



**Agenda of the 85th Senate**  
**Hofstra University Student Government Association**  
**May 1st 2020**  
**Zoom University**

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:06 EST

**A. Quorum Call**

- a. Quorum set at 24

**B. Special Business**

**a. Nominations**

**i. Comptroller**

- 1. **Senator Hotaling Nominates Senator Cote**
  - a. **Motion Seconded**
  - b. **Accepts**
- 2. **Senator Fletcher nominates Senator Kaludis**
  - a. **Motion Seconded**
  - b. **declines**

**ii. Appropriations**

- 1. **Senator DeBiso nominates Senator Liebowitz**
  - a. **Motion Seconded**
  - b. **Accepts**
- 2. **Senator Mobley nominates Senator McCluskey**
  - a. **Seconded**
  - b. **Accepts**

**iii. Club Resources**

- 1. **Senator Connolly-Sisk Nominates Senator Khandelwal**
  - a. **Motion Seconded**
  - b. **Accepts**

**iv. Communications**

- 1. **Senator Hotaling Nominates Senator Harley**
  - a. **Motion Seconded**



- 7. **Senator Aquino Nominates Senator Potula**
    - a. **Motion Seconded**
    - b. **Accepts**
- vii. **Equity and Inclusion**
  - 1. **Senator Walker Nominates Senator Perez**
    - a. **Motion Seconded**
    - b. **Accepts**
  - 2. **Senator Nominates Senator Mobley**
    - a. **Motion Seconded**
    - b. **Accepts**
  - 3. **Senator Khandelwal Nominates Senator Behm**
    - a. **Motion Seconded**
    - b. **Accepts**
  - 4. **Senator Shareef nominates Senator Potula**
    - a. **Motion Seconded**
    - b. **Accepts**
  - 5. **Senator Harley Nominates Senator Welch**
    - a. **Seconded**
    - b. **Declined**
- viii. **Facilities and Operations**
  - 1. **Senator Hotaling Nominates Senator DeBiso**
    - a. **Seconded**
    - b. **Accepts**
  - 2. **Senator Colon Nominates Senator Aquino**
    - a. **Motion Seconded**
    - b. **Accepts**
  - 3. **Senator Connolly- Sisk Nominates Senator O'Brien**
    - a. **Motion Seconded**
    - b. **Declined**
  - 4. **Senator Khalaf nominates Senator Walker**
    - a. **Motion Seconded**
    - b. **Accepts**
  - 5. **Senator Harley Nominates Senator Fletcher**
    - a. **Motion Seconded**
    - b. **Decline**
  - 6. **Senator Khandelwal Nominates Senator Harley**
    - a. **Motion Seconded**
    - b. **Declined**
  - 7. **Senator O'Brien Nominates Senator Cady**
    - a. **Motion Seconded**
    - b. **Declined**
- ix. **Wellness And Campus safety**
  - 1. **Senator Colon Nominates Senator O'Brien**

- a. **Motion Seconded**
    - b. **Accepts**
  - 2. **Senator Kahndelwal Nominates Senator Behm**
    - a. **Motion Seconded**
    - b. **Accepts**
  - 3. **Senator Connolly-Sisk Nominates Senator Fletcher**
    - a. **Motion Seconded**
    - b. **Declines**
- b. Chair Elections
  - i. Comptroller
    - 1. Senator Cote talks about why he should be fit for the role because of his prior experience towards the appropriations Committee for being on it for 2 years. He talks about the position and avoid certain amounts of money towards SGA budget
    - 2. Talks about internal allocations and what the chairs use the money for and works with the appropriations committee and making sure the money is distributed
    - 3. Explains the differences what SGA can spend versus other committees
      - a. Questions
        - i. Senator Connolly-Sisk
          - 1. Are there any apprehensions you have going into your position? How would you address it?
            - a. I worked with Rhea closely on appropriations
        - ii. Senator Colon - what kind of funding can be available to clubs do to COVID-19
          - 1. Clubs would be more active what we get is based on what we the enrollment is so it is hard to tell until we know that and
        - iii. Senator Khandelwal Moves to skip debate
          - 1. By a vote of 21-0-0 that motion passes
    - ii. Appropriations
      - 1. Senator Leibowitz
        - a. Spent the 2 last semesters as an associate in the appropriations Committee. His goal is to be able to reach a goal of 60% to send to clubs. He wants to be more approachable as a committee and expand more on the treasurer training. I think the committee will be vital when they come back
        - b. Questions
          - i. Senator Colon How will you react working with clubs
            - 1. We are both students and want to approach it well between the people having an issue with the funding

