



Agenda of the Senate

Hofstra University Student Government Association

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

At 6:00 P.M.

Greenhouse, Student Center



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General Senate Meeting
March 31st, 2009

- I. Call to order
 - a. The meeting is called to order at 6:13 pm.
- II. Quorum Call
- III. Pass General Senate Minutes
 - a. Comptroller K. Legnetti moves to pass the minutes.
 - b. OCS Representative S. Jaffe seconds.
 - c. Vote passes.
- IV. Pass Cabinet Minutes
 - a. Senator L. Miedreich moves to pass the minutes.
 - b. OCS Representative S. Jaffe seconds.
 - c. Vote passes.
- V. Early Committee Reports
 - a. Rules
 - i. Rules Chair A. Mellis gives his report.
 1. Explains the minutes.
 2. Moves to pass the minutes.
 - ii. Vote passes.
 - b. Appropriations
 - i. Appropriations Chair N. Shokrianpour gives her report.
 1. Explains the minutes.
 - ii. Comptroller K. Legnetti states that she wants to thank everyone for the budget collection.
 - iii. Appropriations Chair N. Shokrianpour states that Friday is the last day that we will be collecting them.
 - iv. Senator L. Miedreich moves to vote.
 - v. Senator B. Weitzberg seconds.
 - vi. Vote passes.
- VI. Special Business
 - a. Judicial Panel Decision: SGA vs. Henderson
 - i. Chief Justice S. Nabi states that the Judicial Panel had a trial the defendant did not show up. She was charged with false minutes. There was an impeachment letter that went along with the piece. We ruled that she was guilty on all three counts. We ask that she be removed.
 - ii. Comptroller K. Legnetti states a point of inquiry: where in the constitution does it say that we can remove presidents.
 1. Chief Justice S. Nabi answers in consultation with Vice President J. Berry he said that we could do it.
 2. Vice President J. Berry states to clarify he said he could do anything that was constitutionally accurate.
 - iii. Vice President J. Berry reads from the constitution.
 - iv. Senator T. Samson states that last week you said that you consulted nine people from HAMA and that they agreed to remove K. Henderson. But we have our e-board here who is against it.
 1. Chief Justice S. Nabi states that then they should have been at the trial.
 - v. Club Affairs Chair A. Lucci asks how many times was K. Henderson notified about her trial.
 1. Chief Justice S. Nabi answers she was notified five times.
 - vi. Student Services Chair A. Kowal asks do you have answers to her questions to what she asked last week.

1. Chief Justice S. Nabi answers we are not allowed to disclose information regarding evidence.
- vii. Student Services Chair A. Kowal asks if one of the charges was that she falsified minutes, but she never added them, she never falsified them.
 1. Chief Justice S. Nabi answers she came before to the committee and openly stated that these are the minutes and these are the constitution amendments.
- viii. Senator T. Samson moves to open the gallery.
- ix. Senator B. Weitzberg seconds.
- x. Gallery is opened.
- xi. Comptroller K. Legnetti states a point of inquiry: why wasn't the issue of her appointing her successor brought to us last week.
 1. Chief Justice S. Nabi answers he apologize but it got lost in the question and answer, but that was one of the amendments.
- xii. Senator R. Doublebower states that the issue here is that there was no mention of the amendments in the minutes.
- xiii. Rules Chair A. Mellis states yes we went through the information and we asked K. Henderson several questions. The second those documents were brought to Rules; it started a chain of events that lead us here tonight.
- xiv. Comptroller K. Legnetti moves to extend debate infinitely.
- xv. Vote
 1. 27 for
 2. 16 against
 3. 3 abstentions
 4. Vote fails.
- xvi. Comptroller K. Legnetti moves to extend questions by seven minutes.
- xvii. Senator B. Weitzberg seconds.
- xviii. Vote
 1. 36 for
 2. 9 against
 3. 0 abstentions
 4. Vote passes.
- xix. Senator A. Shaaya moves to enter executive session.
- xx. Comptroller K. Legnetti objects.
- xxi. Senator T. Samson states that last week Chief Justice S. Nabi said there was a resubmission of the evidence, who resubmitted it.
 1. Senator A. Shaaya answers someone came with the complaint and we investigated.
- xxii. Chief Justice S. Nabi we did not even come to a verdict the first time, SGA filed separate charges. Everything from the first trial was erased.
- xxiii. Senator T. Samson asks if what you say is true, then why was the testimony not erased.
 1. Chief S. Nabi answers the testimonies that were used were from the investigation by Rules.
- xxiv. K. Henderson asks was this information not brought up against her from evidence from the previous trial. She would like to know the nine people you talked to.
 1. Chief Justice S. Nabi answers confidentiality is a big thing for the J-Panel, we cannot disclose that.
- xxv. Senator T. Samson states shouldn't they share who the nine people as it is evidence.
- xxvi. K. Henderson states that she never received an evidence packet she only heard about this through hearsay.
 1. Chief Justice S. Nabi answers she was informed by email and she did not show up pre-trial.
- xxvii. Chief Justice S. Nabi we are not the prosecutors who brought the evidence.

