Senator Shafranski: Yea
 - aa. Chair Shepherd: Yea
 - bb. Senator Stengel: Yea
 - cc. Senator Tacconelli: Yea
- VII. Chair Engelson motions to suspend the rules to move into the Club Relations End of Semester Report before the Student Activity Fee Resolution
 - a. Motion seconded
 - b. Motion passes 29-0-0
 - c. Club Relations End of Semester Report
- VIII. Student Activity Fee Resolution
 - a. Comptroller Guarino: The reason we changed it from \$25 to \$10 is because Senior Vice President Pat Adamski said they try to not increase fees by such a great percentage in one year

and she suggested that we phase it in. This is not definite because we will reevaluate based on a variety of factors.

- b. Questioning Period
 - *i.* Senator Andrews: Is this a number coming from higher up in order to not increase that much? This is different than what the petition was about.
 - 1. Comptroller Guarino: I would want to take it in phases of 2 years at a time; we will also be able to reevaluate it after.
 - ii. Senator Beer: Can we ask that they include this in tuition?
 - 1. President Atkinson: That is beyond our control and not our jurisdiction.
 - 2. Advisor Koeppel: In traditional accounting, they separate tuition and fees as well as the fees of student life and academic life.
 - *iii.* Senator Gitlin: Am I correct in understanding that administration would say no if we amended this to say \$50 outright?
 - 1. Comptroller Guarino: Yes, but also when working with individuals in higher positions it is important to follow their advice especially if we want administrators to keep taking us serious.
 - iv. Senator Gitlin: Would you know the percentage of increase of tuition each year?
 - 1. Comptroller Guarino: This would be a 42.29% increase from 2007-2015, while with the full amount we were requesting a 33.3% increase in this fee in one year.
- c. Chair Blain motions to add "Whereas, the Student Government Association collected 1192 signatures from undergraduate students in support of a Student Activity Fee increase."
 - *i*. Motion seconded
 - ii. Senator Andrews motion to skip debate and go straight into a vote
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 28-0-0
 - *iii.* By a vote of 28-0-0 the motion to add "Whereas, the Student Government Association collected 1192 signatures from undergraduate students in support of a Student Activities Fee increase." passes.
- d. Senator Gitlin motions to change any "Whereas" statements after the statement, "Whereas, the Student Government Association collected 1192 signatures from undergraduate students in support of a Student Activity Fee increase" to "Let it be resolved" statements.
 - i. Amendment seen as friendly
- e. Senator Andrews motions for a five minute recess to gather information needed to make further amendments on this resolution.
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passes 28-0-0
- f. Senator Andrews motions to add a clause at the beginning of the resolution that would read "Whereas, the last increase to the Student Activity Fee occurred in 2009."
 - *i*. Motion seconded
 - ii. Senator Gitlin motions to skip debate and go straight to a vote
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 28-0-0
 - *iii.* By a vote of 28-0-0 the motion to add "Whereas, the last increase to the Student Activity Fee occurred in 2009" passes.
- g. Senator Gitlin motions to amend "Let it be resolved, that the Student Activity Fee shall be raised ten (10) dollars from its current level of one-hundred fifty (150) dollars per year to one-hundred sixty dollars (160) for the Fall 2015-Spring 2016 school year, with the possibility of re-evaluation for an additional ten (10) dollar increase for the Fall 2016-Spring 2017 school year." to read "Let it be resolved that the Student Government Association supports a \$10 increase to the Student Activity Fee."
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Objection

