



**Agenda of the 88th Senate
Hofstra University Student Government Association
November 9th, 2023
Hofstra University**

Call to order

Meeting Called to order at 6:47 PM EST

A. Quorum Call

- a. Quorum set at 30

B. New Business

- a. Chair Jackson moves to open the gallery
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed
- b. Welcome Assistant Director of Community Engagement & Transportation Jovanni Ortiz!
 - i. Jovanni Ortiz: Here is a little bit of what I have been working on- we are a very safe campus, which we achieve in many ways- from student safety officers to PSAFE officers who are Narcan trained, carry an Epipen, and many of which are trained in other areas. We have a new director of emergency management who will assist AVP Hart. We have numerous managers and officers that oversee multiple areas to make sure we are on top of everything to keep everyone safe.
 - ii. Parking is a major issue. We are actively working with Joe Barwill in facilities to help assist with commuter parking- we have opened the UClub lot when we don't have special events. Parking is getting out of hand, and we are sending an email that tell students we will be having more oversight in those lots and enforcing ticketings if needed. Happy to take any questions.
 - iii. Senator Atlas: There is no protected left at the intersection between California Avenue and Hofstra Turnpike, I find this dangerous especially in the case when a student is in a rush to get to class. Could Public Safety

advocate on behalf of Hofstra Students to get perhaps an arrow installed or something else to make that area safer?

1. Giovanni Ortiz: We do get a lot of inquiries regarding the roadways, including that area and Oak street, as they can be hazardous. Any resolution would be handled by Nassau County, so we can advocate for different ways to get safer crossing. The process would be appealing to the county, just like we did when the Unispan was down. We just need the data to support it.
- iv. Chair Pandit: Is there any update on lockdown/active shooter response training? Would it be possible to expand the availability of tourniquet kits to the south side of campus?
 1. Giovanni Ortiz: Yes, that is very important. In the spring, we plan for more frequent training on lockdown and active shooter training. It will be custom to each area/school/etc. and our new manager for emergency services will be leading those come spring. Every week, a PSAFE officer goes to a Nassau County briefing to be as up to date with any issues or threats that may occur to help prevent them from happening on campus. We want to get to the point where we don't miss any signs. There will be more ways for students to report incidents. And we can do other trainings, like the Stop The Bleed, which can help in those situations.
 2. Giovanni Ortiz: In regards to the tourniquets, everything has to go through our legal department, which can be a process. We are advocating to get these items, like tourniquets and naran, easily accessible on campus if they are needed.
- v. Senator Callahan: Does Public Safety find the new system implemented for RSR effective and is there any possibility of the program reverting back to the old scheduling system?
 1. Giovanni Ortiz: The RSR is no longer under PSAFE. It is now under SEES and they are their protocols and policies. We do work with them if there are any issues in the dorms, especially lock outs. It will take time to adjust but we are hopeful it will make things more efficient.
- vi. Chair Jackson: Is there anything, from an administrative standpoint that you would want or like SGA to help with?
 1. Giovanni Ortiz: Thank you for the offer to help. Being here for a little over 2 years at such a big school, there is just so much ground to cover to spread the work. When we have trainings, events, new software/apps, anyway that you guys can promote these things will

be a help to us. We have a revamped orientation program, but some older students haven't seen those.

vii. Chair Pandit: Would you like to share any pages that Psafe has for advertising purposes?

1. Giovanni Ortiz: We have an instagram and twitter- @HofstraSAFE

viii. Senator Singh: Is there a chance that there could be more sessions regarding Car Care on campus? Could they be made mandatory?

1. Giovanni Ortiz: We did a session on Car Care for the first time, and they were fairly well attended and successful from a student perspective. We are going to try increasing the number of sessions.

ix. Senator Malayeri: Are there initiatives towards priority parking such as opening up more spots and designating them for commuters?

1. Giovanni Ortiz: We are in active conversation about parking and commuter priority. We expect this conversation more at the Town Hall. The UClub is a temporary fix that will be for commuters only when it is open. We are increasing patrols and they will get tickets. We did this with the east student center lot.

x. Secretary Egolf: Could you include in the email you mentioned going out, a map of campus detailing where is designated parking for commuters and where is not? In the spots where you noticed students creating their own spots, since it is happening...could you add in some more spots in those areas based on that?