- xxviii. Dr. Welson states that he is unclear if these nine people are part of evidence, he has a concern as to whether they have any knowledge of what goes on in the club.
- xxix. Chief Justice S. Nabi states that what we do is here today is our verdict to you. We came here out of courtesy, we do not have to come and explain.
- xxx. Comptroller K. Legnetti moves to maintain the verdict of guilty but to allow K. Henderson the president of the club.
- xxxi. Senator L. Miedreich seconds.
- xxxii. Comptroller K. Legnetti states that she is not comfortable with the whole thing especially since nowhere in our constitution does it say that we have the ability to do this. To infringe on a club's right and autonomy is wrong. For us to tell a club that she can't be president is not right.
- xxxiii. Student Services Chair A. Kowal states that she had a ton of questions regarding evidence and they were not able to answer them. Either she put in false information or she didn't and she didn't.
- xxxiv. Senator T. Samson asks does anyone in the gallery want anyone removed. He thinks we should do what the club wants.
- xxxv. Club Affairs Chair A. Lucci states that it's not a matter wants right now it's what SGA wants. She broke SGA rules. To find her guilty but not charge her with anything is less than a slap on a wrist.
- xxxvi. Senator A. Shaaya states that we found K. Henderson guilty. We can't not punish her.
- xxxvii. Senator R. Doublebower states that there's no comparison, she was a member of student government.
- xxxviii. Fundraising Chair B. Marquis states that he completely agrees what other speakers have said. Who are we to remove K. Henderson. Because we found her guilty that is up to the club to decide.
- xxxix. Senator A. Shaaya states that K. Henderson was found guilty. It's our jurisdiction to kick her out.
 - xl. Club Affairs Chair A. Lucci states that a previous speaker asked who are we to do that. We are SGA, a club president broke the rules.
 - xli. Senator M. Brandt states that as SGA it is our job to serve our constituents. The constituents are here and clearly unhappy with the decision of the J-Panel. The final verdict is going to leave no one happy.
 - xl. Member of the gallery states that we were just in New Orleans for a conference where we placed third in the nation. When you go against K. Henderson personally it sullies the name of HAMA, which is the pride and joy of the School of Business. It was brought up earlier that K. Henderson was not able to show up, we were preparing for the presentation.
 - xliii. K. Henderson states that she has been here for four years and this procedure was handled so poorly. She was getting no help or no assurance. The evidence collected at the first trial was from a select few of our e-board, there are 18 of us.
 - xliv. Spirit Chair L. Pleiman states that the reason she is opposed to this is because she thinks that if we overturn part of the decision we should overturn all of it.
 - xl. Senator A. Shaaya the defendant didn't show up to the pretrial or the trials, how can she claim that it took up so much of her time.
 - xlvi. Senator A. Shaaya moves to vote by secret ballot.
 - xlvi. Senator E. Sitt seconds.
 - xlvi. Senator H. Qazi moves to vote by roll call.
 - xlix. Vote to vote by roll call
 - 1. 13 for
 - 2. 21 against
 - 3. 9 abstention
 - 4. Vote fails.
 - 1. Vote on the sentencing to be removed.
 - 1. 31 for
 - 2. 7 against
 - 3. 5 abstentions

4. Vote fails
 - li. Senator M. Brandt moves to change to verdict.
 - lii. Senator A. Putney seconds.
 - liii. Vote on hearing the motion
 1. 17 for
 2. 19 against
 3. 4 abstentions
 4. Vote fails.
- b. Senator N. Ayali moves to suspend the rules to overturn the decision of the Elections Commission.
- c. OCS Representative S. Jaffe seconds.
- d. Senator R. Doublebower states an objection: there was no written appeal made and there is no jurisdiction.
- e. Comptroller K. Legnetti states a point of information: reads the constitution.
- f. Student Services Chair A. Kowal states a point of information: she appealed to commission and the vote was not overturned.
- g. Student Services Chair A. Kowal states that she was removed from the ballot and she feels it was unconstitutional.
- h. Senator R. Doublebower states a point of information: it states in the constitution that all appears must appear in writing.
- i. Senator R. Doublebower moves to vote by roll call
- j. Vote on roll call
 - i. 6 for
 - ii. 27 against
 - iii. 4 abstentions
 - iv. Vote fails
- k. Vice President J. Berry calls Senator R. Doublebower out of order.
- l. Vice President J. Berry explains what is happening.
- m. Student Services Chair A. Kowal states that she is appealing the decision that was made by the Elections Commission that was unconstitutional. Their reasoning was unconstitutional.
- n. Vote on hearing the appeal
 - i. 28 for
 - ii. 8 against
 - iii. 2 abstentions
 - iv. Vote passes.
- o. Student Services Chair A. Kowal states that the signature packet was received at 6:06 pm, which is correct. There was never an amendment in the minutes to adjust them to state that the minutes were due on at 6:00 pm not just on the 24th. There was an email that stated that packets would be due at the beginning of senate. Her packet was handed in before senate. If her packet was in on March 24th, her packet was not late and therefore her name should be on the ballot.
- p. Senator K. Tompkins states that there were five people who handed in late packets. Four of those people who were excused late. Student Services Chair A. Kowal was the only person who did not respond to the elections commission. She does not understand why we are discussing this because two weeks ago it was stated that our decision was final. We have had several people who are not allowed on the ballot. She does not see why this specific instance is unconstitutional because this has happened with others.
- q. Senator R. Doublebower asks does it not state in the constitution that the date and time when the packet is due is to be set by the commission.
- r. Senator K. Tompkins states that at the information meeting which everyone who had a packet, it was specified that the packet was due at 6:00 pm.
- s. Senator K. Tompkins asks can other members of the elections commission speak because she feels she is not being trusted on the matter.
- t. Comptroller K. Legnetti states point of information: the point of having a chair it to have the chair speak.
- u. Senator A. Zelinski if senate started at 6:15 would that not make the deadline at 6:15 pm.