iii. Debate

- 1. Senator Gitlin (Speaker For): If we intend to show this to the student body, it needs to be clear that we are encouraging this, but not changing it. Students in my Political Science class have accused us of "raising taxes."
- 2. Chair Gallagher (Speaker Against): I think in this situation what we are seeking to do is clear based on our "let it be resolved" statements. I believe that keeping it as is, is semantically correct.
- 3. *Senator Beer (Speaker For):* Right now, we are trying to please 2 parties, the administrators and students. Students may not understand this and if we change this then everyone will understand.
- 4. Senator Andrews (Speaker Against): The purpose of a resolution is to say what we support. I like that it is strongly worded. However, more administrators are going to read this resolution then students, not many students read our minutes. The people who read this will be people who understand or are willing to understand the wording.
- iv. By a vote of 8-17-1 the motion to amend "Let it be resolved, that the Student Activity Fee shall be raised ten (10) dollars from its current level of one-hundred fifty (150) dollars per year to one-hundred sixty dollars (160) for the Fall 2015-Spring 2016 school year, with the possibility of re-evaluation for an additional ten (10) dollar increase for the Fall 2016-Spring 2017 school year." to read "Let it be resolved that the Student Government Association supports a \$10 increase to the Student Activity Fee." fails
- h. Senator Andrews motions to add, "Whereas the Student Government Association now offers funding for campus-wide events for non-Student Government Association recognized clubs." before the first "Let it be resolved" clause
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Chair Blain motions to skip debate and go straight to a vote
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 25-0-0
 - *iii.* By a vote of 24-0-1 the motion to add, "Whereas the Student Government Association now offers funding for campus-wide events for non-Student Government Association recognized clubs" passes
- IX. Senator Andrews motions to suspend the rules and move into the Academic Affairs End of Year Report and return to the Student Activity Fee resolution after.
 - a. Motion seconded
 - b. Motion passes 25-0-0
 - c. Academic Affairs End of Year Report
- X. Student Activity Fee Resolution
 - a. Senator Andrews motions to add, "Whereas, since 2009, one-hundred and seventy-two (172) additional organizations have access to the Student Government Association's financial resources, bringing the total organizations with access from forty-one (41) to two-hundred and thirteen (213)" before the clause, "Whereas the Student Government Association as of 2013 offers funding for campus-wide events for non-Student Government Association recognized clubs."
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Senator Gitlin motions to skip debate and go straight to a vote
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 27-0-0
 - iii. By a vote of 27-0-0, the motion to add "Whereas, since 2009, one-hundred and seventy-two (172) additional organizations have access to the Student Government Association's financial resources, bringing the total organizations with access from forty-one (41) to two-hundred and thirteen (213)." passes

- b. Comptroller Guarino makes a friendly amendment to change all "Student Activity Fee" to "Undergraduate Student Activity Fee"
- c. Senator Andrews motions to change all "school year" to "academic year"
 - i. Motion seen as friendly
- d. Chair Harris motions to skip debate and go straight to a vote on the Student Activity Fee resolution.
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passes 26-0-0
- e. By a vote of 26-0-0 the Student Activity Fee resolution passes.
 - i. Senator Ahmedin: Yea
 - ii. Senator Andrews: Yea
 - iii. Chair Barry: Yea
 - iv. Senator Beer: Yea
 - v. Chair Blain: Yea
 - vi. Senator Braitman: Yea
 - vii. Senator Caputo: Yea
 - viii. Senator Casey: Yea
 - ix. Senator Cinquemani: Yea
 - x. Senator Dent: Yea
 - xi. Senator Diaz: Yea
 - xii. Senator Esteban: Yea
 - xiii. Chair Gallagher: Yea
 - xiv. Senator Gitlin: Yea
 - xv. Chair Harris: Yea
 - xvi. Senator Ho: Yea
 - xvii. Senator McKeown: Yea
 - xviii. Senator Mishkin: Yea
 - xix. Senator Pollock: Yea
 - xx. Senator Price: Yea
 - xxi. Senator Ramdhani: Yea
 - xxii. Senator Senderowicz: Yea
 - xxiii. Senator Shafranski: Yea
 - xxiv. Chair Shepherd: Yea
 - xxv. Senator Stengel: Yea
 - xxvi. Senator Tacconelli: Yea
- XI. End of Semester Reports
 - a. Appropriations
 - b. Comptroller
 - c. Programming
 - d. Public Relations
 - e. Rules
 - f. Spirit
 - g. Student Services
- XII. Comptroller Guarino motions to move Executive Board Reports to after Committee Chair Weekly Reports
 - a. Motion seconded
 - b. Motion passes 26-0-0
- XIII. Committee Chair Weekly Reports
 - a. Academic Affairs
 - i. Finishing up initiatives for the semester
 - ii. Motions to pass the Academic Affairs minutes
 - 1. Motion seconded

