

## Senate Minutes April 11, 2013

### Attendance:

Present: Alyssa Legnetti, Ron Singh, Andrea Standrowicz, Yeri Lee, Aly Guarino, Alyssa O'Brien, Arthur Currier, Billy Finnegan, Cait Stolzenberg, Cameron Freitag, Chelsea Gillyard, David Caputo, Ella Perper, Chelsea Gillyard, Gary Duff, Jesse Lender, Megan Andrews, Melanie Perry, Nadir Khan, Ortal Weinberg, Sohun Patwa, Talyn Cortez, Tevon Hyman.

Excused: Yuki Yamashita

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm
- II. Quorum Call
- III. Motion to suspend the minutes and see Special Business: Advisor of the Year Vote
  - a. Second
    - i. Vote: motion passed
  - b. Brendan Caputo explains
    - i. Hofstra Student Leadership Awards take place on April 24<sup>th</sup>. For this vote they ask that we take into account the people's comments and any information that you may know about the advisor. Advisors in OSLA cannot be considered, so that is why they were not added to the packet.
- IV. Approval of Senate Minutes
  - a. Motion to pass
    - i. Second
  - b. Motion passed
- V. Approval of Cabinet Minutes
  - a. First Set From March 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - i. Motion to pass
      1. Second
    - ii. Minutes passed
  - b. Second Set From April 5<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Motion to pass
      1. Second
    - ii. Minutes passed
- VI. Special Business
  - a. Appropriations Legislation
    - i. They are changing \$1500 to \$2500 per year for coaching and instructor fees. A lot of sports teams and other organizations hire coaches or instructors. Out of 21 active sports clubs, only 8 clubs requested for a coach fee, and those that requested are the ones that pay more than other clubs for their coaches. These teams also have higher dues than most organizations.

- ii. Motion to amend the \$2500 to say \$5000.
  - 1. Second
    - a. Debate
      - i. Speakers for and against
        - 1. Rules Chair Alyssa O'Brien: Thinks that it would say up to \$5000 so the discretion would still be up to the Appropriations Chair and the Comptroller. There are a lot of clubs that pay a lot of money in dues, and there are a lot of coaches that put in a lot of time.
        - 2. Comptroller Yeri Lee says that if we raise up to \$5000, other clubs who might not need a second coach will come and ask for one. In addition, if we raise it to \$5000, if the 8 clubs come and ask for coaches, then we are allocating over \$40,000.
        - 3. Club Relations Chair Cameron Freitag thinks that if we want out clubs and teams to be competitive the best way to do that is to give them more opportunities and to give them better coaches.
        - 4. Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan understands the idea that we don't have to give them the \$5000, clubs might misinterpret the wording and think that they are entitled to \$5000. This would be a very rapid shift in policy and we do not know the direct impact that it could have. Sports clubs already receive about 14% of the student activities fee. This would cause a huge transparency issue with us saying which clubs deserved the money.
      - b. Sports clubs receive about 14% of the student activities fee.
      - c. Vote on amending \$2500 to \$5000
        - i. For: 2
        - ii. Against: 15
        - iii. Abstentions: 1
      - d. Motion fails.
- iii. Motion to vote on the legislation as it was proposed
  - 1. Second
  - 2. Objection
  - 3. Objection rescinded
  - 4. Roll Call
    - a. Yeri Lee-Yes
    - b. Aly Guarino-Yes
    - c. Alyssa O'Brien-Yes
    - d. Arthur Currier-Yes
    - e. Billy Finnegan-Yes
    - f. Cait Stolzenberg-Yes

- g. Cameron Freitag-Yes
- h. Chelsea Gillyard-Yes
- i. David Caputo-Yes
- j. Ella Perper-Yes
- k. Gary Duff-Yes
- l. Jesse Lender-Yes
- m. Megan Andrews-Yes
- n. Melanie Perry-Yes
- o. Nadir Khan-Yes
- p. Ortal Weinberg-Yes
- q. Talyn Cortez-Yes
- r. Tevon Hyman-Yes
  - i. For: 18
  - ii. Against: 0
  - iii. Absentions: 0

5. Legislation passes

VII. Executive Board Reports

a. President Ron Singh

- i. We have a lot left to do in the semester and not a lot of time! We want to finish strong!
- ii. Legislation for U Senate is happening right now saying that SGA will serve as a guaranteed voice of student input on campus.
- iii. April 19<sup>th</sup> is community service day! We have transportation already confirmed so now we are just waiting for charitable organizations to get back to us.
- iv. Hofstra Palooza is April 20<sup>th</sup>! Support the spirit committee!
- v. April 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be an SGA approval poll where we will be asking the student body how they think SGA is doing. We will be able to gage how the student body thinks we are doing.