1. Giovanni Ortiz: That would be a facilities thing about the parking lot, but if you reach out I am sure that is something that can be done. As far as the map goes, we have an email scheduled from tomorrow, but when we get a new updated map this week I will be sure to send it to you all.

2. Chair DiSanto: I'm the communications chair and I would like you to know that I am more than happy to promote any events or advertising that you would want some help with.

xi. Senator Callahan: Will there be an airport shuttle service at the end of the semester?

1. Giovanni Ortiz: There is an email that would be going out detailing the schedule for that. We usually only do it for Thanksgiving, but if I see that there is a big group of students who would be interested or benefit from it we can look into it.

xii. Chair Wrazin: What was the best part of your day today?

1. Giovanni Ortiz: A great highlight was sitting in on the Wellness and Campus Safety Committee meeting today. I also really enjoyed CupcakKe's performance.

- xiii. Chair Giovanangelo: What is your favorite Hofstra memory so far?
 - 1. Giovanni Ortiz: I really liked when NeYo was here. I really enjoyed all of the performances.
- xiv. Chair Vickers: Is punctuality by Hofstra's Night Shuttle services a topic that is discussed? There have been situations when it is quite a long wait. Could that issue be addressed?
 - 1. Giovanni Ortiz: On the weekends, we make sure we have two night shuttle drivers because they are busier nights. At times we have the train shuttle driver help in. Unfortunately, we can only use the smaller buses to navigate the streets. We could try to add another permanent driver, but that would take a lot of push. But if we have the support.
- xv. President Anniballi: Thank you for all Public Safety does! I know this started last year, but are there any updates on possible threats if a casino was to be located nearby?
 - 1. Giovanni Ortiz: Yes, there is a potential casino in the Coliseum parking lot. We are very much in opposition to this fact. There was a hearing to apply for the license, and Hofstra sued because it wasn't following the proper protocol/transparency requirement. That doesn't mean there won't be a casino, but there will have to be a new trial for the license. If/when this happens, how does that affect Hofstra? Luckily AVP Hart has experience with this and has many ideas on how to make sure the community is safe, but it is still far in the future that this would take place.
 - 2. Chair Pandit: Is there any way that we as students can raise awareness about this issue and contribute to the University's efforts?
 - a. Giovanni Ortiz: The best point of contact with this is Chanda Washington, she is spearheading all of this and she could keep you updated and see if there is a way to get students involved.
 - 3. Chair Giovanangelo: Are the nearby colleges taking a strong stance against the proposal as well?
 - a. Giovanni Ortiz: We can just say Hofstra is leading the charge against the casino. NCC is actually partnering with the casino that would provide hospitality to their students if the casino does come about.
- c. Programming Presentation: "How to Table" (A Skit)

C. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Senator Atlas moves to pass the Senate [minutes](#) from 11/02

- i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed
- b. Senator Panagiotidis moves to pass the [Cabinet minutes](#) from 11/08
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed

D. E-board Reports

- a. President
 - i. SAW
 - 1. Survey Format
 - ii. Town Hall
 - 1. 1pm MPR Monday
 - iii. Day of Giving!
 - iv. Meeting with VP Eads on Friday
- b. Vice President
 - i. Last senate...
 - 1. It will start at 6 pm! Come in business professional clothing please. We will have food and refreshments. At 6 pm we are going to have our holiday gift exchange and afterwards we will eat some food and mingle until the end of semester reports start. If you have any questions, reach out to me please!
 - 2. Last senate is MANDATORY! It is 11/30, so please whatever you need to rearrange please do to make sure you can attend. This will be a longer senate so please accommodate for the time.
 - 3. We will be having some very special guests (Cris and Lincoln can tell you if they so wish). So please, please please please make sure we are slaying like we always do.
 - ii. Last guest of the semester is...
 - 1. Cornell Craig!
 - iii. Town Hall is next week! Monday! Please come and help promote it.
 - iv. SAW Week! Yay! That means I need you guys to please please please table and please please please show up to the tabling shift! Please guys!
 - v. Build - a - Friend. Show up. The event will start at 7 but we will need people to help set up so make sure if you can, please do. Laila can talk more about it.
 - vi. Lastly, I am so sorry I couldn't be there with you guys tonight, but know I am terribly sad not seeing all of your lovely faces. Enjoy your weekend, stay safe, stay healthy! Kisses 🥰
- c. Comptroller
 - i. Working on Spring 2024 Budgets
 - ii. Reallocations are back