- 2. Motion passes 26-0-0
- b. Appropriations
 - i. Senator Caputo motions to pass the Appropriations minutes
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 26-0-0
- c. Club Relations
 - i. Meeting next week to tie-up any loose ends
 - ii. Planning our events for next semester as well
 - iii. Chair Shepherd motions to pass the Club Relations minutes
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 26-0-0
- d. Programming
 - i. No official meeting this week because of our Build-A-Bear event
 - ii. Chair Blain motions to pass the Programming minutes
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 26-0-0
- e. Public Relations
 - i. Snapchat has been successful
 - ii. New twitter @HofstraSGA
 - iii. Worked with the Academic Affairs Committee to create flyers about UTP and for Hydration Stations
 - iv. Planning to do biweekly press releases for next semester
 - v. Chair Shepherd motions to pass the Public Relations minutes
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 26-0-0
- f. Spirit
 - i. Hofstra Celebrates the Holidays
 - ii. Spring Events
 - 1. Spring Pride Unleashed Week 2/18-22
 - 2. CAA Tournament promotion 3/6-3/8
 - 3. Spirit Week 4/13-4/17
 - iii. Chair Barry motions to pass the Spirit minutes
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 26-0-0
- g. Student Services
 - i. Working on our initiatives for Spring 2015
 - ii. Senator Ho motions to pass the Student Services minutes
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 26-0-0
- XIV. Executive Board Reports
 - a. Comptroller
 - i. Treasurer training for next semester
 - 1. 2/11 11:15-12:30 in SC 142,
 - 2. 3/11 11:15-12:30 in SC 142
 - 3. 4/29 during Club Congress 6:30-8:00 in MPR
 - b. Secretary
 - c. President
- XV. For Good of the Order
- XVI. Announcements
- XVII. Snap Cup
- XVIII. Motion to adjourn at 10:45 PM
 - a. Motion seconded

b. Motion passes 26-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Wyatt

Secretary

Student Government Association

Wednesday, February 4th, 2015

Student Government Association Cabinet Meeting

Present: President Mark Atkinson, Vice President Nicole Olson, Secretary Jenna Wyatt, Comptroller Alyson Guarino, Academic Affairs Chair Hunter Blain, Appropriations Chair Damian Gallagher, Club Relations Chair Alexandra Engelson, Programming Chair Whitney Shepherd, Spirit Chair Sarah Harris, and Student Services Chair Mikio Manuel

Visiting: Advisor Karl Koeppel

Meeting called to order by President Atkinson at 8:03pm

- I. Opening Icebreaker Game
 - a. In case you wondered Chair Harris and Chair Engelson won the game...
- II. Initiative Collaboration Activity
- III. Portfolios Explanation and Overview Chair Manuel
- IV. 5% Amendment Legislation
 - a. *President Atkinson:* We met with the Chair of University Senate about the funding of non-recognized organizations.
 - b. Appropriations Chair Gallagher: Many advisors of Honor Societies had no idea about the 5% legislation and we realized that we need to communicate better with advisors and some of our non-recognized organization. Therefore, we are trying to bridge the gap.
 - c. *President Atkinson:* We also realized that our practice in submission of the proposals from the non-recognized clubs was not what followed the policy, so this legislation just makes sure we are being consistent.
 - d. Advisor Koeppel: As a side note, another way we are bridging the gap is a Club Advisor website that I have been working with on the Sarah Young and Dean Pertuz.
 - e. We will be saving this legislation for (...)
- V. Updates
 - a. Academic Affairs
 - i. January/Summer Session Grants Initiative
 - 1. Plan on starting a petition and writing some legislation.
 - b. Appropriations
 - i. Excited that we have a new committee member
 - ii. Appropriations Newsletter for Club Advisors
 - iii. Appropriation Online Sign Ups
 - 1. Thanks Karl!