- i. Senator K. Tompkins answers being that everyone is prepared to start at 6:00 pm, that was the deadline. We have so far judged every case according to the rules and what is fair. She feels like if we bend the rules this time, then that voids all of the decisions we made as to who did not get a packet, who could.
- v. Student Services Chair A. Kowal asks is there an official start time for senate.
 - i. Spirit Chair L. Pleiman states that it states on every agenda that the meeting begins at 6:00 pm.
- w. Student Services Chair A. Kowal states a point of inquiry: you had said that there were a few people who had contacted you
- x. Spirit Chair L. Pleiman states that she is going to ask the speaker to recues himself due to bias.
- y. Vote for the chair to recues.
 - i. 8 for
 - ii. 19 against
 - iii. 10 abstentions
 - iv. Vote fails
- z. Senator K. Tompkins reads from the constitution.
- aa. Senator D. Lebo states a point of inquiry: on February 3rd if someone asked you what time senate started, would you answer 6:07 pm or 6.
 - i. Vice President J. Berry answers he would state 6:00 pm.
- bb. Senator M. Shulansky states that if it says at a date and time approved was senate, why are we still discussing.
- cc. Senator N. Ayali states that she doesn't understand that some senators are late to senate and excused because of class.
 - i. Senator K. Tompkins states that she is not given any information about that. Some people had class at that time emailed her and asked what they had to do and she addressed that.
- dd. Senator R. Doublebower states a point of inquiry: so theoretically senate starts late each week.
 - i. Vice President J. Berry answers yes.
- ee. Student Services Chair A. Kowal asks then why did you say at senate.
 - i. Senator K. Tompkins answers senate starts at 6:00 pm. Those two things should be synonymous.
- ff. Club Affairs Chair A. Lucci asks where in the constitution is the procedure for overruling the elections commission.
 - i. Vice President J. Berry points out in the constitution.
- gg. Club Affairs Chair A. Lucci asks doesn't overruling a committee require 2/3.
 - i. Vice President J. Berry answers it is not a committee.
- hh. Senator S. Erickson states a point of inquiry: if the time is not approved by a majority vote of senate she doesn't see how it we can be appealing the decision. She doesn't see how their time stands to begin with.
 - i. Club Affairs Chair A. Lucci answers that we are repealing the elections commission's decision.
- ii. Club Affairs Chair A. Lucci asks is the J-Panel a separate from the senate.
 - i. Vice President J. Berry answers yes.
- jj. Club Affairs Chair A. Lucci asks is it not the closest thing for comparison.
 - i. Vice President J. Berry answers no.
- kk. Senator R. Doublebower states that would not the entire senate be in contempt of the constitution because it was unconstitutional.
- ll. Senator H. Qazi asks weren't we told last week that we can't question the decision of the elections commission.
 - i. Student Services Chair A. Kowal answers it's different because she is not asking for an exception.
- mm. Comptroller K. Legnetti moves to vote.
- nn. Senator R. Doublebower objects.
- oo. Comptroller K. Legnetti retracts her motion and moves to end question and moves to enter debate for eight minutes.

- pp. OCS Representative S. Jaffe seconds.
- qq. Vote passes.
- rr. Student Services Chair A. Kowal states that it states that all the decisions of the elections commission regarding the rules and election can be appealed to the senate.
- ss. Senator R. Doublebower states that you are taking away the rights of the elections commission.
- tt. Senator L. Miedreich asks does the constitution out way the policy series.
 - i. Vice President J. Berry answers yes.
- uu. Student Services Chair A. Kowal stats that it was also brought up as to why she didn't notify anyone why her packet was late. When she read the email and saw that it was before senate.
- vv. Spirit Chair L. Pleiman states that last night it was said at the meeting that the elections commission should have known that the speaker was going to be late. It is not responsibility of the commission. If this is overturn the person still can't go on the ballot because they have to appeal in writing. We are not being unfair, we are being strict to all.
- ww. Senator A. Putney states that we are discussing this for an hour on this for a lateness of six minutes. This seems personal and a waste of everyone's time.
- xx. Student Services Chair A. Kowal states that it says that at a date and time, there is no specified time. If they had then she wouldn't be here. As she stated previously she never is late to senate because it never starts on time.
- yy. Senator L. Miedreich states that this is here to be debated properly, please do so.
- zz. Senator R. Doublebower states that we as the commission resent the fact that this is a biased decision. We have been very strict with the rules in the past and don't feel that this is an instance that should receive special treatment. Five people were late, four people communicated with reasons as to why. We feel that the senate is being biased.
- aaa. Spirit Chair L. Pleiman states that earlier in the year we had a cabinet member not send an email two hours past the deadline. If you are going to be a stickler to the rules, you should hold yourself accountable. This killed her because she feels that this person is the best member of cabinet.
- bbb. Senator J. Wells states that this is six minutes, it's wasting our time. We are here to serve the students. They are one of the most beneficial members of the body.
- ccc. Senator F. Pirzada states that if this passes or not will her name still be on the ballot.
- ddd. Student Services Chair A. Kowal states that she is a stickler for the rules and considers for what the senate vote on was March 24th, she is a stickler for the rules. She followed the rules, she got it in before the time it was given.
- eee. Senator E. Sitt states that if Student Services Chair A. Kowal understood that she was going to be late, she would have informed the committee.
- fff. Senator R. Doublebower states that six minutes is six minutes. She thinks that it is not right that someone can say six minutes is six minutes. It is to be understood that senate starts 6.
- ggg. Senator B. Weitzberg moves to extend debate by 10 minutes.
- hhh. OCS Representative S. Jaffe seconds
- iii. Vote
 - i. 15 for
 - ii. 15 against
 - iii. 5 abstentions
 - iv. Tie broken by Vice President J. Berry.
- jjj. Senator D. Lebo states that as someone who experienced this last year, here he is. He thinks it's biased to be talking about their character. He put in a lot of work last year and even more to get back on.
- kkk. Senator N. Ayali states that some of us have been forgiven for issues bigger than six minutes and we should keep that in mind.
- lll. Senator B. Taylor states that there was nothing sent out to the students and SGA that it had to be sent in by 6.
- mmm. IFSC Representative M. Shulansky asks does the elections commission have the authority to say 6:00 pm.

- nnn. Senator E. Sitt states by the wording in this email it clearly states that at the call to order.
- ooo. Senator L. Miedreich states that as someone who has a class at 5:55 he doesn't take his time. He gets here by 6:00.
- ppp. Senator R. Doublebower states that there is no way that it could have been known that senate was not going to start.
- qqq. Student Services Chair A. Kowal moves to end debate and vote.
- rrr. Spirit Chair L. Pleiman moves to close the speakers list.
- sss. Senator D. Lebo seconds.
- ttt. Vote passes.
- uuu. Student Services Chair A. Kowal states that she doesn't take her time to get to senate. She knew it wasn't going to start on time.
- vvv. Club Affairs Chair A. Lucci states that this is a beautiful defense built on nothing, but our minds are not going to be changed.
- www. Senator R. Doublebower moves to vote by roll call.
- xxx. Student Services Chair A. Kowal seconds.
 - i. Vote to vote
 - ii. 21 for
 - iii. 15 against
 - iv. 1 abstention
 - v. Vote passes.
- yyy. Vote to overturn the decision of the Elections Commission
 - i. 21 for
 - ii. 15 against
 - iii. 2 abstentions
 - iv. Vote passes.