1. One per semester per club!
- d. Secretary
 - i. Please do not write on the minutes; if you have a suggestion/grammar fix, leave a comment
 - ii. All notes to Eleni! Emails MUST be 24 hours prior unless emergency.
 - iii. [Holiday Gift Exchange](#) <3 Sign up by next Thursday
 1. Will take place last senate
 - iv. Last Senate food

E. Committee Chair Reports

- a. Appropriations
 - i. [Minutes](#)
 - ii. Budget weekend
 1. We're almost done!
 - iii. Student Activity Fee
 1. Lots of research...
- b. Club Resources
 - i. Committee is working really hard on club check-ins and we will be starting to review club office space swipe reports!
 - ii. Starting a larger discussion on what does the lifecycle of a club look like exactly?
- c. Communications
 - i. [11/6 Minutes](#)
 - ii. Website is fully up to date!
 - iii. Fun content is on the way
 - iv. PLEASE FILL THESE OUT
 1. [SGA Photocircle](#)
 2. [Birthday Graphic](#)
 3. [Takeover Thursday](#)
 4. [Tune Tuesday](#)
- d. Programming
 - i. Programming [minutes 11/6](#)
 - ii. SAW [tabling link](#)!!! Needs to be filled out by the end of Senate :)
 - iii. Build a Friend MONDAY
 1. Come with your friends
 2. Tell friends :)
- e. Academic Affairs
 - i. 11/6 ChatGPT panel, 11/7 History department event
 - ii. SAC is working on course descriptions & content warnings
 - iii. [Minutes](#)
 - iv. Registration Feedback

- f. Equity & Inclusion
 - i. Trans Day of Remembrance (November 20th, Common Hour, MPR West)
 - ii. [E&I Minutes 11/9](#)
- g. Facilities & Operations
 - i. [Facilities & Operations Committee Agenda 11/9/2023](#)
 - ii. Digital Mapping Project walk through date 11/17 12:00pm
- h. Wellness & Campus Safety
 - i. [Wellness Meeting #7 \(11/9\)](#)
 - ii. Committee is working on planning Spring events, gun violence prevention programming, and calls for naloxone training... Staying busy!
 - iii. Sexual Health and Responsibility Week, **November 13-17th!**
 - iv. Next Plan Van date is **11/15!**
 - v. Drum roll.... Our new It's On Us Ambassador is.... Nimba!!!
- F. Approval of Committee Minutes**
 - a. Chair Guenfound moves to pass the allocations from 11/07
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
 - b. Chair DiSanto moves to close the gallery
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed
 - c. Senator Pinarli to pass the committee minutes from 11/09
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed
- G. Collaborative Business**
 - a. Printer Maps with Kashmira and Shirley!
 - i. Marlen and Sam Interested
- H. For Good of the Order**
- I. Announcements**
- J. Snap Cup**
- K. Adjournment**
 - a. Senator Adeobafemi moves to adjourn this meeting
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
 - 1. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 EST

Club/Organization	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated	%
Men's Club Soccer	\$2,000	\$1,000	50%



**Agenda of the 88th Senate
Hofstra University Student Government Association
November 2, 2023
Hofstra University**

Call to order

Meeting Called to order at 6:52 PM EST

A. Quorum Call

- a. Quorum set at 31

B. New Business

- a. Senator Malik moves to open the gallery
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed
- b. Welcome Provost Riordan!
 - i. My job at New York was actually my return to New York, I am from Massachusetts, went to graduate school, and started my career as a chemist. My goal is that all students can impact the world around them. I know that there have been a lot of changes- new President, new Provost, and quite a few new deans in various departments- even the library! This has been an incredibly challenging time in the world and in the area, and I know that these events are close to many of us, and we want to focus on keeping campus safe, vibrant, and intellectually engaging. We must be thoughtful and safe, and thank you to SGA for all of your help with making a respectful environment. I could go on, but I want to hear from you!
 - 1. Senator Atlas: How do you feel about having syllabi being available to students for their review prior to their registration?
 - a. Provost Riordan: I am sure that is a great idea in principal, and we can definitely try to start with repeated classes being posted to give a sense of what the class is about. I

think it is a great idea, and definitely something similar happens on other campuses to help show the variance in the course. It would be good visibility. I'll talk to some people!

