

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



Agenda of the 85th Senate **Hofstra University Student Government Association** **September 3rd 2020** **Zoom University**

Call to order

Meeting Called to order at 6:30 PM

A. Quorum Call

- a. Quorum Set at 23

B. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Approval of Senate Minutes from 8/27
 - i. Senator DeBiso Moves to pass the Senate Minutes
 - 1. Motion Seconded
 - 2. Motion Passed
- b. Approval of Cabinet Minutes from 9/2
 - i. Chair Connolly-Sisk moves to pass the cabinet minutes
 - 1. Motion Seconded
 - 2. Motion Passed

C. E-Board Reports

- a. President - T. Stark
 - i. Has a Big meeting with all of Higher ups on Campus Friday 9/4
- b. Vice President - A. Osner
 - i. First year program just launched
 - ii. Mentorship program
- c. Comptroller - N. Cote
 - i. Talking about numbers
- d. Secretary - C. Greenberg
 - i. Social Chair Update
 - ii. Brief update regarding the agendas

D. Committee Chair Reports

- a. Appropriations - A. Liebowitz
 - i. Revised Policy Series
- b. Club Resources - G. Khandelwal

- i. No Official Meeting
 - 1. Elections are happening
 - 2. Packets due 9/8 at 4:30
 - 3. We will need a new chair in the Spring Semester
 - c. Communications - A. Colon
 - i. Made lots of graphic this week
 - ii. Also ordered stickers for all senators
 - d. Programming - A. Paturzo
 - i. Having a scavenger hunt spoon and more programming updates coming soon
 - e. Academic Affairs - K. Connolly-Sisk
 - i. Having a bunch of meetings regarding academics and technology on campus
 - f. Equity & Inclusion - M. Mobley
 - i. Having many meetings coming up about the resolution
 - ii. We Will need a chair for the spring semester
 - g. Facilities & Operations - B. Aquino
 - i. Worked on a survey to send out to students
 - ii. Pride Pantry
 - h. Wellness & Campus Safety - D. O'Brien
 - i. Talked about COVID Letter
 - ii. Committee is working on what other schools are doing
 - i. Chair Khandelwal moves to pass all minutes
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed
- E. For Good of the Order**
- F. Announcements**
- G. Snap Cup**
- a. Chair Connolly-Sisk moves to suspend the rules
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed
 - b. SGA Advisor Boneta Moves to adjourn the meeting
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed

Agenda of the 85th Senate

Hofstra University Student Government Association

August 27, 2020

Zoom University Hofstra Edition

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM EST

A. Quorum Call

- a. Quorum set at 26

B. Special Business

- a. BLAC Presentation and Dialogue

- i. 3 People from BLAC to present to Senate

- 1. BLAC is an organization that was started to help with inclusiveness on campus and they are joined with other organizations on campus.

- a. Demand for the Zero Tolerance Hate Policy

- i. Talking about the racial equities on campus before a story is posted they have to fill a survey regarding if they have a follow up towards what they are asking for.

- b. Support Mental Health

- i. Working towards getting a permanent Black Counselor in the SHACC it is hard to start over every time in your appointment. We are asking for more. Other than these few people there are not a lot of staff and we need more.

- 1. Senator Fletcher

- a. Do we know if the mental health supervisors that work in the SHACC are required to take anti-Racism training?

- i. We are not sure we will find out.

- 2. Chair O'Brien and Senator Behm

- a. Do you know how many black Counselors there are and how many do you want?

- i. There are none and we want some. People have had to switch over the years and it makes the healing process hard.

- c. We demand for our own Space

- i. The environment in IEI is not big enough and the focus is not big enough. We want our own space and separate advisor. This space we feel cramped here and people look at us when we walk into IEI

- ii. We suggested some spaces on campus that would not be exclusive but we want it black focused.

- 1. Senator Fletcher

- a. Do you have any spaces on campus

- i. The OSAPA Wing, Deans Wing, Pride Den

- 2. Chair Aquino

- a. The response to the admin if there was any
 - i. We talked to other admin we had some but not all the people we need present they hear our demands but there is a system and the people are not in the meeting at the time we want the space by next semester
 - ii. We would prefer the full list of our demands and we would want a black person for this job.
- d. We demand Amnesty for Demonstrations
 - i. We do not have any demonstrations yet but we are asking for amnesty in case they want to demonstrate at a later point.
 - 1. Chair Connolly-Sisk
 - a. What can SGA do to help with Amnesty?
 - i. I think if SGA can make a statement that would be good as a way to back them up. We can draft this now or later, Having public backing will help a lot even making it public
 - 2. Chair Khandelwal
 - a. We are unsure of why the Amnesty demand was included because it was part of your first amendment right
 - i. We listed it in case they hold my diploma and other consequences that the school has Hofstra is a private school and they might not need to follow the rights of the US Citizens
- e. We demand mandatory “racism in the us” or RUS distribution courses.
 - i. It came to our attention after the George Floyd people are going to Hofstra from all over the world and this is racism. I think if it is taught more it would help people become more knowledgeable. We want this on the Mandatory in able to graduate

