



**Agenda of the 88th Senate
Hofstra University Student Government Association**

Hofstra University

Call to order

Meeting Called to order at 6:50 PM EST

A. Quorum Call

- a. Quorum set at 32

B. New Business

- a. Secretary Egolf __ moves to open the gallery
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Pass
- b. Welcome Vice President for Equity and Inclusion Cornell Craig!
 - i. VP for E&I Craig: I was just promoted to the Vice President, I was prior the Chief Inclusion and Equity Officer- which is great! There is a lot going on in the world right now, and our focus is how our community members are impacted by these outside events. This is our main concern- to address and discuss the needs of our community. We have been looking at our student satisfaction survey, with a focus on a sense of belonging on campus- what areas are we doing well and what can we improve? We need the right questions and feedback to improve. We also have employee resource groups that began this fall- to help form micro-communities based on interest and so on that are employee initiated. Right now we have Adjunct Faculty, Women of Color, and AAPI employee resource groups. This was inspired by the “@ Hofstra” series that we have been hosting. Another big thing is accessibility. We are doing a walk-around on campus tomorrow. Accessibility is unfortunately easy to overlook, as privilege creates blindspots. We want to carry on Hofstra’s history. We were the first full wheelchair accessible campus in the country, but we have to build on that and evolve with our campus to be accessible for all students. We



recently had a 'Day of Dialogue' to discuss affirmative action and to discuss the importance of voting and your voice within higher education.

1. Diversity: differences within groups
 2. Equity: everyone gets what they need to succeed (not all equal!)
 3. Inclusion: everyone is valued and heard within a space
 4. Belonging: Feeling comfortable to bring your full self/identity
- ii. Luke (Gallery): How has the effort towards Hofstra's goal to become a Hispanic-serving institution progressed?
1. VP Craig: We are still working and on track to become a Hispanic serving institution. We are around 18%, and we need to push that to 25% to be federally recognized. We have a work force dedicated to brainstorm ways to do this. This would open up a lot of opportunities for funding for all students, not just Hispanic students- research, grants, and support for all students.
- iii. Chair Jackson: A number of students have expressed frustration regarding the dining options on campus and a desire to have more diverse options. When we speak of belonging and inclusion, I think food certainly contributes to that. Have you been in conversations with Compass dining regarding that?
1. VP Craig: This year, I have not been involved in any conversations, but I was last year when we had the Cultural Recipe days in the student center. I have been in contact with VP Barkwill. It is important we have the foods that communicate that this is a space for them. I will continue to bring this mission forward.
- iv. Chair Jackson: Tomorrow is International Student's Day, does your office do anything planned that caters to international students?
1. VP Craig: There is not a direct relationship between my offices and International Students Day. That falls under SEES, but they are always involved in creating an equitable environment.
- v. Chair Pandit: What initiatives does the Belonging Task Force have for the upcoming semester?
1. VP Craig: The taskforce has actually been disbanded. It exists, just in a different form right now. We are still looking into this, again with the student feedback survey. I want to have an 'outreach day' where you just talk to as many people as you can, and really just talk and create community rather than just passing people by on the unispan. It is a warm-welcoming day I want to try to do.
- vi. Vice President Livingston: I was previously a member of the Student Diversity Advisory Board, is it still operational?

1. VP Craig: Yes! Our associate director oversees the Student Diversity Advisory Board to get direct feedback from students and to work with them to implement new ideas.]
- vii. Comptroller Greenlaw: Why did the university decide to not hold the Transgender Remembrance Day at the same level at which it had been held in the past?
 1. VP Craig: I believe IEI did that last year and there have been some transitions within the office. I think that is the real reason, but it is an important day to remember and hopefully there can be more events in the future.
- viii. Senator Singh: Given your goals for the future, how would you like SGA to support you?
 1. VP Craig: We want you as students to comment, criticize, question, and all things like that. You're paying for an education and you should be served during that time. We want the feedback so we can improve or revise anything. No one should be hesitant to share their voice, and whether or not it can be done, your voice is important to be heard.
- ix. Chair Vickers: I have noticed a lack of diversity within faculty, are there any initiatives towards more diverse hires? I do believe that it does impact one's learning experience.
 1. VP Craig: It has been a focus for us the past 2 or so years. We have had an inclusive hiring initiative. This means each committee was training in the best practices to go about job postings, even with language. We hope this will help encourage more diverse pools of applicants that can help diversify the staff. We do not have affirmative action for students or faculty. There should not be a hiring based on identity, but it should be incorporated and considered to see the benefits of their identity. One thing that was used was a 'cluster hires' and diversifying STEM majors/fields. There is value in identity, and students should see themselves in their professors so there should be support across the board.
- x. Senator Callahan: How does Hofstra support individuals with non-physical disabilities?
 1. VP Craig: There may be invisible needs and their needs to be supported. One thing we do is try to communicate with faculty to honor accessibility needs if they provide them through SAS without questions. They also need to do their best not to marginalize or out students because of these accommodations.

Faculty needs to be on board. Students need to know that if their needs aren't being met, they need to speak out! They are important.