VII. Old Business

- a. Proposal: Delegate Entrance Exam—Senator R. Doublebower
 - i. Senator R. Doublebower moves to table legislation until next senate meeting.
 - ii. Senator B. Weitzberg seconds.
 - iii. Senator R. Doublebower moves to table all legislation requiring 2/3 vote to be seen as the first thing at the next senate meeting.
 - iv. Comptroller K. Legnetti seconds.
 - v. Vote passes.

VIII. New Business

- a. Reinstatements
 - i. Senator C. Fuscarino states that he has three half absences for not signing into office hours and one half absence for being late to a meeting. He forgot to sign in. He just missed his class because he really wanted to get back in.
 - ii. Student Services Chair A. Kowal asks are you going to make sure will swipe in for the two office hours.
 - 1. Senator C. Fuscarino answers yes.
 - iii. Senator B. Weitzberg moves to vote.
 - iv. OCS Representative S. Jaffe seconds.
 - v. Vote passes.
 - vi. Vote to reinstate
 - 1. Vote passes.
- b. Resolution: Intersession Parking—M. Rosner
 - i. Senator L. Miedreich motions to table, Ethics and Conduct Chair M. Rosner is not at the meeting.
 - ii. Senator B. Weitzberg seconds.
 - iii. Vote passes.
- c. Resolution: Dining Payment—Senator L. Miedreich
 - i. Senator L. Miedreich explains the resolution.

- ii. Senator E. Sitt asks are you aware that the prices of Lackmann food will be raised.
- iii. Senator E. Sitt states this is a great idea but it will not benefit the students. They will raise the prices.
- iv. Senator A. Scheffer states that as someone who commutes on campus, it would be something that would be helpful.
- v. Senator L. Miedreich states that resolutions aren't binding.
- vi. Senator C. Fuscarino states that we have ATM machines that are surcharge free.
- vii. Senator E. Sitt states that he doesn't think it's profitable.
- viii. Senator J. Adonaillo states that he doesn't think the possibility of something happening is the reason for opposing something. We are just making suggestions.
- ix. Senator D. Lebo states that what most business do if they are worried about the surcharge is they make a minimum total to be used with the credit card.
- x. Senator L. Miedreich states that he is not going to have a withdrawal fee on my credit card to get food.
- xi. Vote
 - 1. Unanimous
 - 2. 4
 - 3. 1
- xii. Comptroller K. Legnetti moves to not hear committee report.
- xiii. Senator D. Lebo seconds.
- xiv. Vote passes.
- xv. Comptroller K. Legnetti moves to strike the snap cup.
- xvi. Vote passes.
- xvii. Comptroller K. Legnetti moves to strike announcements.
- xviii. Senator A. Stevens seconds.
- xix. Vote passes.

IX. For Good of the Order

- a. Vice President J. Berry states that he believes that earlier in the day he acknowledged that someone requested to remove himself. He dislikes that he was accused of being biased. He has seen everything fairly. Thank you A. Ellis for the cookies. Thursday new couches are coming.
- b. Comptroller K. Legnetti states that she has never been angrier about a gigantic waste of time. She would quit tonight. She just encourages everyone to act professional when there are clubs in the room.
- c. Senator D. Lebo states that he knows we're all complaining about our three hour meeting, I think should stop complaining because we have a couple of big meetings coming up.
- d. Senator R. Doublebower states that she agrees with Comptroller K. Legnetti. The hypocrisy in this room is deplorable. She feels like you appointed commission to do a job and then proceeded to castrate us. You need to trust that they are doing their job.
- e. T. Samson states that he thinks it's ridiculous that we removed a president against a club. She will act as president.
- f. Senator S. Erickson states that she has to agree with Senator D. Lebo completely. We owe Public Relations Chair T. Kim a round of applause for our t-shirts.
- g. Senator J. Wells states that we spent a lot of time on internal stuff. We should spend more of an effort on working for the school.
- h. Spirit Chair L. Pleiman states that she is very proud of everyone in this room for staying and speaking their opinion. As far as every single statement she made, she stands behind every single one. You are giving us power, but you are taking it away. It was not done by biased. But the decision made here tonight.
- i. Member of the gallery states that K. Henderson is still going to ask as our president.
- j. K. Henderson states thank you to everyone who supported me. She has been doing this for four years, this is not something productive. She is going to continue to lead this organization.

- k. E. Neiderman states that he wants to thank the 31 of you who supported us. We worked extremely hard, we got full support from the School of Business. We were doing something that focuses on our major. Feel that the J-Panel is trigger-happy when they see some action. As an e-board member of HAMA, intend to recognize K. Henderson as our president.
 - l. Rules Chair A. Mellis states that with respect to the Spirit Chair L. Pleiman, he feels that more stronger words are required. He cannot accept that at least four senators stood up tonight and stated that they would vote because they liked the person. That is not why you vote for someone. It is despicable. That's not the way you vote.
 - m. Senator L. Miedreich states that he feels like this year is really unsuccessful in bettering the university. We have been working on internal things.
 - n. Senator K. Tompkins states please do not approach one of us with any issues. Only email the committee. Communication via any other form will be ignored. Don't discuss things that have happened with other senators. Unless it comes from the election commission, it has no bearing. As the chair she may be delegating some things that rules don't say that she can't. The amount of work that is involved is ridiculous. She feels that it is going completely unrecognized. The hours she put in has been more than she exponentially expected. Just because it is not a recognized position does not mean it is not valid. This is going to change the way that we operate.
 - o. Senator J. Adonaillo states that he would like to commend everyone for staying. If something that is brought and it is acknowledged, it has the right to go through the process. Regarding HAMA based on the number of unanswered questions, he thinks it shows that we did not have enough information as it appeared to be. I believe the j-panel found out as much information as they possibly could.
 - p. Club Affairs Chair A. Lucci states Senator A. Zelinski good job speaking up.
 - q. President P. DiSilvio states that is this really the organization you want to be in. This is not what SGA is supposed to be. He has never seen this body been so bitter and in the pits of what it used to be. It's easy to just keep going but it's much harder to rise up and let it go and end this year strong.
 - r. Vice President J. Berry it is apparent that some of you have problems with the way that he runs these meetings. If you have problems let him know. If you have a problem with someone, go to that someone.
- X. Adjournment
- a. Vice President J. Berry entertains a motion to adjourn.
 - b. Senator B. Weitzberg moves to adjourn.
 - c. OCS Representative S. Jaffe seconds.
 - d. The meeting is adjourned at 9:08 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