- iv. Reviewing the Policy Series for any other unclear pieces
- c. Comptroller
 - i. Certificates of Achievement for the Clubs who rolled back less than 10% and less than5%
 - 1. 34 Clubs were under 10% with 28 of those clubs with less than 5% roll back
 - 2. Working with IRCB for this initiative
 - 3. Great job clubs!
 - ii. 7% Roll Back from last semester
- d. Club Relations
 - i. Club Workshop
 - ii. Student Involvement Fair
 - iii. Club Office Allocations
 - 1. Emails went out
 - 2. Due February 25th at 3:00pm
 - iv. Club Olympics: March 28th & 29th
- e. Programming
 - i. Rolling application for Programming Board
 - ii. Souperbowl went well
 - iii. Valentine's
 - iv. Toms Event
- f. Spirit
 - i. First Fridays
 - ii. Pride Unleashed Week: February 18th 22nd
 - iii. CAA Tournament: March 5th 9th
 - iv. SGA Cabinet is being honored at the basketball timeout this week (2/7) at 7:00pm
- g. Student Services
 - i. SGA at the Corner: February 23rd
 - ii. Dutch Debits
 - iii. Mineola Train Shuttle
 - 1. VP Barkwill hired Civil Engineer to research this
 - iv. Student Appreciation Week: April 13th 17th
- h. Secretary
 - i. Secret Valentine
 - ii. SGA Assassins
 - iii. Outreach to interested members from Student Involvement Fair
 - iv. SGA Cabinet #nofilter
 - v. Project SGA: Why do we do it?
- VI. Senate Overview Nicole
- VII. Office Space Allocations
 - a. Appropriations Chair Gallagher: What are your projections for clubs?
 - i. *Club Relations Chair Engelson:* I am projecting that about 60 clubs will apply and there are about 42 office spaces.
- VIII. Senate and Cabinet Open Discussion:
 - a. What do we want Senate to be?
 - Efficient. Doing more work in committees and saving Senate for a more basic overview of what we are doing
 - ii. Engagement (paying attention)
 - iii. Keep it simple
 - iv. More respect

- v. Being present and having some energy
- vi. Keep calm and SGA
- vii. Be a team!
- viii. Be the Senate we are now; stop comparing to past Senates
- ix. Bonding as committees
- x. Building community as committees, but don't be cliquey
- b. What do we want Cabinet to be?
 - i. Respectful
 - ii. Allowing people to finish their thoughts
 - iii. Be honest
 - iv. Don't take things personally separate the issues from the people
 - v. Accountability
 - vi. Mentorship
 - vii. We came here to do
 - viii. Leave your legacy
 - ix. Teamwork
 - x. Enjoy your time in SGA
 - xi. Be fun!
- IX. Carpet Time
- X. Chair Manuel motions to adjourn at 10:36pm
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Motion passes

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Wyatt

Student Government Association Secretary

Academic Affairs Minutes

February 3, 2015

Present: Chairperson Hunter Blain, Senator Megan Andrews, Senator Rita Cinquemani, Senator Colleen

McKeown, and Senator Pratik Shah

Called to order 2:22 PM

What we have been doing:

