

AGENDA
Student Affairs Committee
411 Axinn Library
Wednesday, February 12, 2020
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

- I. Designate Meeting Minutes
 - a. Senator Crofts will take minutes for today's meeting.

- II. Community Governance Summit, Brandon Crofts
 - a. Senator Crofts summarized his involvement during the day. It was concluded that SGA should be recontacted.
 - i. SEC Chair Caniano emphasized the importance of building the SGA/SAC relationship. When both organizations work together, the most change can be done.

- III. Hofstra Commuter Student Association, Shania Figueroa
 - a. CSA also attended Community Governance Summit, and inquired with Public Safety as to why the alignment of train shuttle times is slightly off-kilter with the LIRR arrival times at Mineola and Hempstead train stations.
 - i. Dean St. Leger provided insight; roughly eight million dollars was cut from this year's total Hofstra budget, which affected all departments on campus. Dean St. Leger believes that a change can be enacted; we should look into the bus times, as well as how much buses actually cost.
 - ii. Per SEC Chair Caniano, a proposal should be given through to the SEC via SEC to ensure the largest chance of a victory.

- b. CSA representative Shania notes that Adelphi has student discounts on LIRR tickets.
 - i. Dr. St. Leger responds: the on-campus living drama majors with classes in NYC are the ones who receive discounted tickets. Believed to be \$32,000 to pilot this program at Adelphi.
 - ii. Per SEC Chair Caniano, Hofstra has inquired about discounted tickets with the LIRR for students with internships (some of which are mandated by Hofstra), but the MTA does not budge. Additional investigation is occurring about how much it would cost Hofstra to own a bus to take students to and from Manhattan. Talks have been slow to this point.
 - iii. Dr. St. Leger adds that continuing to speak out about this issue in order to make change. In times of budget cuts, the squeaky wheel gets the money. It may be beneficial to inquire about if drivers are full-time or part-time. First step, though, is to speak with Public Safety about their own schedule in an effort to see short-term progress.
 - iv. Dr. St. Leger and SEC Chair Caniano recommend contacting SGAs at other comparable campuses to Hofstra.
 - v. SGA President Harley adds that SGA has data and a resolution regarding the work the CSA has began. She will share the information SGA has collected with anyone who requests it.

IV. Report of the Senate Executive Committee, William Caniano

- a. Food Drive for Pride Pantry: pressing need to try and support the Pride Pantry however possible. USenate, SGA, and others are able to collaborate.
- b. Beth McGuire (Director of Residence Life and Pride Pantry) will be looped in on this project. She has been invited to the next SAC meeting by Dr. St. Leger.
- c. SGA Senator Khanderwal also raises the question of possibly increasing staffing of Pride Pantry hours.

V. Student Affairs Committee Spring 2020 Initiatives

A. Town Hall Increases

1. Every spring semester is What's Happening at Hofstra, every fall semester is the Town Hall. SEC Chair Caniano mentions more events of this scale may be added.

- a) SGA President Harley responds: there will be four additional town halls, associated with SGA advocacy committees. Administrators will not be strong in attendance, due to the environment SGA is trying to create.

(1) SAC has been invited to participate in the town halls as well.

- b) SEC Chair Caniano adds that there will likely be a meeting this semester for students and the rest of campus to discuss concerns that have risen regarding the retirement of President Rabinowitz and Provost Berliner.

(1) It is possible that when they retire, there is a chance that others will leave with them.

B. Smoke-Free & Tobacco-Free Policy, David Harb

1. SGA Chair O'Brien and his Public Safety committee in SGA have interest in helping the SAC pass this bill.

a) SAC Chair Harb asks for SGA Chair O'Brien to reach out to him.

b) SGA can work on a resolution in order to support the initiative.

C. New Business

1. SGA President Harley presents SGA updates:

a) SGA passed a resolution to become carbon-neutral, which means that the sustainability efforts of campus have been increased.

(1) Zarb school is going green!

b) SGA passed a resolution to support students on campus who are trying to work to increase the minimum wage on campus, called the Hofstra Student Workers Coalition.

(1) Students are looking to increase to \$13 an hour, to keep pace with Nassau County minimum wage.

D. GoFeedMe Director Romeo is continuing to work toward becoming more universal on campus.

E. Next meeting: Wednesday, February 26th at 4:30 PM

VI. Adjournment

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at 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in 411 Axinn Library.

DATE: 2/12/2020

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