Referenda

- 1) Would you be in favor of supporting the establishment of The Green Initiative Fund, a program administered by Hofstra's Environmental Sustainability Officer for programs such as renewable energy initiatives by paying a \$25 per year vehicle registration fee?

YES

NO

- 2) Should Lackmann Culinary Services and Hofstra University ensure that dining locations operate at normal hours on the residential side of campus for the duration of the semester, including finals?

YES

NO

- 3) Would you be interested in the *Wall Street Journal* being made available on campus?

YES

NO

- 4) Should all South Campus parking on the academic side be designated commuter parking only?

YES

NO

- 5) Do you feel that the Hofstra University Health and Wellness Center provides unsatisfactory medical services?

YES

NO

- 6) Should Hofstra University sponsor, at least once every year, an event commemorating the victims of government-sponsored mass murder such as the Armenian mass murder, the Ukrainian terror famine, and the Holocaust?

YES

NO

- 7) Should Hofstra University offer a co-ed housing option?

YES

NO

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

Whereas, safety of the student body is a main concern of the Hofstra University Community;

Whereas, students of Hofstra University venture into the surrounding community;

Whereas, students often enter campus via the entrance located near the Office of Undergraduate Admissions;

Whereas, many students walk to the Unispan connecting the Hammer Lab vestibule and the Student Center to get to their dorms;

Let it be resolved, that a security booth staffed with professional Public Safety Officer will be installed at the entrance to South Campus located near the Office of University Admissions.

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

Whereas, Many student excel throughout High School;

Whereas, many students do poorly on the SAT's;

Whereas, many students are accepted to Hofstra University through the School for University Studies program;

Whereas, the SUS program cost an additional \$3000;

Whereas; students cannot receive scholarships during their time in the SUS program despite very high GPA's;

Whereas, many students feel that it is very unfair that a regular Hofstra student with lower GPA's can receive scholarships;

Let it be resolved, by the Hofstra University Student Government Association that Senators Figueroa and Miedreich will look into why SUS students cannot receive scholarships.

Hofstra University Student Government Association

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

April 14, 2009

SENATE MEMBERSHIP – 58 Senators

RESIGNATIONS

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

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.



Academic Affairs Mins for 4/2!!!

Packed up more boxes for the book drive!!!

Sent everyone home early in honor of Spring Break!!!!

Monthly Report

Scanned books for the book drive

Had a combined meeting with Fundraising

APPROPRIATIONS MEETING

Tuesday April 13, 2009

6:30pm

Attendance:

Kate Legnetti
Nattaly Shokrianpour
Brian Marquis
Jordan Baer
Kenny Perez
Sean Hutchinson

Absent:

Yeyoung Lee-Tardy
Jared Silverman-Tardy

1. Helping Hands
 - a. Did not come
 - b. They will receive a warning
2. The Pride Network
 - a. Requesting:
 - i. \$172.50-Ice Cream Social (May 2nd)
 - ii. \$88.00-Fire Island Trip
 - iii. \$190.00-Food for Battle of the Sexes
 - b. \$239.00-Food for AIDS Walk New York City
 - c. \$2.29-TOTAL REQUESTED:
 - i. \$689.50
 - d. Allocated:
 - i. \$172.50-Ice Cream Social
 - ii. No money will be funded for the food for the Trip to Fire Island
 - iii. \$190.00-Food for Battle of the Sexes
 - iv. No money will be funded for the AIDS Walk New York City (4-0-3)
 - e. TOTAL ALLOCATED:
 - i. \$362.50 voted on unanimously
3. Students for a Greener Hofstra
 - a. Requesting:
 - i. \$250.00-Bring the BioTour Bus to MusicFest 09
 - ii. \$8.00-200 flyers for BioTour Bus promotion for MusicFest 09
 - iii. \$6.00-2 boxes of Dixie Cups
 - iv. \$150.00-Day of Peace Co-Sponsorship
 - v. \$3.09-Organic flour for baking fundraiser
 - vi. \$5.31-Organic sugar for baking fundraiser

- vii. \$5.31-Organic brown sugar for baking fundraiser
 - viii. \$10.99-Organic vanilla extract for baking fundraiser
 - ix. \$1.19-Baking Soda for baking fundraiser
 - x. \$5.95-Organic sea salt for backing fundraiser
 - xi. NOTE: only \$1,000 is being requested for the bus
 - b. Allocated:
 - i. All baking supplies
 - ii. \$1,000 for bus
 - iii. The co-sponsorship for Day of Peace will be funded for
 - c. TOTAL ALLOCATED:
 - i. \$1,220.77
- 4. Hillel
 - a. Requesting:
 - i. \$313.20-Reform Prayer Books
 - ii. \$750.00-Israel Independence Day
 - iii. \$825.00-Songs of Love
 - b. TOTAL REQUESTED:
 - i. \$1,888.20
 - c. Allocated:
 - i. \$313.20-Reform Prayer Books
 - ii. \$750.00-Israel Independence Day
 - iii. \$825.00-Songs of Love
 - d. TOTAL ALLOCATED:
 - i. \$1,888.00 voted on 6-1-0
- 5. POISE
 - a. Requesting:
 - i. \$45.00-Dominos Pizza
 - ii. \$15.00-3 Liters of Soda
 - iii. \$5.00-1 Case of water
 - iv. \$15.00-Napkins, Plates, Cups, Ice
 - v. \$275.00-Prize Money (\$150-first, \$75-second, \$50-third)
 - b. TOTAL REQUESTED:
 - i. \$355.00
 - c. Allocated:
 - i. \$90-pizza
 - ii. \$15.00-Soda
 - iii. \$5.00-Water
 - iv. \$15.00-Napkins, plates, etc.
 - v. No money will be funded for prize money per the SGA policy series
 - d. TOTAL ALLOCATED:
 - i. \$125.00
- 6. Delta Gamma
 - a. Requesting:
 - i. \$150.00-black and white flyers for Annual

