

MINUTES
Student Affairs Committee
Zoom
Wednesday, March 25, 2020
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

- I. Approval of minutes from February 26, 2020 (Attachment A)
- II. SAC semester schedule - Updated (Attachment B)
- III. Smoke-Free & Tobacco-Free Policy - Update, David Harb
 - A. Passed Senate Executive Committee, moving forward for approval by the Full University Senate.
 - 1. A vote is expected to occur at the next University Senate meeting, which is still TBD due to COVID-19.
- IV. Report from the Senate Executive Committee Chair, William Caniano
 - A. Introduced the pass/fail option – response to COVID-19, providing an option to students.
 - B. Dr. Elfreda Blue – not a requirement, just an option for students whose grades have suffered from COVID-19.
 - 1. Student’s need to understand the ramifications of taking this option, especially graduate students.
 - a) Ramifications include, but are not limited do: future degree programs needing to see a particular grade
 - 2. Some student populations, such as INTO students and graduate students, may not prefer to choose this option
 - C. Tentative deadline to complete form to receive the pass/fail option for undergraduate and graduate students – May 8th, 2020.
- V. Report of the Student Government Association
 - A. SGA will be holding open forums to allow students to express their concerns.
 - B. A return to normalcy is at the top of the agenda. SGA is reaching out to as many clubs and leaders as possible to allow for their voices to be heard, and to encourage them to keep as active as possible in the last eight weeks of the semester.

- C. SGA has not decided what they will be doing regarding electing their new members (generally occurs at the end of April)
 - 1. Advisor Denise Boneta – SUNY schools have been disallowed to host student government elections. This needs to be kept in mind as SGA makes a decision.
 - 2. SAC will likely follow the decision SGA makes – namely, if SGA pushes elections to the fall, then so will the SAC.

- VI. New Business
 - A. Dr. Gabby St. Leger – graduation is being discussed by multiple groups and committees on campus. It has not been canceled at this time, virtual options are being looked at. Everything is still on the table at this time.
 - B. Additional resources that may be provided to students – resource guide for students to navigate academia during COVID-19.
 - C. Create a Zoom event for students to express their concerns about Hofstra University’s response to COVID-19, and what additional support they need from the institution.

- VII. Adjournment

Next Student Affairs Committee Meeting: Tuesday, April, 7, 2020, at 4:30-5:30 p.m., Zoom.