

# Student Affairs Committee Minutes

February 14, 2019

**Meeting Commenced 4:30 PM**

## **Attendance**

*Dean of Students Gaby St. Leger*

*Advisor Denise Boneta*

*Advisor Dominique Outlaw*

*Chair Carissa Ramirez*

*Senator Lily Chiagozie*

*Senator Rita Cinquemani*

*Senator Manni Doan*

*Senator Imani Hinson*

*Senator Jess Kurtz*

- I. Approval of the Minutes from October 29, 2018
  - A. Motion to approve by Senator Kurtz
  - B. Seconded by Senator Doan
- II. Approval of the Minutes from November 29, 2018
  - A. Motion to approve by Senator Doan
  - B. Seconded by Senator Hinson
- III. Chair Report
  - A. Senate Executive Committee Updates
    1. The Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee is having their meeting tomorrow, Friday, February 15th at 1:55pm in 901D Axinn
      - a) Will talk about Mid-Semester Advisories for assessment of the policy
      - b) Senator Doan can't go tomorrow but would be interested in the future
    2. The Faculty Affairs Committee is looking for student to attend their meeting on Monday, March 25th from 1:00-2:00pm in 901D Axinn
      - a) Will talk about student-faculty relationship policy
  - B. Initiative Updates
    1. Title IX
      - a) Retroactively applying the new policies isn't possible

- b) Continuing conversations about online reporting with the Title IX advisory board
- c) Looking to clarify the language about the extension of the policy because right now it is unclear as to whether or not you have twelve calendar months or twelve academic months to report an incident

## 2. Town Hall

- a) I'm going to be following up with the new Provost to make sure that the concerns that were brought up to the previous provost get to him
  - (1) DOS: Town Hall stuff under review for new provost
    - (a) Especially reporting non-academic issues
    - (b) He thinks things should be a hierarchical reporting process with issues non-grade related
    - (c) He said he will be working on that
  - (2) Provost: he is interim position
    - (a) Goal is to have a new provost by Spring 2020

## IV. Senator Reports

### A. Senator Kurtz

- 1. ASL 003: Trying to make it count as language
  - a) Successful meeting with Dean Rifkin
    - (1) There will be three levels for the language so it can count as a language requirement
      - (a) No longer just count as liberal arts elective or for a disability studies minor
    - b) The department is being helpful with the change

### B. Senator Hinson

- 1. School of Education

a) Suggests Hofstra should have a partner school in the district to place people easier for observation hours in

b) Advisor Dippel: I used to be in this department and this issue existed then too

(1) Said he thought it was an in-house issue

2. Working on mental healthcare in the POC community

a) NYC Thrive event

(1) Tentatively set March 4th

(2) Would invite different student organizations

(3) Would provide training on mental health

C. Senator Chiagozie

1. Dining on Campus

a) Has been in communication with Chermele Christy who sits on the Compass Group

b) Wants to see if there can be a student committee since students aren't allowed to sit in on those meetings

(1) Will try to find a way for students to be able to voice concerns directly in an easier way

2. RSR Issues

a) Initiative completed!

(1) There is now an app to schedule

(2) There is more accountability

(3) Easier to know shift schedule

D. Senator Cinquemani

1. Trying to get law students involved more

2. Doing more programming

E. Senator Doan

1. Been working with IEI wing to get more Asian American History for the month of April

2. Interested in working with the Mid-Semester Advisory conversations

V. Student Government Association Report

A. Multiple senators are working on initiatives

1. Public Safety
2. Sustainability
  - a) Composting
  - b) Better containers for food

B. Updates to SGA

1. New constitution
2. New policy series
3. Potential Restructuring SGA

C. Ad-Hoc Committee for Diversity Issues

1. JGG
2. Students advocates and helping pool resources
3. Accessibility issues

VI. Dean of Students Report

A. Thanks the group for being welcoming and helping her understand another element to student advocates

1. This will help her to bring student voices to the table where it is not open to yet

B. Vacant positions

1. OSAPA
  - a) Reopening the search
  - b) Having a search committee assigned soon
  - c) Hope is to have someone before the end of the semester

C. Diversity Advisory Board

1. Want to extend invitation to students to join still
2. Board aimed to understand students' thoughts and concerns with diversity-based issues on campus

3. Senator Doan: The board was not very productive last semester
  - a) Meetings lasted long and weren't productive
  - b) Student concerns were heard, but there wasn't a lot of action taken in response
    - (1) Response: There are meetings with students, past and present, happening that is addressing this
      - (a) Will be up front with what is and isn't possible moving forward

**Meeting Adjourned 5:32 PM**

**Motion to adjourn by Senator Hinson**

**Seconded by Senator Doan**