2. Senator Khandelwal How do you help other clubs to come to the treasurer training
  - a. I want to work better with the communications committee to help
3. Senator Aquino Is there anything you would change
  - a. Committee was ran well last year and the best way was to keep the same plan as last year

2. Senator McCluskey

- a. I am running for this position because I have been in the committee for a year already as an accounting major and I want to help with the guidelines and also work with the policy series for certain clubs that do not get certain funding. Also an issue was with the coaching fees and the clothing apparel. I want to work on helping clubs with making the budgets. I want to see our clubs thrive

- i. Senator Khandelwal

1. How could you help clubs come back to the treasurer trainings

- a. I think having it multiple times a months will help but i am not going force them.

- ii. Senator Walker

1. How has being in other committees helped you in this role has helped with a diverse background based on all the trainings

- iii. Senator Colon Moves to extend time 1 minute

1. Motion Seconded
2. Motion passed

- iv. Senator Colon

1. Being new to the position how is your leadership skill and staying laid back and listening to other clubs

- v. Senator Behm

1. Accopolla clubs has another organization that orders and they want to help
  - a. I will look into more information regarding that

- b. Debate For Senator Leibowitz

- i. Senator Colon

1. Was on appropriations with Aaron knew everything about the policy series and he would be a great chair

- 2. Senator Khandelwal
    - a. Senator Leibowitz is very dedicated and an amazing person to work with
  - c. Debate for Senator McCluskey
    - i. Senator Aquino
      - 1. His goal is to fit for other clubs and and open to change
    - ii. Senator Colon
      - 1. Hofstra concerts has big budgets and should be approached differently
  - d. Debate for Senator Leibowitz
    - i. Comptroller Cote
      - 1. Aaron was on my committee the whole year always present and very eager always knew the policy and knows the policy
  - e. Debate for Senator McCluskey
    - i. Senator Potula
      - 1. Had a slideshow and very dedicated to SGA
    - ii. Senator Congdon
      - 1. I would feel the most comfortable
  - f. Congrats Senator Leibowitz
- iii. Club Resources
    - 1. Senator Khandelwal
      - a. Zain was previous chair for this position he has been in many committees and should be able to work well with clubs
        - i. Questions
          - 1. Senator O'Brien based how busy you are how would you dedicate your time
            - a. I would be able to work better knowing I am on less committees from 3 to 2. I saw one issue and many clubs had an issue because we didn't have many check-ins and I want to increase that.
          - 2. Senator Behm
            - a. Would you make more clubs readily available to SGA
              - i. I can check and make it more clear but OSLE has certain guidelines
        - ii. Senator Colon moves to skip debate and go to a vote
          - 1. Motion Seconded
          - 2. Motion Passed
      - iii. Congratulations to Chair Khandelwal

iv. Communications

1. Senator Aquino

a. Is very passionate towards SGA Communications and has a main objective towards increasing social media and has a few ideas to increase it. I want to work on all social media, not just one. I want to have regular meetings with clubs and want to publish more to help students and can't wait to share more ideas that I have and can't wait to help if i make this position

b. Questions

i. Senator Hotaling

1. What are some outlets would you use and continue to use them and would you want to increase the advertising we get work on a weekly wrap up video.

a. Maybe have a senator on the show or work on the chronicle about having a certain feature.

ii. Senator Mobley

1. How would handle the committee incase the senators do not want to do their work

a. I think as a leader to lead by example and hold others accountable.