- ii. \$400.00-T-Shirts to advertise
 - iii. \$349.00-DJ
- b. TOTAL REQUESTED:
 - i. 899.00
- c. Allocated:
 - i. \$250.00-T-shirts
 - ii. No money will be funded for the DJ
 - iii. \$100-Printing etc.
- d. TOTAL ALLOCATED:
 - i. \$350.00 voted on unanimously

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WE ARE PUTTING THE BUDGETS TOGETHER! 6:00PM IN THE SGA OFFICE. WE NEED HELP! PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE. Talk to Nattaly for times!

BUDGET WEEKEND STARTS AT 3PM ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON! ☺

Appropriations- March 2009 Monthly Report

Men's Ultimate	2,625.00	3/9/2009	
Schools for Schools	1,454.34	3/9/2009	
Women's Club Lacrosse	1,839.93	3/9/2009	
Hofstra World order	4,000.00	3/9/2009	Encumbrance April 13th
Table Tennis Association	1,711.30	3/9/2009	
ALFSA	3,000.00	3/9/2009	
The Groove	1,022.40	3/9/2009	
SASA	500.00	3/9/2009	
	16,152.97		
Imani Dance Ensemble	839.38	3/17/2009	
Hofstra Concerts	10,000.00	3/17/2009	
SPIT	2,000.00	3/17/2009	April 1st Encumbrance
HOLA	1,900.00	3/17/2009	April 15th Encumbrance
	14,739.38		
Table Tennis Association	325.00	3/23/2009	
HAHA Hofstra	1,204.57	3/23/2009	
National Society of Black Engineers	802.00	3/23/2009	
IFSC	1,000.00	3/23/2009	
Hofstra Concerts	733.00	3/23/2009	
	4,064.57		
Hofstra Show Choir	1,048.77	3/30/2009	
IFSC	5,000.00	3/30/2009	
Entertainment Unlimited	6,006.73	3/30/2009	
IMANI	1,000.00	3/30/2009	
Indoor Color Guard	238.09	3/30/2009	
Ath Element	2,500.00	3/30/2009	April 15th Encumbrance
	15,793.59		
Total Allocated	50,750.51		

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 Fuscarianno
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

Club Affairs Monthly Report

For the month of March 2009

Club Olympics

- Completely planned for next year in the fall.
 - Athletic Event- Volleyball
 - Academic Event- Jeopardy
 - Team-building Event- Scavenger Hunt
 - Ultimate Challenge- Minefield, Egg on a spoon, 3-legged race, Baseball bat spin, Really long math problem
- Could not be held this year due to unavailability of fields and proximity of other events

Office Space

- Small clubs problem is being taken to higher administration.
- Has not been consistently solved all year
- Became unignorable problem when College Democrats iMac was stolen
- Pride Network given cubicle

MusicFest

- Working to get clubs involved in MusicFest
- Needed to participate in tabling
- Looking for club donations as well

IFSC Benefit Show

- Trying to get performance clubs to perform at dinner

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

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

April 9, 2009

Attendance

Brian Marquis
Samantha Rashid
Ralph Dweck
Brent Weitzberg
Robin Doublebower

Excused

Mike Gluck
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
2. Next meeting, Appropriations
3. Begin to analyze what fundraising can do next year, and how it can grow.

FUNDRAISING MONTHLY REPORT

March 2009

Committee:

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

1. Events
 - a. Books
 - i. Shipping out books with Academic Affairs
 - b. Auction: March 12th 2009
 - i. Pre-Production stuff
 - c. Produced a vision statement for the committee
 - d. Analyzing how to move fundraising on...
 - i. Improvements
 - ii. New ideas for the committee

Student Government Association
Public Relations
March 2009
Monthly Report

- ~Continue working on the SGA Website
- ~SGA Appearance at Admission Events
- ~Formal DJ, Venue, Buses and are all booked
- ~Invitations were sent out
- ~SGA t-Shirts are in!



For April:

- ~Formal, Formal, Formal preparations
 - ~Awards, Place cards, End of the year thank you gifts
- ~Work on Judicial Panel Page on Website
- ~ Work with Jared Berry and Brian Marquis on the SGA mission statement/vision
- ~ Would like to get sweatshirts and sweatpants!
- ~ Would like to squeeze in at least one table date before the semester is over!!

PLEASE READ:

For those attending formal. You must R.S.V.P to me (Tammy Kim) by Tuesday, April 21st. I will be collecting money beginning **Tuesday, April 21st.**

\$5 for SGA members

\$15 for non SGA members



Formal is Friday, May 8, 2009 @ Leonards
Catering of Great Neck
8PM-1AM

Special Rules Meeting

March 31, 2009

NOTE: Because of the subject of the grievance the special meeting was called for, I decided to recuse myself from Chairing the meeting. The committee also requested that extensive minutes are taken should there be any questions from other Senators about this. Senator Kenny Cordero and Senator Kayleigh Tompkins took the minutes. – Akeem

In Attendance:

Acting Chairman of the meeting Jon Adonailo
Senator Luke Miedriech
Senator Adriana Figueroa
Senator Jimmy Wells
Senator Kaleigh Tompkins
Senator Kenny Cordero
Rules Chairman Akeem Mellis (recused)

Visting:

Chief Justice Sean Nabi (via phone)
Senator Robin Doublebower
Secretary Stephanie Caruso
Senator Kenny Perez

Absent and Excused

Ethics and Conduct Chair Melanie Rosner
Senator Alessandra Shaaya

Meeting began at 9:29p.m.