b. Vice President Andrea Standrowicz

- i. Don't really have anything to add to Ron's report

c. Comptroller Yeri Lee

- i. No report

d. Secretary Alyssa Legnetti

- i. No report

VIII. Committee Chair Reports

a. Appropriations

i. Mid-Semester Report

- 1. Minutes have the excel spreadsheet
- 2. They have seen 63 proposals
- 3. Allocated 73.89%
- 4. Allocated \$81,509.66

ii. Weekly Report

1. April 2<sup>nd</sup> Minutes

- a. Saw 6 clubs
- b. Allocated \$48,950.77
- c. Hofstra Concerts and EU came for money for MusicFest
- d. Student Services Chair Jesse Lender asks how much money has been funded all together for MusicFest

- i. For this semester: \$100,000 to Concerts and \$1,500 to EU not including this weekly allocation.
  - ii. After this weekly allocation \$125,000 for Concerts and \$9,500 for EU.
- e. Spirit Chair Melanie Perry asks what the \$25,000 is for
  - i. Currently Concerts has booked the headliner and they will need extra barricades. The money will partially be going towards that and they also need money for the transportation stipulations.
- f. Motion to pass
  - i. Objection
  - ii. Motion to pass rescinded
- g. Motion to go into Executive Session
  - i. Even if we go into Executive Session, no one will be able to announce the name of the performer. Their name cannot be released for legal purposes.
  - ii. Appropriations Chair Megan Andrews says that one thing to keep in mind is not to decide who is coming to MusicFest.
  - iii. Motion rescinded
- h. Senator Tevon Hyman asks how much we allocated last year for MusicFest
  - i. Roughly \$140,000. However, this is the first year where SGA isn't a co-sponsor of MusicFest. This is the first year when all of the money going into MusicFest is going to Concerts and EU.
- i. Spirit Chair Melanie Perry asks if this \$25,000 weren't approved, would their contract fall through, and if so, isn't that an uncomfortable situation for us to be in?
  - i. This is why during Budget Weekend there was a push to give them more funds. Because we only funded them partially before, now they have to come back for more money. They are looking to charge non-Hofstra students for the next MusicFest (2014).
- j. Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan asks why SGA is no longer taking a spot as a co-sponsor
  - i. We never really helped put on the event, we were just a name on it.
- k. Senator Tevon Hyman asks if we are saying that they should do the contract first and then bring it to SGA?
  - i. They have to start the contract first because it takes weeks for it to go through.
- l. Spirit Chair Melanie Perry asks when they came for Budget Weekend if their original request was for \$100,000?
  - i. Yes, they were given part of that \$100,000 and then they requested more funds and were given them.
- m. Senator Tevon Hyman asks how much money we have left to allocate



9. Class is working on things to sell next semester
  10. Novelty is planning events for next semester
  11. Tye-Dye this Saturday!
  12. Motion to pass
    - a. Second
  13. Minutes passed
- d. Public Relations
- i. Mid-Semester Report
    1. There will be one more press release day this semester
    2. Keep up with SGA on social media! Look on Facebook and Twitter!
  - ii. Weekly Minutes
    1. Press Release day was on Monday, but instead of giving out information, they took information from people.
    2. They asked for suggestions from people
    3. Press conference is next Wednesday at 6:30 pm
      - a. Less casual than last semester
      - b. Invitations are going out to various school journalists and flyers were submitted today
      - c. Student Center Room 142!
    4. Collection biographical info on Senators!
    5. Have you heard is going to happen soon! Slides will be sent to OSLA hopefully tomorrow afternoon. Stay behind tonight to get pictures taken for the slides!
    6. Motion to pass
      - a. Second
    7. Minutes passed
- e. Rules
- i. Mid-Semester Report
    1. Alyssa is very thankful to everyone for having faith in her abilities as Rules chair!
    2. She has been working on archiving in the office
  - ii. Weekly Reports
    1. Saw the Secular Student Alliance last night who made some clerical amendments to their constitution
    2. Discussed some possible ideas for resolutions
    3. We also saw Programming Board legislation which passed and is coming to Senate next week.
    4. Motion to pass
      - a. Second
    5. Minutes passed
- f. Spirit
- i. Mid-Semester Report
    1. A summary of all of the things that they have done so far this semester and that they are working towards for next semester.
  - ii. Weekly Minutes
    1. Talked about Hofstra Palooza on April 20<sup>th</sup>!
      - a. From 2:00-9:00 pm on Saturday
      - b. The big thing is capture the flag!