2. Senator Colon

a. I am an upcoming senior. I have been in SGA for 3 years now and have been the social chair last year. I helped update the SGA Constitution last year. I worked on helping conduct it through linkedin and helped others. ?? I have been a part of the PR now COmmunications committee before and helped ROsaria during the summer to get ready for the elections. She did an amazing job and wants to increase the use of the chronicle. I want to increase our usage by having a representative at the SGA meetings on Thursday, it is an easy way to get students and faculty to work and see what we are doing better. This will be an ongoing issue that I want to resolve. I worked to make the templates and graphic designs in the committee, and would be great for the position

3. Question Senator O'Brien

a. What resources would you use?

i. I have a connection with Melanie and would love to work better in the Chronicle. I want to work with Carley Weinstein and Colin Sullivan to work with the takeover

b. Senator Mobley

- i. How would you combat the issue if senators do not want to work
          - 1. I would have a canva tutorial and it would be easy to use.
  - c. Senator Welch
    - i. Is there a way you can work with organizations and schools to see what their ideas would be
      - 1. Definitely I would want to follow other SGA accounts.
4. Senator Walker
  - a. I am a rising junior and political science major. I am from Texas and my second year serving in SGA I have worked with It's On Us. I also worked as Ethics Conduct Chair and that helped me grow as a student and end up passing a resolution. I have been dedicated to the Communications committee. I also have been working with many leaders. Our social media platform I want to continue using our themes that we have done previously. I want to hold weekly events with other clubs or other schools and I want to spotlight other clubs on campus to help them and support them. I want to have a mentor of the committee working with the chronicle or even have them go to their meeting as well. I want to create more flyers and advertise it on campus. I would love
5. Senator Welch extends speaking time by 15 seconds
  - a. Motion Seconded
  - b. Motion Passed
6. Questions
  - a. Senator Mobley
    - i. How would you engage with the committee and help them do the work as well
      - 1. The biggest way would be to have everyone in a certain role. I do not want to force people to do work but have them do things that they enjoy doing.
7. Debate for Senator Aquino
  - a. Senator Connolly-Sisk
    - i. She is very driven
    - ii. CHair Khandelwal
      - 1. was driven and a great face in SGA
  - b. Senator Potula
    - i. She is very passionate and driven
8. Debate for Senator Colon
  - a. Senator Harley



- i. She has been on many committee goals to achieve the and knows the resources to take
      - b. Chair Khandelwal
        - i. Very driven and is great for this job
      - c. Senator O'Brien
        - i. She has an english major and minor and is very driven and did a great job as social chair and almost the only member that mentioned the university relations
        - ii. Sen Fletcher
          - 1. It is very important to work with the chronicle
9. Debate for Senator Walker
  - a. Senator Welch
    - i. She has been driven and I know her well and she is very passionate towards this role
    - ii. She has many ideas I am in favor of
  - b. Senator Connolly-Sisk
    - i. I worked with Sen Walker and is very passionate she puts her all into everything she does
    - ii. Sen Congdon
      - 1. A lot is about first impression because i am new and has excellent ideas
  - c. Congratulations to Chair Colon
- v. Programming
  - 1. Senator Paturzo has worked with programming and worked closely with the previous chair when unable to attend. She wants to work with programs and I want to work with cubs and not just sports. I have really big shoes to fill
    - a. Questions
      - i. Chair Colon- How can you expect for the committee to function if we are still online in the fall?
        - 1.
    - b. Senator Connolly-Sisk
      - i. How do you think COVID-19 can reflect on programming
        - 1. I want to help other clubs
    - c. Chair Khandelwal moves to skip debate
      - i. Motion Seconded
      - ii. Motion Passed
- vi. Academic Affairs
  - 1. Senator Connolly-Sisk
    - a. I am hoping to be the new chair, so to start I have three facts. I want to continue working on the 18th credit fee that was just passed in the 84th. I want to continue working on the dialogue

that we started. I want to hold Hofstra accountable. I want to enforce recorded lectures to help the students either study or for better notes. I want to work on getting better notes. My other project is getting students the opportunity to help either before or after school. I want to brainstorm with my committee if we cannot be on campus this Fall.

i. Questions

1. Chair Colon

- a. With the semester cut short how can you take over where it left off?

