

# Student Affairs Committee Minutes

October 29, 2018

Meeting Commenced 11:20 AM

## Attendance

*Advisor Denise Boneta (in place of Dean Pertuz)*

*Advisor Dominique Outlaw*

*Chair Carissa Ramirez*

*Senator Lily Chiagozie*

*Senator Shari Council*

*Senator Amanda Getz*

*Senator Imani Hinson*

*Senator Jess Kurtz*

- I. Approval of the Minutes from September 17, 2018
  - A. Motion to approve by Senator Getz
  - B. Seconded by Senator Hinson
- II. Approval of the Minutes from October 4, 2018
  - A. Motion to approve by Senator Hinson
  - B. Seconded by Senator Chiagozie
- III. Chair Report
  - A. SCREAN Committee
    1. Went over open seats and senators who need to be placed on committees
    2. If any senators are interested in sitting on it in the future, reach out
  - B. Initiative Updates
    1. Smoking Ban
      - a) The signs are up and people seem to be following
      - b) If it becomes obvious that signs are not working, will set up a meeting with Public Safety
    2. Title IX
      - a) Have not officially had the chance to see if policies are able to be retroactively applied

- b) Had conversations about online and/or anonymous reporting option for sexual misconduct
  - (1) There was a company that came into audit Public Safety and they said something like this would be fairly affordable
  - (2) Hofstra could potentially use Maxient, the same reporting system that Residence Life uses
  - (3) One of the issues of the online reporting system is that Hofstra administration does not know what office the online reporting system would be housed under if it was an all-encompassing reporting resource (for academic and non-academic matters)

#### IV. Senator Reports

##### A. Senator Kurtz

1. ASL 003: Trying to make it count as language
  - a) Talked to Beck Galbraith, intern of Dean Rifkin
    - (1) Agreed to help with the initiative
    - (2) Needing update soon
2. Talked to Julie Yindra, Director of SAS
  - a) See if her office has an initiative that they want to pursue that Jess can help with
3. Sexual Assault Survivor Programming Group
  - a) Was held on campus in the past, but it is not held on campus this year because it was guessed that there would not be a lot of participation
  - b) This is a free resource, doesn't cost Hofstra money, just a matter of working out logistics
  - c) Maybe a way to increase attendance is to actually advertise more

- d) Senator Hinson will give contact information for someone at the Safe Center

B. Senator Hinson

- 1. Working on mental healthcare in the POC community
  - a) Talked with Kareem from MSLC
  - b) Learned about a first-aid mental health workshop
    - (1) Wants to try and bring something like that to Hofstra

C. Senator Council

- 1. Public Safety schedule
  - a) Emailed Public Safety, awaiting response
- 2. Wants to work with Financial Aid to increase transparency so students are not surprised by fines
  - a) Chiagozie: suggests to ask them to send out reminders so students know the deadlines for getting money back

D. Senator Chiagozie

- 1. Wants to push life-skills classes, especially for international students
  - a) Denise: work with OSLE on this potentially

E. Senator Getz

- 1. Met with Stan Cherian from OSLE to talk about what a Graduate committee would look like on campus
  - a) Need to figure out where it would be based out of
    - (1) It is technically underneath the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee in the University Senate
    - (2) Does not think that this is the best way to get students involved on campus because ppl are looking for something that is more focused towards their major/career
  - b) Need to revise questions on the survey that was drafted

(1) Want to ask if people would be in favor of joining a coalition or creating a newsletter so students know what they are/are not allowed to be involved in

(2) "This Week at Hofstra" is able to be sent to grad students if they opt in

c) Denise: Have you benchmarked other schools?

(1) Getz: no, it is difficult because every school runs programs differently

(2) It's hard to gauge interest in things because students from diff grad programs don't interact

(3) Denise: suggests that OSLE funds two E.N.D. Trips a year specifically for Grad students

F. Senator Cinquemani (absent, but sent report)

1. SBA is currently focused on budgeting but looking to expand/clarify its role on campus.

2. Met with the Law School Dean of Student Affairs to learn more about how law students are notified of campus-wide events, etc.

a) The law school students are supposed to be getting general emails about school-wide events from the University. I will follow up to see if these emails are received.

b) Events are also directly emailed to the SBA to be put into the weekly newsletter.

3. In terms of co-school events, Hofstra Hillel JD had a social event with the Medical School students this past week.

a) Going to speak to some people who went to see if similar events in the future would be beneficial.

b) There is also an executive board training in the spring and the programming is currently under revision. Going to see if co-sponsorships can be added as one of the slides, etc.

4. Going forward, we will try to do more charity events to increase school spirit/participation.

a) Many students do not join organizations due to time limitations.

b) The 1L SBA reps are looking into passive programming so that everyone can participate to some extent.

c) The law school is creating a Relay for Life team for the first time ever!

d) We are organizing a Toys for Tots drive.

G. Since finals are 3 weeks away, meetings and events are fewer. Right now focus is on planning events for next semester

#### V. Student Government Association Report

A. Deandra Denton (VP of SGA) is on the committee for the Statue on campus

1. Online form that students can fill out to give feedback to committee

a) Looking to make this more public

B. SGA was present as the JGG speak out that was held last week

1. Found helpful

C. Compass Dining came to Senate meeting

1. A lot of changes were discussed

a) Some are easy to be implemented

b) Some will not be implemented, or implemented quickly

D. President Normandin and Vice President Denton met with President Stuart

Rabinowitz and convinced him to give them monthly meetings

1. Good step in the right direction

E. Pride Unleashed Week is next week

1. Week of programming

2. Big campaign to increase school spirit and enthusiasm for basketball

F. Student Appreciation Week is the following week

G. John Guthman, Director of SHACC is coming to SGA this week

1. Senate is open to the public, so if anyone is interested in coming, please do

VI. Dean of Students Report

A. Student Advocacy and Prevention Awareness Search

1. Last on campus interview is tomorrow

B. Dean of Students Search

1. On campus interviews will be taking place next week
2. Denise will pass along any opportunities to Carissa who will forward to committee

C. Law School meeting soon

D. Grad students are able to get more involved in clubs now

1. Working to navigate this

E. Getting reports back about Title IX Training

1. Club leaders who didn't go are going to be reached out to

F. Public Safety External Report

**Meeting Adjourned 12:07 PM**

**Motion to adjourn by Senator Kurtz**

**Seconded by Senator Chiagozie**