- Colleen: Researched student teaching abroad, would be like regular study abroad program, several
 companies that do that, SUNY Potsdam does Australia and Ireland
- Megan: Researched January/Summer Scholarships, searched newspapers, researched Hofstra's current scholarships, no interest free loans at a university currently, would be a tax-burden, NYU offers aid for Jan/Summer
- Rita: Research Phone Charging stations, found that they are at least \$2100, No-one does laptop charging stations, liability issues, can get corporate sponsorships (would pay for the whole thing), 5 would be appropriate for campus (1 at bits, 2 student center, 1 café on the quad, 1 at library), also solar paneled ones to reduce electricity
- Pratik: Researched smoking bans and smoking areas, SUNY Stonybrook, Adelphi, QCC, NCC, CW Post,
 NYIT, CUNY, NYU, Residential schools have no designated smoking areas at all, are smoke-free, A lot are commuter schools that have no areas

What we will be doing:

- Colleen: Go to Roosevelt hall and get them to add that to their catalogue
- Megan: Draft legislation for Jan/Summer grants
- Rita: Visit the career center and inquire about sponsorship for the station, also talk to OSLA
- Pratik: Research out of state schools smoking ban, Draft up petition for Jan/Summer scholarships
- Hunter: Creating plan for all initiatives

Adjourned: 2:46 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Hunter Blain

Academic Affairs Chairman

Appropriations Minutes

February 3, 2015

Attendance: Chairperson Damian Gallagher, Comptroller Alyson Guarino (left 6:40 PM), Erin

Casey, So-Van Ho, Tristan Marshall & Gaby Senderowicz

Meeting Commenced: 6:15 PM

1. Men's Ultimate Frisbee

<u>Requested:</u> \$5,685.30

Coaching Fee, Sectionals Tournament, Regionals Tournament, Equipment

<u>Allocated</u>: \$3,770.14 Coaching Fee: \$2,500.00

Sectionals Tournament: \$1,170.14

Equipment: \$100.00

2. Club Tennis

Requested: \$981.60 Indoor Courts, T-shirts Allocated: \$657.60 Indoor Courts: \$432.00

T-shirts: \$225.60

3. Hofstra Men's Lacrosse

Requested: \$3,618.99

Referee Fees, Transportation Reimbursement, T-shirts

<u>Allocated</u>: \$2,464.16 Referee Fees: \$1,860.00

Transportation Reimbursement: \$604.16

4. Collegiate Women of Color

Requested: \$1,266.58

Speaker fee (Tonya Rapley), Apparel

Allocated: \$750.00

Speaker fee (Tonya Rapley): \$750.00

5. Hofstra Gospel Ensemble

Requested: \$4,129.00

Joy Night, HGE Café, Table Cloth, Apparel

<u>Allocated</u>: \$3,700.00 Joy Night: \$3,300.00 Table Cloth: \$150.00 Apparel: \$250.00

Total Requested: \$15,681.47 Total Allocated: \$11,341.90 % Allocated: 72.33% Meeting Adjourned: 8:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Damian Gallagher

Appropriations Chairman

Club Relations Minutes

February 4, 2015

Present: Chairwoman Alexandra Engelson, Senator Martin Beer, Senator Carol Pollock, and Senator

Forrest Gitlin

Guest: Comptroller Alyson Guarino and Spirit Chairwoman Sarah Harris

Excused: Senator David Caputo

Meeting Commenced: 6:45PM

Minutes:

- · Discussed scheduling
- Review of Club Workshop- Feb 3rd, 2015, including Senator's Beer polls
 - o Pros:
 - Pace of the event
 - SGA continuing to build connections with clubs
 - Right amount of people per session
 - Positive attitudes from SGA and club leaders
 - SGA leaders knew the information
 - Method of dividing clubs
 - o Cons:
 - Was still seen by some as unnecessary
 - On the surface, was unorganized
 - Hard to prepare over winter break
 - o Improvements:
 - Plan more in advance
 - Tailor presentations to club categories
 - Have program advisors present
 - Facebook group for club leaders?
 - Poll Responses
 - Collegiate Link Ideas
 - Player Statistics for Club Sports
 - Text Message connectivity
 - Add specific sports documents
 - Continue shift from paperwork to online documents
 - Club Olympics on March 28th-29th
 - 11 confirmations