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2. Senator Hotaling

- a. As we are online now how can you help first year students used to

- i. I want to reach out to USenate and academic relations to assistance

3. Senator Welch

- a. If the school opens and students do not feel safe to come back would you do anything to help

- i. Yes I think it is an important issue. I think if we work with the professors it may work better in their respective time zones

b. Senator Potula

- i. Involved in the honors college and teach high school students. I can bring in new ideas with these experiences. I am approachable and hard working. We should have grade transparency and have professors using the platform.

2. Debate

a. Senator Hotaling for Sen Connolly Sisk

- i. She is a freshman senator and blossomed she didn't talk about her responsibilities and is passionate to SGA and very dedicated

ii. Chair Khandelwal

1. Very kind and is well respected

iii. Chair Colon

1. She is very dedicated especially working with archivist

b. Senator Welch for Sen Potula

- i. I haven't met her but in her speech she was very passionate about her role.
      - c. Senator Walker for Sen Potula
        - i. It is hard being new and deserves a chance even though she is very busy and seems very nice.
    - 3. Congratulations to Chair Connolly-Sisk
  - vii. Equity and Inclusion
    - 1. Senator Mobley
      - a. My projects I want to see through VP Osner did a great job and I want to continue what she started. Some other thing that are my ideas are working on a language training and how to serve undocumented students and work closer with IEI. I also want to work with undocumented families, and the affinity groups with IEI. I want to help students that do not best identify with certain clubs. I want to advocate for all students and not just some. Internap projects such as a google form for identity based groups to put their events, and have members of the committee attend. For background about me, I used to be a canvasser in DC. I also will keep close contacts with the administration.
    - 2. Chair Colon moves to extend speaking time by 30 seconds
      - a. Motion Seconded
      - b. Motion Passed
    - 3. Questions
      - a. Senator Hotaling
        - i. With COVID-19 how would you address concerns and bullying towards certain groups on campus
          - 1. I will be working with affinity groups, and promoting on our SGA instagram.
      - b. Chair Colon
        - i. How would you work with the projects on campus
          - 1. We are one entity and i want to help everyone
    - 4. Senator Potula
      - a. I am from Chicago with a lot of diversity. I was shocked with the lack of diversity at Hofstra but found a place in the diversity program. I want freshmen to have more mentors, either diversity or first gen. We could also create a World Fair to celebrate all different cultures
      - b. Questions:
        - i. Chair Connolly-Sisk
        - ii. Are you apprehensive about going into a leadership position and how would you address that?

1. I feel that we should go towards organizations that help everyone that are dealing with the COVID-19 or immigration
      - iii. Senator Aquino:
        - I. How do you plan to connect with different offices on campus?
          1. I will go off of what we know and how we feel towards everyone and with everyone at Hofstra with our pages
    - c. Debate for Senator Mobley
      - i. Senator Walker
        1. Senator Mobley is very passionate and one of the reasons I joined SGA. I served on many committees with her and she is a great service chair and has had many ideas for service. She was a great addition to the committee
        2. Chair Colon
          - a. Senator Mobley is very dedicated and has so many ideas and has done so much for SGA and is very passionate about everything she does.
      - ii. Debate for Senator Potula
        1. Chair Connolly-Sisk
          - a. Rachel seems very passionate and wants to make things more diverse and I want to hear new voices around the table. She seems very passionate.
    - d. Congratulations to Chair Mobley
- viii. Facilities and Operations
  1. Senator DeBiso
    - a. I have three areas I want to focus on and they are ResLife I want to help organize and I want to work with them on how they are going to be getting cleaned more often post COVID-19 i want to continue to work on the work order initiative due to the pandemic it went on hold. Next I want to talk about PLANT because I want to revamp the cleaning especially on the academic side and help update the doors to make it more accessible. Next i want to work with Compass dining and moore self serve areas and update the kiosk because these are the most important parts there
  2. Questions
    - a. Chair Sisk

