Meeting Minutes  
Student Affairs Committee  
November 27th, 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 9th, 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
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 29th- 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