

Meeting Minutes  
Student Affairs Committee  
November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Meeting called to order at 2:13pm

Attendance

- Chairwoman Ramirez
- Dean Pertuz
- Senator Dippel
- Senator Outlaw
- Senator Agcaoili
- Senator Getz
- Senator Senderowicz
- Senator Wong
- SGA President Cinquemani

- I. Approval of Minutes from November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  - a. Motioned by Senator Getz
    - i. Motion is seconded by Dean Pertuz
    - ii. Approved unanimously
- II. Chair Report
  - a. Smoking Ban Initiative: Waiting for data to be analyzed from Student Appreciation Week survey
    - i. Over 2,000 surveys were completed
  - b. I will be having two meetings these next two days about HU Health Now Campaign
    - i. We'll talk more about this later in New Business
    - ii. The demonstration has been approved for Wednesday
- III. Senator Reports
  - a. Senator Senderowicz
    - i. Senator Getz will speak about their joint work on grads questions
    - ii. UAAC: Jess Eads enrollment is low
      1. Due to international politics (lower attendance than in past)
        - a. Effects graduate students population more
      2. Due to Excelsior program
        - a. State schools are cheaper than Hofstra
          - i. More students are starting out at other NY schools
          - ii. We have more students transferring out to state schools now too
      3. Admitted students days went well but there are improvements
        - a. It's important that faculty members are there to answer questions
        - b. There was one less Fall Open House than last time
      4. University 001

- a. Professors haven't come to a consensus about University 001
  - 5. Senator Wong: says he would be willing to help with understanding of International students' viewpoints
  - 6. President Cinquemani: Residence Life is might increase the cost of housing to make up for the loss in revenue
  - 7. Senator Senderowicz: mentions that smoking ban might cause issue with admissions because lots of people like to smoke international
- b. Senator Getz
  - i. Worked with Senator Senderowicz to create a survey for Grad students
    - 1. Want either provost office or each grad program to send it out
    - 2. Review questions with SAC to make sure questions are ready to send out
    - 3. Trying to create more of a community for graduate students
      - a. From their informal surveying, there is an interest
    - 4. Chairperson Ramirez: would it be valuable to ask if they would be willing to pay a fee like the undergrad students?
    - 5. Senator Outlaw: there should be an option for students to mention which clubs/how many clubs they are involved in
    - 6. Chairperson Ramirez: attach the SAC name so students know why this the information is being collected
- c. Senator Wong
  - i. Ongoing work on the mental health initiative
    - 1. The HU Health thingy is why he wanted to work on this in general
  - ii. Trying to figure out a way for SHACC to advertise services better
    - 1. They are already doing a lot at the beginning of the semester
  - iii. The only problem he is coming across is that not all of the services are being advertised as much as they could be to avoid abuse of services
    - 1. This is hard because the free appointments are what is being brought front and center but that is what Dr. Guthman doesn't want to advertise
    - 2. Sofia will be at the meeting tomorrow with John Guthman, but Rita can update on this discussion with biweekly meeting with Houston and Sofia
- d. Senator Agcaoili
  - i. Officially the student member of SCREAN Committee
  - ii. Getting questions together to get information for a survey for initiative
  - iii. Needs to still make meetings with University officials
  - iv. Senator Wong: What is SCREAN?
    - 1. Committee that appoints senators

#### IV. SGA Report

- a. SAW went well

- b. Over 2,000 responses
- V. Dean of Students Report
  - a. Dean of Students Spotlight
    - i. Send cool things to Sofia's email for the website
    - ii. Everyday things that wouldn't normally get featured
  - b. Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>- giving away free copies of Kara Alaimo's book "Pitch, Tweet, Engage on the Street"
  - c. Late Night Breakfast coming up soon
  - d. Looking at Budgets for next year
    - i. Need to scale back because of lack of enrollment
    - ii. If we have suggestions about things to cut, email her
  - e. Knows of the mental health concern on campus
    - i. One of the biggest years for mental health issues at other campuses across the country as well
  - f. Being a part of SAW was fun opportunity
- VI. New Business
  - a. HU Health Now Campaign
    - i. Chairperson Ramirez: one of the requests being made is that people want better services
    - ii. Senator Senderowicz: what is the purpose of the meetings with this student?
      - 1. To clarify what the student wants from the university and if SAC or SGA can help
    - iii. Outlaw: can the current framework support an increase of appointments?
      - 1. Answer unknown, likely no
    - iv. Ramirez: As of right now, is there a way to report bad experiences with the therapists or give feedback?
      - 1. Sofia: I do not know if there is a way, I will ask Dr. Guthman if there can be a mechanism be put in place
    - v. Senator Outlaw: these things should be addressed to make sure to keep enrollment
  - b. Senator Wong: to appeal to international students, would it be possible to go to college fair conventions overseas to represent Hofstra
    - i. It wouldn't be as professional as an admissions officer or professor, but might mean more since coming from a
  - c. SGA President Cinquemani: Do admissions counselors to "admissions coaching"? (Help students with applications and give suggestions at local high schools)
- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 3:02pm.
  - a. Senator Wong motions
  - b. Senator Senderowicz seconds
    - i. Approved unanimously