

# Student Affairs Committee Minutes

April 11, 2019

**Meeting Commenced**                      **5:00 PM**

## **Attendance**

*Dean of Students Gaby St. Leger*  
*Advisor Sam Kloeckener-Soszynski*  
*Chair Carissa Ramirez*  
*Senator Lily Chiagozie*  
*Senator Jess Kurtz*

## **Visiting**

NaQuavah Pinckney

- I. Approval of the Minutes from March 28, 2018
  - A. Motion to approve by Senator Kurtz
  - B. Seconded by Senator Chiagozie
- II. Chair Report
  - A. Initiative Update
    1. Working with Title IX Coordinator to fix language regarding unclear policy
    2. Drafting email language that will be used to tell student body when an update to the Title IX policies are made
      - a) To be sent in the fall semester after changes happen in the summer
  - B. Senate Executive Committee Updates
    1. They are very impressed with the range of initiatives coming out of this committee
    2. They are looking forward to meeting new students on the committee
  - C. SCREAN
    1. Wednesday, April 24th from 10:00-11:00am in 411 Axinn
    2. Need a student representative
      - a) Senator Kurtz may be able to come from 10:30-11:00am after class
  - D. SAC Elections
    1. There was an email sent out to the entire student body
    2. Please encourage your underclassmen friends to get involved

3. We need a new chair, please reach out if you are interested in taking over
  - a) Great leadership opportunity
  - b) Not too much of a time commitment compared to other advocacy or leadership roles on campus

### III. Senator Reports

#### A. Senator Kurtz

1. ASL
  - a) Talking with Dr. Welch to gauge where the department is with ASL being added to the language department
2. Met with Kelly Rose from SGA who is leading an accessibility committee/initiatives
  - a) Coming up with wording for the SGA Student Appreciation Week survey next year
  - b) Signage for elevators for people to report if broken
  - c) Music fest mats to make the field wheelchair accessible
  - d) Wheelchair chargers to be put on campus

#### B. Senator Chiagozie

1. Had previous food initiative but they have not responded at all
  - a) Wants to look into the creation of an advisory board for Compass
  - b) Students need to be updated before breaks because there is little to no food for students with dietary restrictions
    - (1) DOS St. Leger: maybe we can add a part of the application that asks people to identify their food allergies or dietary restrictions
      - (a) The information would go into the Banner system and used to send emails to specific students with certain dietary needs
      - (b) Research should be done into whether or not other schools do this

- (c) Admissions should be a part of this conversation because that is where the application process starts and when this information would need to be gathered

#### IV. Student Government Association Report

##### A. What's Happening at Hofstra

1. In the future, maybe do some restructuring of the event so all concerns brought from the Fall are addressed in some way, even if there is no concrete/substantial change
  - a) Maybe: Updates about Previous Concerns (brought up during Town Hall), New/Unrelated Updates, Speeches, etc.

##### B. Election Ticket Debate was yesterday

1. Elections are 17th and 18th

#### V. Dean of Students Report

##### A. SAPA Job Search

1. Skype interviews have started
2. Next step is final three candidates being brought to campus
  - a) Open forums that candidates have to share their vision for the position and answer student questions
  - b) Lunches for candidates with students
    - (1) Monday, April 29th
    - (2) Thursday, May 2nd
    - (3) Friday, May 3rd

##### B. Meeting tomorrow to have brainstorming session with Bob Brinkman

1. Wants to make sure graduate students are not being neglected

##### C. Online Reporting System

1. Assisting the project manager
2. Will need student beta testers to see if questions make sense and reporting process works as intended

3. Hoping to have system up and running by the fall
- D. Had meeting with Kathleen Wallace
1. DSA is going to look into how to correct things happening in the classroom and take a proactive approach
  2. Proposal to have DSA staff work with faculty to help them be able to address issues of potential concern

**Meeting Adjourned 5:30 PM**

**Motion to adjourn by Advisor St. Leger**

**Seconded by Senator Kurtz**