1. Rules Chairman Akeem Mellis has given up his power to chair the meeting.
2. Ethics and Conduct Chair Melanie Rosner has given up her power to chair the committee since she was not present.
3. Chief Justice Sean Nabi says that in Section 2. Of the Constitution it says that the Election Commission shall be the soul judge and policies can be changed and that is to the approval of the senate. It wasn't a policy and it was a decision and in turn can be unconstitutional and repeal that motion, now it is up to rules if we will.
4. Members of the Elections commission entered at 9:30p.m.
5. Justice Sean Nabi explains the grievance again.
6. Senator Doublebower asks who is filing the grievance?
7. Chief Justice Sean Nabi answers that I was Club Affairs Chairman Anthony Lucci.
8. Senator Doublebower asks now if there is anything needed to be done by the elections commission?

9. Chief Justice Sean Nabi answers that no, now it is depending on the Rules Committee if they would want to file charges to make into a case and J-Panel can make a statement.
10. Senator Adriana Figueroa asks what if it does go to court and what are the results?
11. Chief Justice Sean Nabi says the only thing that could happen is basically find the action unconstitutionally and the whole thing gets removed from the minutes and that Student Services Chairwoman Ashley Kowal can be removed from the ballot.
12. Robin asks Can the student government over turn the decision of the J-Panel?
13. Chief Justice Sean Nabi says that it is clearly state that they have to overturn the decision and that student government must approve the policy and decision of the elections commission and this isn't a policy and this decision can't be overturn.
14. You said that Ashley could be taken off the ballot, will there be any punishment towards Jared since this grievance is against him?
15. It is up to the prosecution and if they want more, they will council the prosecution.
16. This is a member of student government it is a student government issue.
17. Akeem Mellis asks to reiterate the options for the committee?
18. Chief Justice Sean Nabi says that the options are investigation and approval of charges and it will go to court. The action can be overturn and backed up and the election commission can be reinstated. And there can be a statement by the judicial panel and it will not really anything.
19. Chief Justice Sean Nabi asks if there are any questions?
20. No one replies, he hangs up
21. Senator Robin Doublebower asks if are they allowed to speak in this meeting.
22. Temporary Chairman Jon Adonailo says that it is to the discretion of the Commission.
23. Senator Luke Miedreich says that they should have an opinion.
24. Senator Kaleigh Tompkins says that Election Commission says that she was not allowed to speak on many things and this will be allowed for Elections Commission to answer.
25. The committee decides that they should be allowed.
26. Luke Miedreich says that we as a body elected the election commission to do their job and last night it was crap and whatever decision was blocked. Half the people of senate does not know what they do and it is disgraceful and the constitution matter that there is a need of a parliamentarian, because he knows the rules and breaks it for his favor and the fact that he is not sure.
27. Senator Kenny Cordero mentions that if it is implied in the constitution that the Elections Commission Decision are final then it needs a 2/3 vote to overturn it, even if it didn't say in the constitution, whenever something isn't in the Constitution the way that it should be voted should be in Robert's Rules.
28. Robin says that it Roberts rules and it needs 2/3 and it is 2/3 of the body. Which is 40 and waste an hour an a half for someone who is trying to bend the rules. He should not comment and he does not have a parliamentarian.
29. Senator Jimmy Wells says that there is a belief that Vice President Berry did o something unconstitutional and the way he spoke to some people.
30. Senator Kaleigh Tompkins says that the issue was started, the committee and the representing body explains what happens, Senator Kaleigh Tompkins was not allowed to do so and was not allowed to say something. Elections Commission is a body not just a person. When I ask if other members could speak, and to point out that we are a

cohesive body and her opinion as an individual does not really matter and we can't show that we are a commission, it should be an election chair.

31. Senator Luke Miedreich says that there is a 9-person commission and that when we make a decision as committee and a lot of people should talk and during the meeting a lot of senators were almost confused, a lot of people made it to an exception and because everyone said that she was a good senator.
32. Senator Adriana Figueroa says that she agrees that it was becoming more personal and she understands that she wasn't there for the whole time and everyone started getting bitter and emotion started rising. Vice President Jared Berry started to show his own personal feelings in the way the committee was conducted. If he felt disrespected he should have just ignored that.
33. Senator Kaleigh Tompkins said that The Elections Commission was encouraged to abstain and he said that the members of H.A.M.A. and he said that the election commission should be **strongly** advise to abstain. A lot of be should be that the representation of the views was not equal. If it was set up as a trial and people could explain what was going on. The fact that the only person allowed to speak was the defendant and she was not allowed to respond to things.
34. Senator Robin Doublebower says that the chair should have step down and not put it as a vote.
35. Senator Kenny Cordero said the way the caucus was explained and expressed seemed annoyed.
36. Senator Kaleigh Tompkins says we have done the same as a commission and why this action was different and treated differently in senate than other previous actions.
37. Senator Jimmy Wells asks if there should be an investigation to be held.
38. Senator Adriana Figueroa believes that it was very biased.
39. Senator Robin Doublebower asks how many agreed with her good of the other
40. Some senators raised their hand.
41. Senator Luke Miedreich says that he feels like Senator Brent Weitzberg, Comptroller Kate Legnetti, Fundraising Chair Brian Marquis and everyone who is friends with Vice President Jared gets preference to say and do what they're pleased and sometimes other senators aren't recognized to say something.
42. Senator Kaleigh Tompkins says that Vice President Jared Berry sometimes allows cross talk between a certain few senators and that the meeting in senate, Ashley would be allowed to talk. People ask a question to the elections commission then Jared will solely answer.
43. Senator Kenny Perez says that a point of information is not only an answer to a question, it is sometimes to correct a statement or to explain something to the other senators.
44. Senator Luke Miedreich says that no offense to Stephanie, but the Rules of the Chamber are not applied to everybody just the ones that aren't close to Jared. Comptroller Kate Legnetti, Public Relation Chair Tammy Kim and Senator Dan Lebo and they have a laptop out.
45. Senator Kaleigh Tompkins says that the Appropriations minutes are forward and approved and she has to email that to Pam. That is the reason why Kate has her laptop out.

