

AGENDA
Student Affairs Committee
Zoom
Wednesday, April 22, 2020
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

- I. Approval of minutes from February 26, 2020
 - A. Senator Crofts moves to approve the minutes.
 1. Motion passes unanimously.
- II. 2020-2021 Academic School Year Updates
 - A. Hofstra is creating various contingency plans for the upcoming academic year.
 1. Two options that have gained traction in preliminary discussions:
 - a) Hofstra, for this year only, starts the fall semester in January (closed from Summer Session III until January), runs the semester through the beginning of April. A short break, then the spring semester from April-July. Classes resume as normal for Summer Sessions in 2021, as well as Fall 2021.
 - b) Hofstra, for this year only, switches to a four quarter system, rather than two semesters. Q1 would be presumed as distance learning-exclusively. Hopefully, students can move in and resume either a hybrid model of classes, or a full in-person experience starting Q2.
 2. Hofstra is looking at all options, including the possibility of reducing tuition of classes, if they are online.
 - a) This would be particularly challenging, though, since Hofstra has felt extreme financial effects due to COVID-19.
 - b) Hofstra needed to refund \$17M in Spring 2020 housing costs, will no longer have \$1M in conference revenue for Summer 2020, \$2M in summer camp revenue for Summer 2020, and is preparing for a large loss in residential revenue for Fall 2020.
 3. Hofstra is hoping to have a plan prepared to present to the university's constituents for Fall 2020 by the middle of May.
 4. Student Government Association held forums throughout the week regarding student feedback on Hofstra and COVID-19.

- a) Students are concerned about the quality of education as the university switches to distance learning.
- b) LHCOMM students are unable to use equipment to complete projects, students in science labs are not able to perform labs, drama students are unable to finish the shows they have been preparing for, among other student groups.
- c) There is a sentiment among some students that if Hofstra is online next semester, students would take a gap semester.
- d) A letter was passed through SGA Senate addressed to faculty, in an effort to ask for understanding throughout these difficult times.

III. Senate Elections

A. We will need new senators next year!

- 1. Chair Harb and Senator Crofts will both be graduating.
- 2. Encourage your friends to run.

IV. Calendar Committee

A. Calendar for upcoming academic year released by Calendar Committee.

V. Student Engagement for 2020 and Beyond

A. How can we have Hofstra students remain engaged with the university, their classes, and with each other?

- 1. SAC Advisor Outlaw: professor in Zarb school offers mindfulness sessions for all of campus, but only Zarb students are being informed.
 - a) SGA VP Dimes suggests contacting Denise Boneta from OSLE to reserve a spot on the next What's Happening at Hofstra email.
- 2. Senator Romeo suggests a "get up and move" campaign, to run through Hofstra and the Hofstra Rec center.
- 3. SAC Advisor Outlaw suggests a general Zoom room to open weekly for all students, faculty, and staff to partake in, in an effort to simulate people interacting in the Student Center.
- 4. Senator Crofts notes that students will often feel most normal if they are speaking to the people they previously were. Encouraging all clubs to

continue interacting to the best of their ability will make students feel engaged.

5. Senator Romeo suggests a positivity campaign, in an effort to make students realize the positivity around them.

VI. Adjournment

A. Senator Crofts moves to adjourn the meeting.

1. Motion passes unanimously.