

Minutes of the Meeting  
Of the  
Planning and Budget Committee  
Of the Hofstra University Senate  
Wednesday 11 April 2018 1:55 p.m. 901D Axinn Library

Present:	William Caniano	Library Services
	Craig Burnett	Political Science
	Sleiman Ghorayeb	Engineering
	Kathleen Wallace	Chair of Chairs Caucus
	Jayne Ellinger	Health Professions
	Jean Peden Christodoulou	Student Affairs
	Houston Dougharty	Student Affairs

The Chair called the committee into session at 2:00 p.m.

Chairs Report

No Chairs report

Discussion Items

Presentation from Vice President H. Dougharty and Assistant VP Jean Peden Christodoulou.

Budget information

- Student Affairs has seen budget cuts of 9% over the past 4 years.
- It is expected that NY State Department of Labor, NYSDOL, regulations will significantly raise the pay for administrators and professionals that fall under a minimum threshold. See [Minimum Wage Order for Miscellaneous Industries and Occupations. Part 142.](#)
  - Student Affairs will be exploring ways to minimize the impact of this regulation. They are going to make every attempt to do so without cutting staff.
- Student Affairs has created a flexible budgeting process where in moneys can be moved easily between its 16 individual departments to meet the needs of Student Affairs.
- H. Dougharty states that his budget is adequate but any additional budget cuts will lead to significant cuts to services currently offered to students.

Initiatives

- A Muslim prayer center will be built in Roosevelt Hall. It will be large enough to accommodate 5 to 7 students.
- Student Access Services
  - Campus Access and Physical Accommodations meet Federal Standards but could be improved. Improved ramps and curb cuts are being explored but money will have to come from the Capitol Budget not Student Affairs.
  - A partnership with Career Services is now in place to help students with disabilities to find employment after they graduate.