1. Senator DeBiso

a. What type of materials are needed for this course

- i. We could do Selma other movies and authors like Toni morrison talk about racism is general We are still trying to work that out Besides of books and movies it isnt just about racism there is more war on drugs criminal background, slavery, a lot of riots cival stuff was not peaceful. Black history starts with slavery. More other topics of history, Fredick Douglas

2. Senator Welch

a. You are ok with help from faculty when creating these courses

- i. It is not our job to create the course. We are paying for the course to learn not to teach it
- ii. The American History courses especially the black history courses

f. We demand that black history be taught in American history courses

- i. See More info Above
- ii. We are pushing it so it can be taught so it can not be erased from teh history not just slavery and not just the oppression we face

g. We demand a revamp of the African studies major

- i. We talked about this with the black staff on campus and tying the africancan LLC not many courses offered to graduate in a 4 year program like most majors

h. We demand that Public Safety be accountable for racism

- i. Public Safety is racist not going into more detail but we all of stories people complain and it gets looked at by Public Safety and usually ignored we want everyone to go through mandatory anti biased training

1. Senator Welch

a. In the original one we want a separate committee that looks over of complaints

for public safety and how would you make sure the committee is diverse

- i. We need the Green light before we get in the nitty gritty of all the details. We will follow up if needed at a later point.
- b. If a public safety officer was a retired cop and if they used force in the force if anyone was used it during their time getting hired it should go towards the one that also have the job during excessive force you should get fired and background checks to become an officer

2. Senator Fletcher

- a. Regarding Defunding would you be for the way public safety works and responding to mental health I believe that it is currently being worked on I can't say for this but I believe it is an issue

3. Chair O'Brien

- a. The rebranding of campus if you want to meet with my committee or wants to move forward let me know and I can work with you

- i. We would love to attend

4. Senator DeBiso

- a. As a student who works with Public Safety how would this work

- i. It would work the same way because they are hired as students

- i. We demand the complete removal of the Jefferson Statue from campus

- i. We are clear with the removal and he has no significance to be on the Hofstra Community he was one of the biggest slave owners as well as a president

- j. We demand the addition of a mandatory racism seminar during welcome week

- i. There should be something during welcome week talk about not being racist because they have one for not to drink but not to be racist

1. Chair khandelwal

- a. Is this first year students
 - i. This is geared to be first year students as an activity apart of welcome week there is something during orientation I believe it was a activity they are different talking about an identity not about racism
 - 2. Chair Mobley
 - a. We are trying to work on a curriculum now
- k. We demand Diverse food options
 - i. Food is a big part of your culture the food choices at hofstra are not that ethnic we would like to see more cuisines from Africian places or other locations and retention is big on campus and this can open other groups eyes
- l. We demand the acknowledgement of the racism experienced on campus
 - i. The email about George Floyd was too vague
 - 1. Senator Doherty
 - a. Is there anything SGA can do to address it on campus we are trying to meet with rabinowitz and he is very responsive to certain people we are trying to make an appointment with him and it is very hard President Stark and Vice President Osner meet with them monthly we will set up an email to meet with him together.
 - ii. Chair Aquino
 - 1. Have you met with compass
 - a. No, we met with the dean. It took almost 2 hours to go through 4 demands.
 - iii. Senator Fletcher
 - 1. Hofstra should reach out to small businesses and help them especially with food options either with events. It is making it hard to get food. BSU hosted an event it was very hard to get food organized off campus is was a dense process at least make it easier for them or sign a waiver that the club is responsible for people that get sick from off campus food

- m. We demand for a BIPOC Living Learning Community
 - i. It is centered around everybody and not exclusive we have a meeting next week, we are going to push for this next year and it may hurt we would put this in a survey and receive some results
 - n. We demand for Diversity of our Professors
 - i. We acknowledge this or a white professor or another race there should be more representation of black professors on campus.
 - ii. Senator Harley
 - 1. Have you reached out to USenate
 - a. Not yet but we will
 - 2. We are closing this out to explain and show the demands
 - a. We will have some students work on a resolution and we will sign this and have people talk about it
 - 3. The food is very important and the campus is very bad with cultural food if compass believes they can make it they will make it
 - 4. Comptroller Cote
 - a. Moves to suspend the rules to go the minutes
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed
 - b. Covid letter
 - i. Talked about revisions to the letter that we saw to send to the school
 - ii. Made corrections
 - iii. Multiple Senators moves to pass some edits to the letter
 - 1. Motion Seconded
 - 2. Motion passed
 - a. By a vote of 13-9-0
 - iv. Senator Harley moves to pass the the Covid Letter
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Motion Passed
 - a. by a vote of 24-0-0
- C. New Business
- D. Approval of Minutes
 - a. All Summer Minutes
 - i. Cabinet Meetings
 - 1. Chair Connolly-Sisk moves to pass the summer cabinet minutes
 - a. Motion Seconded
 - b. Motion Passed
 - ii. Senate Meetings
 - 1. Chair Khandelwal moves to pass the Summer Senate Minutes
 - a. Motion Seconded
 - b. Motion Passed

- iii. Special Meeting from 8/20
 - 1. Senator Congdon moves to pass special meeting minutes
 - a. Motion Seconded
 - b. Motion Passed
 - b. Cabinet Minutes from 8/26
 - i. Chair Connolly-Sisk moves to pass the cabinet minutes
 - 1. Motion Seconded
 - 2. Motion Passed

E. E-Board Reports

- a. President - T. Stark
 - i. Sent out the weekly email
 - ii. Excited to start senate for the school year
- b. Vice President - A. Osner
 - i. Mandatory senate retreat September 26th
 - ii. Explains what retreat is
- c. Comptroller - N. Cote
 - i. Working on rollbacks
 - ii. Working with Mike Devlin and Pat Jensen
 - iii. All SGA recognized clubs will get \$1000 grant
 - iv. All should be done by next week
- d. Secretary - C. Greenberg
 - i. Attendance is very important please email Ethics and myself before the meeting not after
 - ii. Google Docs with zoom codes and calendar coming soon
 - iii. Please fill out my form it is crucial that this gets done

F. Committee Chair Reports

- a. Appropriations - A. Liebowitz
 - i. Working on policy series and modifications that have been modified and other events happening later
 - 1. Chair Khandelwal moves to adjourn the Appropriations Allocations
 - a. Motion Seconded
 - b. Motion Passed
- b. Club Resources - G. Khandelwal
 - i. Signed up for Elections
 - ii. Elections are happening
- c. Communications -A. Colon
 - i. Wellness Wednesday
 - ii. Received a lot of likes for our mask photo
- d. Programming - A. Paturzo
 - i. What will programming look like during these crazy times
- e. Academic Affairs - K. Connolly-Sisk
 - i. Very productive meeting talked about what future meetings
- f. Equity & Inclusion - M. Mobley

- i. Great first meeting it was productive
 - ii. Have a meeting tomorrow at 11 regarding mental health
 - iii. Wants help with this resolution
- g. Facilities & Operations - B. Aquino
 - i. Survey about other items on campus
- h. Wellness & Campus Safety - D. O'Brien
 - i. First meeting went over It's On Us Ambassador
 - ii. Talked about branding services and wellness
 - iii. Will reach out to Dr. Gutham
- i. Chair Connolly-Sisk moves to pass the committee minutes
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed

G. For Good of the Order

H. Announcements

I. Snap Cup

J. Adjournment

- a. Senator Doherty Moves to adjourn the meeting
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed

1. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM



Cabinet Agenda

Zoom Room

September 2, 2020

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Meeting called to order at 8:02 PM
- II. Pep Talk with T&A
 - A. Quick Updates
 - 1. Denise
- III. Peak and Pit - High Low Butterfly
- IV. Pres and VP Updates
 - A. Meeting with Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Jean Peden Christodoulou and Dean of Students St. Leger on Friday
 - B. Meeting with President Rabinowitz Friday
 - C. First year program
 - 1. SGA mentors probably due 9/15
- V. Comptroller Updates

- A. Nothing much got in touch with Denise
- VI. Secretary Updates
 - A. Social Chair
 - B. Minutes
 - C. NEXT WEEK IS NON OPERATIONAL
- VII. Chair Check-Ins
 - a. Appropriations
 - i. Pretty quiet with clubs right now
 - b. Academic Affairs
 - i. Last Friday met with Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Jean Peden Christodoulou
 - ii. Talked about Hofstra Wifi
 - c. Club Resources
 - i. Report Given by Vice President Osner
 - 1. Great Attendance for the Info Sessions
 - 2. Get more people if you are interested in joining please email SGA_elections@pride.hofstra.edu
 - d. Communications
 - i. Website updates
 - ii. Made Flyers for Various SGA events
 - e. Equity and Inclusion
 - i. Had a meeting with the Non Profit Group on Friday we will hear back from them in a few weeks
 - f. Facilities and Operations
 - i. Many meetings have been set up
 - ii. Pride Pantry updates email Pride Pantry to make a pickup
 - iii. Created a survey
 - g. Programming
 - i. Planning a few Programs now
 - ii. Working with Denise for making a scavenger hunt Socially Distance edition
 - iii. Working with Denise on Trivia Tuesday and Hofstra Votes
 - h. Wellness and Campus Safety
 - i. Meeting with Denise Tomorrow and future meetings in the works with various staff

VII. For Good of the Order

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Colon Moves to adjourn the meeting

Motion Seconded

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Appropriations Committee Minutes
Fall 2020 Weekly Meeting 2
08/31/20

Meeting Commenced 6:35 PM

Attendance

Attended

Chairman A. Liebowitz Comptroller N. Cote
Senator M. DeBiso Senator A. Rudder
Senator M. Hotaling Senator B. Welch

Absent:

Senator A. Patane Senator M. Behm

I. Policy Series Review

A. Discussed the Appropriations Policy Series.

1. Went through the drafted update of the Appropriations Policy Series from November 19, 2019 and commented on/revised the draft.

II. Club Allocations

A. No club submitted a budget for this meeting.

<i>Week 2 Allocations:</i>				
<i>Club Name:</i>	<i>Item:</i>	<i>Requested:</i>	<i>Allocated</i>	<i>Percentage</i>

				<i>Allocated</i>
<i>N/A</i>	N/A	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00	
	<i>Total</i>	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00	00.00%
		<i>Total Requested</i>	<i>Total Allocated</i>	<i>Total Percentage</i>
		\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00	00.00%

Meeting Adjourned 7:07 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Chairman Aaron Liebowitz

Communications Committee Minutes

Fall 2020 Weekly Meeting 2

09/01/2020

Meeting Commenced 6:35pm

Attended:

Chairwoman Bernice Aquino
Senator Thomas Doherty
Senator Afsah Fatima
Senator George Kaludis
Chairman David O'Brien
Chairwoman Antonella Colon

Absent:

Senator Nadine Khalaf (unexcused)

1. High/Low
2. Website
3. COVID Letter
 - a. Approval from Colin to send as a campus wide email
 - b. Also put on our link tree with a graphic
4. Graphics
 - a. SGA Office Hours- Thomas

- b. Weekly Club Office Hours- Afsah
 - c. Leaders for Leaders- David
- 5. Stickers Designs
 - a. Thank you Faith!
 - b. Two Designs picked out
- 6. Newsletter: Decorum For'em
 - a. Afsah as point person
 - b. Sent out through GIHU

Meeting Adjourned 7:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Antonella Colon

Communications Chairwoman

Programming Committee Minutes

Weekly Meeting #2

9/1/20

Meeting Commenced 6:30 PM

Attendance

Attended

Chair Maria Mobley
Senator Calob Congdon
Senator Rachel Potula
Senator Faith Schmack
Senator Gigi Walker
Chair Alexa Paturzo

Absent

Senator Kathryn Harley

- 1. Check-Ins
- 2. Programming Ideas
 - a. [Scav Hunt](#)
 - i. GW model vs Hofstra Model
 - ii. Campus wide; advertised to all classes

- iii. Creation of “riddles” and spots/checkpoints
 - iv. Creation of Teams
 - v. Prizes/Giveaways
 - vi. Halloween??
 - vii. Thoughts and opinions?
- b. Trivia Tuesdays
 - i. Alex Federico reached out to me to see if SGA was interested in participating
 - ii. Teams/Host
 - iii. Advertising
 - iv. Budgeting/co sponsoring event
- c. Movie Night on the Fields
 - i. Discuss logistics in one on one with Denise tomorrow
 - ii. Inclusive to all students; vote on movies
 - iii. Scary Movies in October??
- d. Hofstra Votes
 - i. Faith gave me some contact info (thank you!)
 - ii. Discuss further in detail with Denise
- 3. Programming Deputy
 - a. If interested in the position please reach out by Friday, September 4th! We can discuss logistics and expectations of the position in a one on one setting.
- 4. Housekeeping
 - a. Make sure to sign up for [office hours](#), you need 2 hours per month!
 - b. Sign up for [elections](#) as well, if you are a new senator make sure to sign up with a returning senator!
 - c. If you are interested in working with BLAC after they came to Senate, please contact Maria or like her message in the chat!
- 5. Questions?

Meeting Adjourned 7:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Paturzo

Programming Chair

Academic Affairs Committee Minutes
Fall 2020 Meeting #2
09/3/2020

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm est

Attendance

Attended

Chair Connolly-Sisk
Chair Paturzo
Senator Schanck
Senator Behm
Senator Congdon
Senator Kaludis

Absent

A. Introductions/Ice Breaker

a. Pit/Peak

B. Upcoming Meetings!

a. Ed Tech

b. Provost

C. Projects for this semester

- a. CUA/CAE
- b. Technology
- c. USenate

D. Things to keep in mind

- a. [Sign up](#) for elections!
- b. [Office Hours](#)
- c. Next Senate Alison Vernace is coming to visit

E. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm est

Respectfully Submitted,

Khiya Connolly-Sisk
Academic Affairs Chair

Equity and Inclusion Committee Minutes

Weekly Meeting #2

9/3/20

Meeting Commenced 6:02 PM

Attendance

Attended

**Senator Thomas Doherty
Senator Anja Rudder
Chair Antonella Colon
Chair Gopal Khandelwal**

Visitor

Absent

**Associate Bryan Perez
Senator Kathryn Harley**

1. Introductions: How was your day?
2. Check-ins
 - a. Subcommittees Assignment
 - i. Programming (Club Focused): Assisting Hola in their Latinx Breakfast
 1. Anto, Bryan (?)
 - ii. Outreach (Department Focused): Reaching out to IEI
 1. Anja, Thomas

- iii. Research: Researching issues at Hofstra and how other Universities deal with the same issues.
 - 1. Kathryn, Gopal
- b. Task for each subcommittee
 - i. Assigned. Due next committee.
- 3. Spring Semester Equity Chair
 - a. Contact me for information
- 4. SAC meeting on Friday
 - a. We will update next committee

Meeting Adjourned 6:32 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria Mobley
Equity and Inclusion Chair

Facilities & Operations Committee Minutes

F20 Weekly Meeting #2

9/3/20

Meeting Commenced 6:02pm

Attendance

Attended

Chair Bernice Aquino
Senator Benjamin Welch
Senator Maxie DeBiso

Absent

Senator Wiley Fletcher
Senator Nadine Khalaf

1. I. Survey Update
2. a. Survey draft
 - b. Using it as a referendum on elections ballot to reach more students
 - c. Any other survey questions? How to condense if needed?
 - d. Putting the survey on hold until I meet with administration
- II. Meetings with administrators

1. a. Dom Lavin, Joe Barkwill, Bruce Brechtle, Mike Ogazon, Beth McGuire, John Palasits
 - b. Would anyone be interested in joining me?
 - c. Anything you can think of for me to ask them?
 1. i. Professors using whiteboards during class, students can't see virtually
 - ii. Ask Beth – refund processing?
 2. 1. How is payment going to work if students want to come back on campus?
 2. Are remote students still being charged for meal costs/on campus costs? What will the refund process be like?
 - iii. Any future plans for next semester? If classes are going to go back to “normal”?
 - iv. What are the updated visitors' protocols for this semester? (ResLife)
3. 1. Any future programming for residents to boost that community feeling?
2. What's the reasoning behind locking lounges in residence dorms?
3. Are there any changes going to be made to visitors' rules in the future as the virus gets more controlled?
- III. Pride Pantry
4. a. PPE donations
 - b. Still in the works, waiting to hear back from Beth
 - c. May be able to use SGA funding or can ask other clubs on campus to make donations
- IV. Hofstra masks are unsafe?

a. Going around on Instagram

Committee Adjourned 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Bernice Aquino
Facilities & Operations Chair

Wellness & Campus Safety Committee Minutes

Weekly Meeting

Meeting #1

9/3/20

Meeting Commenced 6:00 PM

Attendance

Attended

**Senator Hotaling
Chair Liebowitz
Senator Ortiz
Senator Shareef
Senator Patane
Chair O'Brien**

Visitor

Absent

1. Weekly Recap
 - a. COVID Letter
 - b. Art with Impact
2. Budget
 - a. Does anyone have any ideas for other products
 - b. Event Handouts
3. It's On Us Ambassador
 - a. Reminder to look out for the position
4. Who's Who
 - a. Kathy Gallows
 - b. Phillips
5. Productive Ideas
 - a. Everyone please research what other schools are doing
6. Funding for masks and will Hofstra continue supplying students.
 - a. Rumor about masks not being effective. Contact Denise about issue

Meeting Adjourned 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
David O'Brien
Wellness & Campus Safety Chair