Event ratings:

Senator Gitlin rates it a 3.5-4/5

Senator Pollock rates it a 3/5

Senator Beer rates it a 3.5-4/5

Comptroller Guarino rates it a 3.5/5

- Review of Club Involvement Fair
 - o Pros:
 - Able to fit all present clubs in one room
 - A lot of people and club present
 - Placement of the E.N.D. trip signup by the front door
 - The map
 - o Cons:
 - Arrangement of clubs on table
 - Could have been advertised better
 - Suggestions:
 - Big sign next time
- Senator Gitlin to debrief Club Involvement fair with Karl Koeppel
- Office allocations are coming up!
 - Hard copies of applications, without constitution, are due on Wednesday, February 25th in the Office of Student Leadership by 3:00 PM
 - Email copies of applications, with constitution, are due in Club Relations email inbox by
 3:00PM
 - Review of applications begins on Friday, February 27th, from 1:00PM to 6:00PM, and commences on Saturday, February 28th, from 10:00 AM to 5:00PM, with a final review on Sunday
- Club Olympics
 - O Unite the event with Spirit Committee?
- It's On Us Initiative!
 - Wednesday, February 25th, 2015

Meeting Adjourned: 7:41pm

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra Engelson

Club Relations Chairwoman

Spirit Minutes

February 6, 2015

Attendance: Chairperson Sarah Harris, Shayna Braitman, Rita Cinquemani, Jacquelyn Dent, Amanda Price, Kristina Shafranski, & Greg Stengel

Meeting called to order: 5:00 PM

- Subcommittees: reports due by Tuesday @ 5:00 PM for review and present to cabinet
 - o Athletic: Greg Stengel, Kristina Shafranski
 - o Spirit: Shayna Braitman, Rita Cinquemani
 - o Hofstra: Jacquelyn Dent, Amanda Price
- Upcoming events
 - o Spirited Jersey Night
 - Friday, February 6 @ HofUSA 7pm-9pm
 - Great time to meet SGA and spread Hofstra Pride
 - o Pride unleashed
 - February 18th 22nd
 - Find ways to advertise game
 - Flyers
 - Ticket distribution: give tickets out at dining halls, department and offices
 - Make a note that tickets are FREE
 - CAA Tournament
 - Send-off rally before players leave @ March 6th
 - Raffling off 4 tickets @ tabling event to spread the word
- Initiatives
 - o Greg Stengel: Invest in a custom flag for the student section to have at games
 - o Amanda Price: Hofstra Glow and Together We Rise club collaborate for Music Fest
- Games Announcements

Meeting adjourned: 5:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Harris Spirit Chairwoman

Student Services Committee Hofstra Student Government Association Hofstra University, Long Island, New York

February 3, 2015

Attendance: Senator Stengel and Chairperson Manuel

Absent: Senator Ahmedin (Excused) and Senator Esteban (Excused)

I. Call to Order: 6:30PM

- II. Ongoing Initiatives:
 - a. Beach Shuttle
 - i. Waiting for SGA @ the Corner
 - b. Universal Remote
 - i. Advisor Koeppel provided Chair Manuel with the proper contact. Chair Manuel gave this to Senator Esteban
 - c. Meal Share Program
 - i. Chair Manuel needs to set up a meeting with the Finance Dept. to speak of the possibilities of a meal share program
 - d. Bike Share Program
 - i. Chair Manuel will speak to Vice President Barkwill about a pilot program for a Bike Share
 - e. Mineola Shuttle
 - i. Chair Manuel is waiting for the results of the train shuttle research
 - f. Dutch Debits
 - i. Chair Manuel needs to set up a meeting with the Financial Aid Dept.
 - g. SGA @ the Corner
 - i. The questions need to be cleared through the university. We are aiming to start the poll on Feb. 23
- III. Adjournment: 6:42PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mikio Manuel III

Student Services Chairman