- i. If we are not on campus how can you help your Committee
      - 1. I think we can work online and help update and work on campus
    - b. Sen Hotaling
      - i. How can you ensure students do not use the ADA areas instead of all students
        - 1. I would work on updating all doors instead of just a few
- 3. Senator Aquino
  - a. I am on campus so much because many students feel like they are at home when at Hofstra I am eager to work with this committee because there is so much to do especially being a brand new committee. My main focus is to continue working on the library renovations, working with ResLife and dealing with Plant. We did not do that much because we went online but hope to get more done soon. I do not see complications but I see them as issues that we should still work on.
- 4. Senator Walker
  - a. I want to work with the Sustainability campus improvements and accessibility on campus. This just shows how much more work there is to be done on campus. I want to work on the sustainability initiative done and I want to work on getting recycling items throughout campus. I want to make a way that students can make changes to campus and make a way to submit your issues that you have to get resolved
- 5. Debate
  - a. Senator DeBiso
    - i. Chair Connolly-Sisk
      - 1. I have known Maxie for a while and she is a firecracker since she stepped onto campus and has been very diverse. I believe she will do very well at the position
    - ii. Senator Hotaling
      - 1. She is very passionate and had a big growth in SGA and always came in with good ideas and always happy and always acting professional she has spoke to a lot of administration and also been in Blue/Gold leadership
  - b. Senator Aquino
    - i. Chair Colon
      - 1. Bernice is very passionate and she will be ready to go if elected.

- ii. Senator O'Brien
      - 1. She is a very detailed orientated person, always willing to learn and work.
  - c. Senator Walker
    - i. Chair Conolly-Sisk
      - 1. She has clear outlined plans and put together a great presentation and she has a lot of passion.
      - 2.
    - ii. Senator Welch
      - 1. I have worked with Gigi a bunch of times this semester. We couldn't have accomplished as fast what we did without her. She gave priority to our initiatives and I liked her point on having students submit complaints for residents.
    - iii. Congratulations to Chair Aquino
- ix. Wellness and Campus Safety
  - 1. Senator O'Brien
    - a. Our goal is to increase services on campus. I want to focus on mental health services. I want to work closer with Gutman and Public Safety to work closer on dealing with students. Professors should not be able to deny anything to let the students advance in their classes. I want to also work with Public Safety and wellness center and updating and working their systems to help the changes on campus. I want to help with Zoom Programs to
  - 2. Chair Sisk moves to extend time by 45 seconds
    - a. Motion Seconded
    - b. Motion Passed
  - 3. Questions
    - a. Comptroller Cote
      - i. Seeing this committee change, how can you extend the role to work with the changes.
        - 1. I want to have point people and extend the resources that we are dealing with on campus. I want to work with social media
    - b. Chair Colon
      - i. What would you change with the committee
        - 1. Well we didn't have the branches and I want to continue building off of that and the semester was cut short so get back and extend it.
    - c. Chair Sisk Moves to skip debate
      - i. Motion Seconded
      - ii. Motion Passed
    - d. Congratulations to Chair O'Brien

**C. E Board Reports**

**i. President - T. Stark**

- 1. If you didn't get the position you wanted please do not be discouraged and Cabinet updates**

**ii. Vice President - A. Osner**

- 1. We are passionate for everyone this year and are very excited to see change.**

**iii. Secretary - C. Greenberg**

- 1. Archivist Role**
- 2. Ethics**
- 3. Group Me**

**iv. Comptroller - N. Cote**

**D. For Good Of The Order**

**E. Announcements**

**F. Snap Cup**

**G. Adjournment**

**a. Senator Hotaling Moves to adjourn the meeting**

**i. Motion Seconded**

**ii. Motion Passed**

- 1. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM EST**