



Agenda of the 85th Senate

Hofstra University Student Government Association
August 20, 2020
Zoom University

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM EST

A. Quorum Call

- a. Quorum set at 14

B. New Business

- a. J.O. 2020.85.001

- i. A member of a club reached out to Chair Khandelwal explaining that they believe an error in the election and the process along with slander, this was brought to the Judicial Panel.

C. Special Business

- a. Open Letter

- i. President Stark and Wellness Chair O'Brien wanted to write a letter to the students about how we behave off campus regarding not wearing a mask about holding all people accountable
- ii. Reach out to all of Greek Life
- iii. Other clubs Leaders on Campus
- iv. Also try and publish something in the chronicle
- v. The school is going to take precautions more details are going to follow in the next coming days
- vi. The SGA body looked at the email and made some edits or changes to be looked at after the meeting to be brought back to President Stark
 - 1. Chair Connolly-Sisk motions to table the letter until further edits are completed
 - a. Motion Seconded
 - b. Motion Passed

D. E-Board Reports

a. President

- i. Wants to start a new program within SGA and as leaders want to create something that is an SGA focus to first year students only to help them with transition and change to the Hofstra Life as we oversee a bunch of clubs**
- ii. Senator Fletcher**
 - 1. Is this a way to phase them into SGA**
 - a. Yes, it is also to help grow the associates in SGA. We want to help as the Freshman class will be all different**
 - 2. Fall elections update**
 - 3. Board of Trustees meeting**
 - a. Talked about the opening and relying on the honor system**
 - b. Asked SGA to be a role model and help to hold us to be accountable**
 - c. Talked about Cabinet retreat**
 - d. Clarification about students on and off campus**

b. Vice President

- i. Cabinet retreat is this weekend it is over zoom**
- ii. Recap will come from your cabinet**
- iii. Senate retreat is Sept 26**
 - 1. We Will have a bunch of speakers**
- iv. Ignore office hours until further notice**
- v. Service hours need to happen still**
- vi. Senate Next week details**
 - 1. From BLM Leaders asking for changes on campus they will be in attendance on Thursday**

E. For Good of the Order

F. Announcements

G. Adjournment

- a. Senator Hotaling Moves to adjourn the meeting**
 - i. Motion Seconded**
 - ii. Motion Passed**
 - 1. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM EST**

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J.O.2020.85.001
[REDACTED]: Majority Opinion

The constitution of a club is meant to be its guiding document, outlining policies and methodologies that it aims to uphold. It is one of SGA's responsibilities to ensure that clubs adhere to their constitutions. In the case of the [REDACTED], SGA recognizes that the error was not made out of any malicious intent, but rather due to the issue of a miscommunication. Due to the Judicial Panel consisting of only one Justice, the members of Cabinet were asked to fill in for the Judicial Panel.

The Club Resources Chair, Gopal Khandelwal, was contacted by [REDACTED], a member of the [REDACTED] E-board, on the 29th of June, 2020, in an email signed by several other members of the E-board. The email outlined that a specific section of the constitution had been breached, specifically Article IV Section 2, requiring a debate between candidates following a tie. Allegations were also made that [REDACTED], the previous [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] used slanderous remarks to degrade the character of [REDACTED], a candidate in the election.

Chair Khandelwal met with Denise Boneta, the mutual advisor for the [REDACTED] and SGA, and then held a meeting with the Chief Justice Palak Maniani, SGA President Tara Stark and SGA Vice President Alexa Osner. It was during this meeting that Chair Khandelwal was given the authority to form an Ad Hoc Chronicle Investigation Committee, which dissolved once its function was completed. The Ad Hoc Committee was composed of Chair Khandelwal as well as Senator Kathryn Harley, Senator Michael Hotaling, and Senator Bryan Perez. The Ad Hoc Committee interviewed all members involved that night, and collected over two and a half hours worth of interviews. All of these interviews were handed over for the hearing.

On Sunday, August 16th, the hearing convened with the following members present: Chief Justice Palak Maniani, Academic Affairs Chair Khiya Connolly-Sisk, Communications Chair Antonella Colon, Equity and Inclusion Chair Maria Mobley, Facilities and Operations Chair Bernice Aquino, and Wellness and Campus Safety Chair David O'Brien. The hearing was witnessed by President Tara Stark, Vice President Alexa, Secretary Charlie Greenberg, and Club Resources Chair Gopal Khandelwal.

After extensive deliberation, the Panel came to a decision. Based upon Chair Khandelwal's recommendation, the Panel chose to elect both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as [REDACTED], keeping [REDACTED] as [REDACTED]. The Panel chose to keep this subject to the approval of the [REDACTED] E-board and the wishes of all three of the candidates. Should the majority of the [REDACTED] E-board or the three candidates reject this solution, they shall schedule a re-election with the Club Resources Chair as soon as possible.

As per the request of an individual in the investigation, the members of the Cabinet do hereby affirm that they presided over this case with no bias for or against any of the members running or involved in the [REDACTED] or its investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Palak Maniani
Chief Justice

Khiya Connolly-Sisk
Academic Affairs Chair

Antonella Colon
Communications Chair

Maria Mobley
Equity and Inclusion Chair

Bernice Aquino
Facilities and Operations Chair

David O'Brien
Wellness and Campus Safety Chair

Gopal Khandelwal
Club Resources Chair

Witnessed by,

Tara Stark
President

Alexa Osner
Vice President

Charlie Greenberg
Secretary