Senator Robin Doublebower says we want to talk about upholding policies and what is upheld for everyone. If you have your phone out and you get called out then the person next to you should be allowed to text.

46. Adriana moves to vote.

47. The vote to determine if Jared acted was unconstitutional

48. Adriana motions to go forth with an investigation on the unconstitutionally that Jared Berry last night at senate.

49. Senator Luke Miedreich Seconds.

At this point, Senator Kayleigh Tompkins assumes the recording of the minutes.

50. Senator A. Figueroa motions to investigate the grievance brought forth regarding the actions of the Chair of the Student Government Association and the constitutionality of the overturning of the decision of the Elections Commission.

51. Senator L. Miedrieich seconds the motion.

52. Vote: 4-0-1 in favor of proceeding with an investigation.

53. Rules Chair A. Mellis and Elections Commission Chair K. Tompkins recuse themselves. Ethics and Conduct Chair M. Rosner will be asked to do the same.

54. Senators A. Figueroa, L. Miedreich, and J. Wells volunteer to investigate this matter.

55. The investigators will meet with Chief Justice S. Nabi at 3:45 pm on April 2, 2009.

56. Senator A. Figueroa motions to adjourn.

57. Senator J. Wells seconds.

58. Vote 5-0-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:27pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Akeem Mellis

Rules Committee Monthly Report for March 2009

The following are clubs that have been started as new clubs during the month of March for the 2008-2009 Academic Year:

- 1) Hofstra Top Chefs
- 2) Hofstra Billiards Club
- 3) Indoor Color Guard
- 4) Hofstra Dinner Theatre
- 5) Irish Society

The following club was reactivated:

- 1) MENC: The National Association of Music Educators

The following legislation was seen by Rules and passed to Senate:

- 1) **Proposal:** Senate Capacity Increase
- 2) **Proposal:** Judicial Constitutional Review
- 3) **Proposal:** Requirements to run for SGA President/VP
- 4) **Proposal:** Election Flyer Requirement
- 5) **Proposal:** Delegate Entrance Exam
- 6) **Resolution:** Dining Hours Resolution
- 7) **Resolution:** Co-Ed Housing
- 8) **Resolution:** Intersession Parking
- 9) **Proposal:** Community Outreach Committee
- 10) **Proposal:** Ethics & Conduct Chair as Cabinet Member
- 11) **Resolution:** Dining Payment Options

REINSTATEMENTS

- 1) John Campbell: Appeal Failed 0-5-0
- 2) Christian Fuscarino: Appeal Failed 1-7-0

Special Business

- 1) The committee decided by a vote of 5-0-0 to pursue a prosecution in regards to the investigation into allegedly forged documents sent to Rules and to Senate by a member of the Hofstra American Marketing Association. Because of a conflict of interest, the Ethics and Conduct Chair will not be the Chief Prosecutor in this case. A replacement will be decided upon shortly.
- 2) 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.
- 3) On March 31, a special meeting was called regarding a grievance filed against Vice President Jared Berry. The committee decided to approve an investigation into the grievance. The results of the investigation and any subsequent actions will be reflected in the Spring Semester report.

Respectfully Submitted,
Akeem Mellis, Rules Committee Chairman

**Rules Committee Meeting
April 13, 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 Alessandra Shaaya

Absent and Excused

Senator Adriana Figueroa

Absent and Unexcused

Senator Kenny Cordero (pending inquiry)

Visiting

Student Services Chair Ashley Kowal

Referenda

- 1) Green Initiative Fund: **Passed 6-1-0**
- 2) Dining Location Hours: **Passed 6-0-0**
- 3) Wall Street Journal on Campus: **Passed 6-1-0**
- 4) Commuter Parking: **Passed 6-0-0**
- 5) Health & Wellness Center Poll: **Passed 6-0-0**
- 6) Mass Murder Yearly Commemoration: **Passed 7-0-0**
- 7) Co-Ed Optional Housing: **Passed 5-0-0**

New Clubs

- 1) Students Helping Honduras – **Passed 4-2-1**

LEGISLATION

- 12) **Resolution:** PSO South Campus Security Booth – **Passed 6-0-0**
- 13) **Resolution:** SUS Scholarships – **Passed 6-0-0**

Special Business

NOTE: Ethics and Conduct Chair Melanie Rosner chaired the remainder of the meeting. It was determined by the committee that a vote could not take place on any special business because the committee did not have quorum. By 213.1 of the Constitution

under Parliamentary Procedures regarding quorum, the committee requires that a 'majority plus one members be present.

Senator Luke Miedreich motions to table the special business until the next Rules Meeting

Senator Alessandra Shaaya seconds

The vote is 5-0-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:47pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Akeem Mellis

SpIrIt 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 you 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

Spirit Committee
April 2, 2009

Attendance:
Peter DiSilvio
Adam Dadson
Lydia Pleiman
Krishna Kadar
Hiba Qazi

Excused:
Amanda Stevens

Meeting was called to order.

We discussed what we could do to help promote MusicFest. We decided to help with the car show

We will be doing the lacrosse game with shirts and a hand-out during the last common hour before turn-over.

sign-ups will be at the next meeting

Lydia will be giving a proposal for the seal to Anita to come to fruition.

Meeting adjourned.

Monthly Report
March, 2009
Spirit Committee

- Lacrosse Game Promotion through athletics complete
- Signage to congratulate different organizations and athletics completed
- ordering shirts for the final lacrosse game
- Adam and Hiba's project
- shirts designed
- goals for next month, increase spirit within senate

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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

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Senator/Club Representatives-

Completed! Senators have been notified via email

Referendum-

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Commuter Parking on the South Side

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The Wall Street Journal should be offered free of charge to students
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Discussion-

Vice President Johnson and Vice President Barkwill meeting minutes
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