- xi. Senator Luce: Are there any restrictions regarding what kind of service/support animals that students are allowed to have and if yes, what are they?
 - 1. VP Craig: That is a great question, but I would have to check on that exact policy and restrictions and get back to you.
- xii. Chair Guenfound: What would be the best course of action for a student whose accommodations has been challenged or questioned to take?
 - 1. VP Craig: Those are the situations we don't want to happen. But, we have a lot of resources. You can go directly to the chair or dean of the department. You can also just email me directly. Or, we have an Ethicspoint online reporting system that can be accessed through all of our websites- by name or anonymously.
- xiii. Senator Singh: Do you feel like you are creating the environment you would have wanted while in school?
 - 1. VP Craig: I did go to a predominantly white school, however, I was a student athlete so I had a little bit of a different experience. My goal is to make sure that we are as close to the support I had. Nothing is perfect in a big institution. We want to help the most while creating the least harm. Sometimes we miss the mark, and every institution does, but it is how we serve our community and their needs in response. So yes, we are moving towards what I would have liked.
- xiv. President Anniballi: Thank you for being here. What can Hofstra do to support students (specifically our Muslim and Jewish students) who experience anxieties or fears about Islamophobia or anti-semitism? How can we also ensure that students feel like they can express an opinion?
 - 1. VP Craig: The first priority is reinforcing that they are going to be protected and safe on this campus. That doesn't mean you won't interact with opposing opinions or experiences, but we won't allow any conversation that is anti-semitic or islamophobic. Hate speech needs to be shut down, which can be a tricky balance with the idea of free speech- and this is a valid concern. It is very polarizing right now. So we are going to work very closely with the Provost's office to be sensitive but not push any political agenda. Our focus is on communicating to our community, regardless of what is going on outside of that community. We have to be consistent and reinforce that the primary focus is safety.


- xv. Senator Singh: How do you recommend that students educate themselves and handle opposing opinions?
 - 1. VP Craig: People need to remember that you speak topically, not personally. Ask the questions, get perspective, but don't attack. "I prefer understanding over agreement." We have to work towards understanding, not necessarily convincing the other to agree with your own opinion. Share experience and impact, which can't be taken away or debated. Try not to take everything personal when trying to understand. It's important to carve out time to engage and interact with identities other than your own.
- xvi. Chair Pandit: How can SGA help you? Is there anything that has not been mentioned?
 - 1. VP Craig: I think one way you guys can help me is promoting our online reporting so people are aware. Take advantage of the email, equity@hofstra.edu. Whether food, an inaccessible ramp, a problem, anything. I want to know what students are talking about and what students should pay attention to.
- c. Chair Guenfound moves for a 5 minute recess
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed
- d.  SA.2023.88.012
 - i. Senator Adeobafemi: I just was wondering of the phrases "all students and citizens"... is this referring to access to the training, or access to the administration of the drug if they need it, or both.
 - 1. Chair Wrazin: Students aren't currently trained. Only PSAFE are trained. The language applies to the idea that all students should have access to the administration/training of the drug if they need it.
 - ii. Secretary Egolf moves to propose language: "Let it be resolved, that the Hofstra University Student Government Association acknowledges the geographical placement of the Hofstra University campus in ~~both Nassau and Suffolk Counties~~ **Suffolk County** in New York state,..."
 - 1. Motion Seconded
 - 2. Motion Passed
 - iii. Senator Malik moves to pass SA.2023.88.012
 - 1. Motion Seconded
 - 2. Motion Passed
- e.  SA.2023.88.013
 - i. Senator Adeobafemi: Does one reallocation mean one line item, or they can only do one reallocation one time within an event.

1. Comptroller Greenlaw: They can apply one time to use any unused money towards other line items.
- ii. Secretary Egolf: What if they have already used their one reallocation but they have leftover money that they really would want to use? Is there something for special circumstances?
 1. Comptroller Greenlaw: Clubs should be following their budget to a tee as made by Eboard. There may be miscommunication, but we are trying to replicate it. In special circumstances, they would be advised to email me and we can work it out.
- iii. Chair Pandit: Could you explain the approval process for reallocation?
 1. Comptroller Greenlaw: It is quite simple, they submit a request, it is reviewed by the comptroller, and if it makes sense, it gets approved.
- iv. Chair Vickers: Why specifically one chance and not two?
 1. Comptroller Greenlaw: Right now there is no limit, it is up to discretion of the comptroller, but we want clubs to follow their budget exactly.
- v. Senator Mahlati: Why do reallocations happen- isn't it supposed to be run within the club?
 1. Comptroller Greenlaw: We give money for the individual events and supplies, and it can only be used for that specific event. They would need to come to a meeting for that. It is a quick process, we just need to track where the money is going.
- vi. Chair Jackson moves to propose language to "two reallocations..."
 1. Motion Rescinded
- vii. Comptroller Greenlaw moves to propose language: "If approved, clubs and organizations can receive one (1) reallocation per semester, unless special circumstances are given at the discretion of the comptroller."
 1. Motion Seconded
 2. Motion Passed
- viii. Chair Jackson moves to pass SA.2023.88.013
 1. Motion Seconded
 2. Motion Passed

C. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Chair Wrazin moves to pass the [Senate minutes](#) from 11/09
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed
- b. Senator Panagiotidis moves to pass the [Cabinet minutes](#) from 11/15
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed

D. E-board Reports

- a. President
 - i. Thank you to today's volunteers!
 - ii. President's Strategic Meeting Tomorrow
 - iii. Great work with SAW so far!
 - iv. Shake-a-Rake Saturday 11/18!
 - v.  SGA Finance Efficiency and Effectiveness Brief
- b. Vice President
 - i. Next week we are not operational! Have a great break!
 - ii. Last senate is on 11/30. This is a big one!
 - 1. We will be doing the gift exchange at 6 pm, guests will be arriving at 6:30 pm, and from there we will be doing end of semester reports and senior speeches.
 - 2. If not mentioned we are going to have some very exciting guests. Dress properly and act accordingly as well
 - 3. IT IS MANDATORY! Like MANDATORY! This is non negotiable. I expect all of you to be there 🙄
 - iii. Please fill out this [form](#)! It is anonymous so please be as truthful as possible. I want to make sure we are all being productive and heard.
 - iv. I missed you guys last week and I cannot wait for next semester!
- c. Comptroller
 - i. Budget Month!
 - ii. Working on internal budgets!
 - iii. Have a happy Thanksgiving!! <3
- d. Secretary
 - i. For those behind on office hours..
 - 1. Any extra tabling hours this week will count towards the hours you are missing even if it is over the 'max' supplemental
 - 2. If you still have hours to make up for, you MUST do them during our last operational week OR you can do them on Monday or Tuesday of next week (only those who are behind can get hours those days
 - ii. Tabling Reminders for Future - Tabling is a VITAL part of your position
 - iii. Last day to join the gift exchange! Link in Important Chat 🎁🎁🎁

E. Committee Chair Reports

- a. Appropriations
 - i. [Minutes](#)
 - ii. No formal report!
 - iii. Happy Thanksgiving everyone :)
- b. Club Resources

- i. No formal report!
 - ii. Love you all and have an AMAZING break <3
 - c. Communications
 - i. Newsletter on Monday go check it out!
 - ii. Planned content for non-op week
 - iii. Thanks for sending me pictures during events (so helpful!)
 - d. Programming
 - i. [11/14 Minutes](#)
 - ii. Hofstra Celebrates the Holidays
 - 1. WINTER SOLSTICE
 - 2. Sketches due Nov 22nd
 - a. If you want to send me a sketch or some ideas do so by Nov 20-21st at the latest
 - iii. SAW survey #'s
 - 1. Thank you all!
 - 2. Day 1: 583
 - 3. Day 2 & 3: 806
 - 4. Day 4: Waiting on the #'s
 - iv. [Link](#): you should be able to edit to update when you tabled for office hours
 - e. Academic Affairs
 - i. [Minutes](#)
 - ii. No formal report!
 - f. Equity & Inclusion
 - i. Trans Day of Remembrance (November 20th, Common Hour, MPR West)
 - ii. Survey to send to clubs over break!
 - iii. Ask me about my position!
 - 1. Text me anytime #617-615-5676 <3
 - g. Facilities & Operations
 - i. [Facilities & Operations Committee Agenda 11/16/2023](#)
 - ii. Accessible Mapping Walkthrough 12:00 pm meeting at the Greenhouse!
 - h. Wellness & Campus Safety
 - i. [Wellness Meeting #8 \(11/16\)](#)
 - ii. Planning Spring semester events!
 - 1. Stop the Bleed with Public Safety
 - 2. Drunk Driving Simulation with MEC and Public Safety
 - iii. SHS Health Literacy event about OTC Medications
 - 1. 12/4, 1-2pm, Plaza Room East
 - iv. Have a safe Thanksgiving break, everyone! Rest up - we all deserve it <3
- F. Approval of Committee Minutes**
- a. Senator Joyal moves to pass the allocations from 11/14

- i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
- b. Chair Barone moves to amend allocations from 11/14- Changing the allocated amount from \$225 to \$1,665, adding a hotel cost of \$1,140.
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
- c. Chair DiSanto to pass the committee minutes from 11/16
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed

G. Collaborative Business

H. For Good of the Order

I. Announcements

- a. Dance Works Showcase is next week! If you want to go you should go! It's a fun event and a great way to support our clubs and organizations on campus.

J. Snap Cup

K. Adjournment

- a. Chair Jackson moves to close the gallery
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
- b. Senator Danek moves to adjourn this meeting
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
 - 1. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm EST

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| Club Baseball | |
| Requested Amount: \$3,628.40 | Allocated Amount: \$1,665 |
| Percent Allocated: 45.9% | |
| Rope Rental | \$225 |
| Hotel | \$1,440 |

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| Hillel | |
| Requested Amount: \$2,250 | Allocated Amount: \$1,125 |
| Percent Allocated: 50% | |

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| Shabbat Dinner | \$1,125 |
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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 inquires 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 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 narkan, 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. Jovanni 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. Jovanni 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. Jovanni 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. Jovanni 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. Jovanni 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