2. Senator Dallas: How far has the effort to have mandatory inclusion of Ethicspoint in courses' syllabi gone?
 - a. Provost Riordan: I agree, I think ethicspoint is a very important resource, and it is accessible in a lot of different ways, which can at times be confusing. In terms of having it on Syllabi, it is a resource that everyone knows about and should know about for their concerns. My hesitation, for lack of a better word, is that overtime syllabi have gotten longer and longer, and something that important may get lost within the other information. I think we should talk about adding it, but I think we should also talk about complementary mechanisms to get the word out about it.
3. Chair DiSanto: Are there any initiatives or goals currently being worked on?
 - a. Provost Riordan: This is campus wise but definitely involved in my office is campus planning and improvements. Specifically to academic affairs, we are looking into generative AI in higher education, creating a task force with recommendations for how faculty can use AI. Guidance is going to evolve over time, but we want to create an environment of open and clean communication about how these systems can and should be used. As these technologies develop, we need to incorporate them into the curriculum to make sure that you as students are prepared. Another thing is the promotion and tenure standards. Typically a new member will come full time as an assistant professor and after a few years they will get the opportunity for tenure and a longer contract. I have asked all faculty to look at those standards to make sure they are up to date as we continue to evolve in our expectations. Space is another thing- we just wrote a grant to the state, and we received a million dollars, which we hope can accelerate renovations of the classrooms technologically and accessibility wise.
4. Luke : How would the supporting committees for different areas such as Student Success be expanded upon with the goals of strategic planning and its implementation in May?

- a. Provost Riordan: For context, in 2021-2022 we started “Vision and Exercise” with focus groups and surveys to get a sense of the Hofstra community. That was synthesized into a report, called “The Vision Project,” and now we are getting the faculty involved in this expansion with new academic programs. One of them is always student success, the other is interdisciplinary education and research. This is how we are going to solve problems, interdisciplinary teams. We want this in the classrooms. Another one that we want to lean into is service learning and community engagement. We are ahead in this area and the quality of our service, and we want to strengthen that even more. The last is “agility” which involves the business of higher education, and the overall education of higher education in regards to the curriculum and evolving them to the times to challenge ourselves and make students more successful. The Zucker School of Medicine is an example of this.
5. Senator Callahan: During registration, I find that course descriptions are not very informative and sometimes they are exactly the same as the course title. Is this university taking steps to provide more informative course descriptions within the registration portal?
 - a. Provost Riordan: This is along the theme of the syllabi-making sure students have the information. Candidly, this is the first time I am hearing this, and I will definitely follow up with that and see if people are actively working on this. The other thing with technology is we could even see about including clips of the course.
 - b. President Anniballi: The same goes for course titles. Some are not representative of how the course has evolved.
6. Secretary Egolf: What do you miss most about being a chemistry professor? Some of our modules in my biochemistry class are quite interactive. Is that a feature that is specific to the class/ professor or is that something that the university is planning on implementing into other courses?
 - a. Provost Riordan: I miss being in the classroom and giving lectures. While those additions may be unique to professors or courses, we do have a lot of ITS resources for all faculty to take advantage of and are encouraged to take advantage of. It just depends whether or not they want to utilize that

teaching style. But for you, it seems like it is working so maybe that is something we can push further. Even having recording class introductions or descriptions.

7. Chair Pandit: Can you elaborate on credit system? How do you feel about having multidisciplinary approaches to majors/minors...that is, students wanting a different approach to attaining a degree such as creating their own syllabi etc?
 - a. Provost Riordan: There are multiple ways of getting credits for graduation across different schools with advantages and disadvantages. There are different groups such as the 4-4 group working towards the end of allowing students to take 4 classes worth 4 credits each towards graduation, however, I have found that the approach is not as innovative as I would like and so the group is working towards that goal. I am under the impression that students stitch things together to attain a custom major because our current system may be too complicated? Is that something you all resonate with?
 - b. Senator Adeobafemi: I can speak to that. I wanted to pursue two additional minors on top of my major. It took hours to see if it was feasible with how my current career path is headed. I wish we could create something that was more geared and catered to my interest. That flexibility, with guidance, would allow for more opportunities.
 - c. Provost Riordan: Exploration and freedom is so important during this time. That is good input to hear. How can we integrate this opportunity to stitch together majors and create their own path? I read a book lately that makes a compelling case for the combination of approaches so I think that with these ideas floating around, we could combine approaches.
 - d. Chair Pandit: I was thinking about other schools. Maybe we could have its own "school" that oversees anyone who wants to design their own major.
 - e. Provost Riordan: It is inherently harder with the structures we have. But we want to try it out, see where it goes, and maybe it develops into something more.
8. Senator Luce: Is there a way to indicate during registration which classes are available for each semester? For example, classes that are only offered in the spring will be shown as "periodically", however when you go to search for it at any given time or perhaps

in the fall (because you don't know when it is offered), it may not show up.

- a. Provost Riordan: To me, that seems like a relatively straight forward programming issue. You should only be able to register for what is available.
 - b. Secretary Egolf: There also is an issue that there are classes listed on degree works for certain majors that haven't been offered in years.
 - i. Provost Riordan: Yea, we need to do an update on the audit. I'll look into it.
 - c. VP Livingston: Also, there's an issue with prereqs- if you are enrolled in a prereq for a class, you can't actually register without an override.
 - i. Provost Riordan: Yes, it should be the presumption that you are going to pass the class. It is all technological things that should be easy to fix.
 - d. Comptroller Greenlaw: Some students are having trouble with registration with cases where the classes being offered in that semester are shown but the specific time is not being shown
9. Chair Vickers: What are the prep resources available for freshman concerns? Is it possible that there be a notice to faculty to remind them of the newness of college to freshmen so they can tailor their teaching style accordingly? It is quite difficult for students to adjust and do well in classes when everything is really new and the faculty is not working to help them transition given their status.
- a. Provost Riordan: Two things we are working on to address that issue: programming for new and continuing faculty to make them feel more comfortable in the classroom; the other is a working group looking into new models for freshman seminars/classes that could include a variety of things, especially helping with the transition. It's a transition both for the faculty and the students. One idea is peer mentoring with upperclassmen in the seminar classes.
10. Senator Srivastava: What is the direction being taken regarding implementing 4-4 credit courses in departments? Can you share the reasoning behind this initiative?
- a. Provost Riordan: We are looking at it broadly, and the 4-in-4 is one model we are looking into. The rationale is critically important- student success with taking 4 classes.

The goal is to provide an environment and curriculum structure to be successful in a variety of measures, especially time to graduation and preparation for careers.

11. Associate Curd: Can you speak more on the initiative to turn Hofstra into a R2 designated institution?

- a. Provost Riordan: R2 designation means research activity at a smaller level measured on research grants and the number of doctoral degrees that are granted per year. We are at the threshold on the doctoral level, and we are on the third year in a row for the research grants. We have been meeting the metrics, but they only update it every few years. If they update in 2024, we would hopefully be considered an R2. What does this all mean and how does it enrich education? This designation highlights everything we are already doing in experiential working and field work and in the labs. It is the logical next step that I believe will attract more students because of these experiential opportunities.

12. Senator Pinarli: Have there been any discussions about accepting more AP credits from students like the Advanced Placement Seminar program being offered in high schools

- a. Provost Riordan: Simple answer, I don't know if there is a recent update on that, but I will make sure to bring it up in the University senate who helps design the application requirements. It all goes hand in hand with what we are working on.
- b. Senator Adeobafemi: I am an international student, we have courses that are considered 'AP' but I was not given credit for them with no rationale. There was really no criteria or explanation given for advanced courses that aren't internationally recognized.
 - i. Provost Riordan: I think part of the answer comes back to what our responsibility is as a University- again, to ensure your success and the quality of your education. The courses we offer, we know the quality, we know the outcomes- when it comes to high school in or out of the US, it is practically hard to evaluate the quality of the class, which is not a value judgment. How do we as faculty ensure the class has the same quality that you would receive here at Hofstra? We can look and think about it.

- ii. [Constitutional Benchmark](#)

C. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Chair Disanto moves to pass the Senate [minutes](#) from 10/26
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed
- b. Senator Myers moves to pass the Cabinet minutes from 11/01
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed