

## Senate Minutes February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Happy Valentines Day Everyone!

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm
- II. Quorum Call
  - a. Present: 18 voting members
- III. Approval of Senate Minutes
  - a. Motion to pass
    - i. Second
  - b. Minutes passed
- IV. Approval of Cabinet Minutes
  - a. Amendment to add Club Relations Chair Cameron Freitag to the attendance since he was at the meeting
  - b. Motion to pass
    - i. Second
  - c. Minutes passed
- V. Executive Board Reports
  - a. Vice President Andrea Standrowicz
    - i. During President Ron Singh's report we will be presenting the Student Appreciation Week plan.
  - b. Comptroller Yeri Lee
    - i. In Iceland so no report
- VI. Committee Reports
  - a. Appropriations Chair Megan Andrews
    - i. Total for the night was \$14,313.13
    - ii. Senator Ortal Weinberg asks why the Ski and Snowboard club was not given \$1,000.
      1. They had requested money for some trips that had already passed.
    - iii. Motion to pass
      1. Second
      2. Motion approved
    - iv. Minutes passed
  - b. Hold off on committee reports to go back to President Ron Singh 's report
- VII. Executive Board Reports Continued
  - a. President Ron Singh
    - i. Report was put together by Cabinet
    - ii. This is what we were talking about last week. It will give SGA a chance to appreciate students and give them a boost throughout the week.
    - iii. It is a way to show appreciation and to get some polling information from students.

- iv. We have done some external research on other universities and we found that many universities have student appreciation week.s
- v. We have also done some internal research and went through other parts of campus and quotes students.
- vi. Senator Aly Guarino asks why we are rushing to have this event
  - 1. A lot of the things that we are having that week, such as club congress, have already been planned for a specific date. We planned the Student Appreciation Week around events that were already happening that week. That same week is also Pride Week put on by athletics.
- vii. Senator Talyn Cortez asks about SGA helps with parking. In which way would we be helping students find parking?
  - 1. President Ron Singh says that we are going to stand in the parking lot and direct traffic so that people can find parking spots.
- viii. Senator Ortal Weinberg says that she likes the idea, but are we going to actually stand in the parking lot?
  - 1. Yes we are.
- ix. Senator Gary Duff says that he thinks that we can be doing more things than waiting in the parking lot. How many of these events are actually planned and organized? Is everything that we are planning to do already done?
  - 1. The SGA parking lot idea was literally thought of an hour ago and they wanted to present it. Many of the ideas have been completely planned out.
- x. Senator Gary Duff asks who is paying for all of this?
  - 1. SGA will be using the budget to pay.
- xi. Senator Tevon Hyman says that this seems like this was rushed. Was the food approved?
  - 1. Yes, the food was approved by Comptroller Yeri Lee and Appropriations Chair Megan Andrews.
- xii. IFSC Representative Cait Stolzenberg says that this all seems rushed. We didn't approve anything or vote on anything. Everything was already done and paid for.
  - 1. We can cancel orders if anyone wants to change something. Nothing is definite.
- xiii. Senator Aly Guarino says she really likes the idea of us appreciating the students, but maybe we can do something other than parking. She feels like we might get in the way.
  - 1. Senator Talyn Cortez says that maybe we can get spots reserved through public safety so that we aren't just standing awkwardly in a parking lot.
- xiv. Senator Alyssa O'Brien understands that this is what we have, but in the future it would be helpful to know about something as big as this before hand.

1. In terms of putting together the details, it might be too many people trying to put their ideas together and it might get heated and be a debate.
- xv. Spirit Chair Melanie Perry says that the same way a committee can present an idea to Senate is the same thing that Cabinet is doing.
- xvi. Rules Chair Devin Brosnan says that we should have to work through all of the same channels as a club. How does it look for SGA to decide to spend so much money on a whim?
  1. This is our first time doing this, so we are all learning. We are figuring out the process of putting on an appreciation event. At the end of the day, it falls under the umbrella of an EVENT. When the Spirit Committee plans an event, everyone is open to it and supports it.
- xvii. Appropriations Chair Megan Andrews motions to go to a 10 minute moderated caucus to discuss the portfolio.
  1. Objection
  2. Motion rescinded
- xviii. Senator Gary Duff asks Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan if he feels a lot of pressure to put this event on
  1. No, he does not feel a lot of pressure. He feels as though we can do this in a very powerful way. A lot of the preparations for this event have already been done.
- xix. Senator Gary Duff asks Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan how many students he has been able to reach and tell about this
  1. First of all, Club Congress is the beginning of this whole week, so every single club will have access to that information. We are in the process of getting the information out there.
- xx. Advisor Robyn Kaplan points out that nothing here is set in stone! Everything can be changed. The only things that have been booked are the rooms through Event Management and those can be changed.
- xxi. Senator Sohum Patwa suggests that to prevent any future problems with portfolios, legislation should be passed to form a procedure for how to bring and vote on portfolios.
- xxii. Chief Justice David Zuniga says that the idea of this is very good and very well put together. We can vote tonight on allocating a certain portion of the money that is being suggested for this event.
- xxiii. Funding wise, everything that we spend money on does have to go through appropriations and get voted on in Senate.
- xxiv. Motion to overturn the decision to have an emergency Senate meeting next week.
  1. Motion rescinded

- xxv. Motion to go to a five minute unmoderated caucus to discuss whether to have the meeting next week.
  - 1. No second
  - 2. Motion fails.
- xxvi. Motion to go to a two minute recess
  - 1. Second
  - 2. Motion to skip debate and go straight to a vote
    - a. Objection
      - i. Speakers for skipping debate
        - 1. Arthur would like to skip debate because this is pointless and we all know our answer.
      - ii. Vote on skipping debate
        - 1. For: 20
        - 2. Against: 1
        - 3. Abstentions: 0
      - iii. Motion passes.
  - 3. Vote on entering a 2 minute recess
    - a. For: 18
    - b. Against: 2
    - c. Abstentions: 0
  - 4. Motion passes
  - 5. Two minute recess approved.
- xxvii. We will be having an Appropriations meeting as well as a Senate meeting next week.
- xxviii. Summary from last week's SGA at the Corner event
  - 1. The event was pretty good, but not as good of an effort as we could have put forward.
  - 2. Several senators did not show up to the times they were signed up for. Hopefully next time, everyone will show up.
  - 3. We generated 182 responses!
  - 4. There were several people around the table who did not participate, and Ron is not thrilled about that.

VIII. Committee Chair Reports Continued

- a. Club Relations Chair Cameron Freitag
  - i. Last week we talked a little bit about club congress and this week we have a more definitive plan.
    - 1. Sign ins for Club Congress will start at 6.
  - ii. Senator David Caputo had an idea to have an event for Clubs held bi-weekly, almost like a club tournament.
    - 1. You will earn points for each event that you go to.
  - iii. Motion to pass
    - 1. Second
  - iv. Minutes passed.
- b. Programming Chair Chelsea Gillyard

- i. Meeting started at 6 with updates and a review of the office hour policy's.
  - ii. Talked about logistics of the candy bar and how things were going to be set up.
  - iii. Co-sponsoring Jail and Bail with Hofstra Goes For Gold.
  - iv. Relay For Life Registration!
  - v. Events on March 9<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, and March 15<sup>th</sup>!
    - 1. More information to come in the following weeks!
  - vi. Motion to pass
    - 1. Second
  - vii. Minutes passed
- c. Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan
  - i. Meeting was very short but they did get a lot done outside of the meeting.
  - ii. Slowly transitioning online control to Alyssa O'Brien!
  - iii. A lot of posters and flyers were made this week and have been sent to OSLA to be approved. Some have already been hung up in residence halls.
  - iv. Requests that all committee chairs tell Billy about any events coming up so that he can advertise them!
  - v. Motion to pass
    - 1. Second
  - vi. Minutes passed
- d. Rules Chair Devin Brosnan
  - i. No meeting this week.
- e. Spirit Chair Melanie Perry
  - i. The whole second part of the meeting was all discussion and brainstorming for the semester.
  - ii. The big thing is CAA! There is an atrium banner and it is awesome! The flyers are up and look great (thank you public relations!).
  - iii. It would be really great for you to get the word out by word of mouth! Tell Everyone you know! The tournament is from March 9<sup>th</sup> to March 11<sup>th</sup> (potentially shorter). The cost is \$25 to be handed in by Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup> to OSLA. If we don't get at least 30 people we will not be sending the bus.
  - iv. Motion to pass
    - 1. Second
  - v. Minutes passed
- f. Student Services Chair Jesse Lender
  - i. Had a spontaneous meeting with Sarah Hinkle. In terms of the Rat, which was supposed to be under renovation this summer, the university decided to put that on hold due to funding.
  - ii. Spoke about Suggestions at Hofstra and changing the group a little bit. There are a lot of complaints on the page and not suggestions. We want to make the group more professional. So

one thing they spoke about is getting in touch with IT and possibly getting something on the portal so that it is a bit more professional. This will be an ongoing conversation.

iii. Sohum spoke to Ron about the bike sharing program. He is going to work on making a portfolio which will include the results of what students think. Then he will be meeting with the deans as well as public safety to discuss the possibility of this happening.

iv. Motion to pass

1. Second

v. Minutes passed

g. Academic Affairs Chair Jesse Lender

i. The provost scholar reception is coming up on the 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Needs 4 other people to help monitor the event.

ii. There is mixed views about whether SGA should help give funding to this event. It is not open to everyone, but at the same time, we are not here only for clubs, we are here for students.

iii. The 18<sup>th</sup> credit is an ongoing thing that Talyn is working on. There are 20 schools that Hofstra predominately competes with. So far, there is research on 13 of those schools. Talyn is going to put the information into a portfolio to give to us and will explain it further once she has all of the information.

iv. We need to decide if having clocks in the library is as important as other things such as the 18<sup>th</sup> credit and having clocks in the classrooms.

v. Motion to pass

1. Second

vi. Minutes passed.

IX. For The Good Of The Order

X. Announcements

XI. Snap Cup

XII. Motion to adjourn

a. Second

XIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm