



Agenda of the 84th Senate
Hofstra University Student Government Association
December 6, 2019
CV Starr Rm 109

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:10

A. Quorum Call

- a. Quorum has been set at 21

B. Special Business

- a. Committee Chair Elections

- i. Chair Farooqui moves to open the floor for nominations
 1. Motion Seconded
 2. Motion Passed
- ii. Chair Farooqui nominates Senator Rose for Facilities and Operations
 1. Motion Seconded
 2. Motion Passed
- iii. Senator Colon nominates Senator Ortiz for Academic Affairs
 1. Motion Seconded
 2. Motion Passed

- b. Academic Affairs

- i. Senator O'Brien
 1. It is an honor to be nominated background history I have served as president in the past. We were in the background of the town hall and school board. He was elected in SGA last year as Student Services and Rules. For this committee we couldn't fund them for certain reasons. For this committee I want to serve as a liaison for clubs to help them out. We can work with them and help them get funding through their department. I think students should be able to address to their opinions about the classes. This committee could be a turning point for academic reasons. It was created for the students by the students. I would like to see more work done to help others. We should be able to have a networking panel.

I might not have the answers but I want to help and get answers and work with other committees to better serve the community.

ii. Questions

1. Senator McDonough
2. If I have an issue with the class and I go to this committee and explain their issue what could you do to help that a department chair cant do.
 - a. I think this committee is a perfect place for that because you now have students there to help you. It is no longer the student and professor.
3. Chair Alameda
 - a. What would your first step of chair be?
 - i. It is mainly communication and that is key. This is the time to go for it and get opinion
4. Comptroller Bathija
 - a. Can you explain the buddy system?
 - i. Through academic affairs work with other committees to help others. Let's say trying to check in and work with, to help them stay on track
5. Chair Firooz
 - a. Being a chair takes a lot of time do you think you can make the time and not affect your time
 - i. Yes I am in other clubs as well as SGA already I can manage my time properly In High School I was in 11 different clubs and organizations.

iii. Senator Ortiz

1. In 2017 I knew I wanted to attend HU that had many different needs and tools. Hofstra allows students to fulfill their ideas. My first priority is to enhance the committee to make it better for undergrads and still have a Hofstra life. I think there should be a student mentee program for the first two years. My next priority is to help the cost and access to improve affordability I want to get rid of the 18 credit fee forcing the school to make more money, I want to set up a fund to make the travel easier for students to get around. I recall the Academic Affairs Committee was removed with a new purpose and new name. My goal as AA chair has many different reasons and make more support within SGA for other students. I want to support everything at HU by learning staff. I believe all students deserve respect and there are far too many stories and I want to change that.

iv. Questions

1. Chair Osner
 - a. How are you going to manage your time being that you are a medical student already

- i. I've been taking an 18 credits so that's why I wasn't involved and I want to bring my plans forward
 - 2. Chair Alameda
 - a. What would be your first steps?
 - i. I don't want there to be any misunderstandings and make sure things get done
 - 3. Senator McDonough
 - a. Can you explain the workshops
 - i. I want to work with the academic excellence to make the workshops better and work directly with staff to provide info for the students
 - 4. Senator Connolly-Sisk
 - a. We have heard a push back how would you handle it
 - i. I am very flexible and open to participate and has other things to do and keep the fun going
 - 5. Senator McDonough
 - a. How do feel about the GPA limit
 - i. I would ask the senators and talk to Denise and clear up all the limits that is needed
 - 1. I want what others wants
 - 6. Chair Rielly
 - a. How would you get the mentor program work
 - i. I would pair them up and see how it works with first year and fourth year
- c. Debate
 - 1. Chair Firooz
 - a. I have known Senator O'Brien for a long time and he is very passionate about what he does and Lisa loves him and we love Lisa. Senator O'Brien is always reliable and is on top of his game
 - b. Chair Farooqui speaking for Senator Ortiz
 - i. Senator Ortiz has been working for Academic Affairs and wants to make improvements for the students and laid it out already and has more
 - ii. Senator Rose
 - 1. As she mentioned in her speech she already prepped so much and I think she will be a great fit
 - iii. Senator Khandelwal
 - 1. I haven't known David for a while but he will know his admin and he will be a great chairperson
 - iv. Chair Alameda

1. Senator O'Brien is always connected with the departments he is already working with the departments
 - v. Chair Osner
 1. speaking for Senator Ortiz, Senator Ortiz is so passionate She has a clear passion for the committee and has done work here already she has done her personal stake she attended a bunch of workshops already and is very clear and concise
 - vi. Comptroller Bathija
 1. She has a lot of clear goals and the 18 credit limit is very important
 - vii. Chair Osner
 1. She sits on the boards already and works closely with USenate
 2. We would like to congratulate Chair Ortiz for becoming Chair of Academic Affairs
- ii. Facilities and Operations
 1. Senator Stark
 - a. Thanks for the nominations with a chair position I want to enhance my leadership advocacy. I want to reward others and rather than seeking reward and I want to facilitate the ideas to help and flourish and give the ability for people in the committee as to be a resource. We will have beef with Hofstra. I am a full believer and I am very passionate about things for example the library. Dining and all other organizations on campus. I want to make more town halls and have them for certain projects on campus. Make sure to follow the right timeline. Who will we work with, IT Dining, Res life, and many more. Let's try to draft the right questions and get rolling already. Each team has to work together.
 - b. Questions
 - i. Chair Alameda
 1. Since it is a new committee what is your first step.
 - a. I think having us talk about and brainstorm to draft a timeline and talk to admin by using a certain way Make sure everyone has the right platform
 - ii. Senator Fletcher
 1. Do you have any plans to work with RHA?
 - a. I am always open to work with others

- iii. Senator Connolly-Sisk
 - 1. you mentioned a lot, how would make it a priority?
 - a. We still need to work as a committee at one time for the semester we need a clear focus.
- 2. Senator Rose
 - a. I have been on senate for four years I was briefly a chair for the ad hoc committee. I would want to spearhead the committee because it is new and we can so much happen. We can use sustainability. I have worked with Bill and plant to enhance the usage on campus and I want to fix that i want to have an open end for students to be able to address their concerns My goals want to make the infrastructure of Hofstra and talk to others on the committee to get ideas done
 - b. Questions
 - i. Senator Connolly-Sisk
 - 1. If you became chair and the committee change it how would you handle that
 - a. If my committee wants to go a different way I will go ahead and work with them to make it better and get more things done.
 - ii. Senator Hoatling
 - 1. Has time of USenate help you
 - a. It helps because it will make easier to talk to admin and work better with them. I want to reach out and make it better
 - iii. Senator McDonough
 - 1. What are you going to do during committee
 - a. I want everyone to get in touch with the leaders I want to make it better after things are done
 - b. Most of the work will be done outside of the committee
 - c. Correct
 - iv. Senator Hoatling
 - 1. Being a chair is a lot how can you balance your life with student USenate and SGA
 - a. USenate meets 1 month I have always put SGA first I am really dedicated to SGA
- 3. Debate

- a. Chair Osner
 - i. Since I have known senator Stark she threw herself in right away and I have seen the passion that she has have senator Stark has a clear path to supporting her group. She has put in so much time to SGA by doing stuff outside of SGA time
 - ii. Chair Alameda Through both semesters working with the library initiative Senator Stark works closely with the admin already you need to take them seriously and admin does that already
- b. Senator Hoatling
 - i. Senator Rose is so sweet and working with her on the Sub Committees and I was working with her closely and she works with the disabled very closely already she is very involved with SAS already She also said SGA is her priority
 - ii. Senator Khandelwal
 - 1. Senator Rose also has a personal stake in this being she has been here for 4 years already
 - iii. Senator Colon
 - 1. Senator Stark is so passionate we went into SGA together and she is very passionate in SGA and has delegated very well and it will make it perfectly
 - iv. Chair Rielly
 - 1. She already has a lot of connections, if she has her committee already it will make it easier
 - v. Chair Osner
 - 1. writing a proposal is very hard and she has done it already and we need that in this position
- c. Chair Farooqui
 - i. Senator Rose was a point person last year that worked with when she is passionate in her position she is very passionate and will take it on when someone talks
- 4. We would like to congratulate Chair Stark for becoming Chair of Facilities and Operations
- iii. Wellness and Campus Safety
 - 1. Senator Mobley
 - a. As SGA we are Advocating body and we value everyone whether it is there path we are all well involved on campus not all as students leaders I want to introduce mandatory service hours. I want to create more of an open dialogue and what office hours should be. For the internal service it should jump your

timeline to start a service I want to improve reasons why the health center should be improved The main points would be service health center and communication I am open to having more ideas because it is a new committee

2. Questions

i. Senator McDonough

1. Can you explain the internal service?

- a. How likely does the office hour work cut a middle man talk to them directly and make a way to talk directly

ii. Senator Fletcher

1. What issues do you have with the health center?

- a. I know there is a long wait time and they are not happy with it and i want to create a new and open way to talk

iii. Senator Connolly-Sisk

1. How would you address this

- a. I just want to address this position well and i have the ideas and I want them to be driven

iv. Chair Osner

1. What are the issues with public safety as well?

- a. I want to incorporate it with certain ways but also have the committee chose themselves and work with equity and inclusion

v. Senator Connolly-Sisk

1. You do a lot on and off campus do you have the time

- a. Yes my internship is over and this is my biggest priority I am willing to take a step back in my other places

3. Senator Khandelwal

- a. I am super passionate about wellness and campus safety. This was my main talking point towards running for SGA they put up new signs in all classes that i talked to Public SAFety and that is done. I know a bunch of the staff already so that will help. I am an international student so i can relate to that and there isn't much on campus and I want to change that

4. Questions

a. Senator DeBiso

- i. I know you talked to Public Safety already and what do you want to get done with that?

1. Public Safety has the ideas but doesn't have the platform but I want to help them with that
- b. Chair Osner
 - i. How would you run this committee
 1. By not using myself but working with others in the committee
 - ii. Senator Hoatling
 1. What homesickness would you want to do?
 - a. IEI already works closely with us but it is also campus wellness to do that they are not marketing it as well as they should be.
5. Senator O'Brien
 - a. This is a new committee and I want to share my plans I think we can all agree that Psafe isn't that well. I think we should have a PSafe town hall just them, because it would help i only see the briefings on campus in the paper but i want to enhance that. I want to fix the communication with SHACC many don't know the location hours of operations what the cost is, there is a lack of communication and I want to fix that by building our relationship. I would like to have a cigarette ban all over campus and i want to fix that We shouldnt risk the health that it comes with it, I want to fix the online reporting system as of now it is great but we can fix it worth the wait time and fixing the flaws that we know that exists already.I think there should be changes on campus to make it more securely I am open to help
6. Questions
 - a. Senator Connolly-Sisk
 - i. How would you deal with all the issues this semester
 1. I want to make it a stepping stone and owning up to the flaws
 - b. Comptroller Bathija
 - i. What is the first thing do you want to work on
 1. I want to work on the cigarette ban it is more important.
 - c. Senator DeBiso
 - i. With the cigarette ban who is going to hold PSafe accountable?
 1. I think there is a lot but work with Reslife and more.
 - d. Senator Fletcher
 - i. How would you work closely with the people that are against it?

1. I think we should open the dialogue
 - e. Chair Ortiz
 - i. How has SGA helped you?
 1. I feel that sitting on and being on many committees help and I have an understanding and working with other chairs and committees
7. Debate
- a. Senator Connolly-Sisk for Senator Mobley
 - i. I haven't known her for a long time but I have worked with her closely and I proposed a question about time commitment that she called in to a meeting because she was on a train
 - b. Senator McDonough for Senator Khandelwal
 - i. This campus isn't ready for a shooting and I want to make a P Safe respond I haven't heard them talk about a shooting
 - c. Chair Alameda for Senator O'Brien
 - i. His speech was impressive and dialogue was his first step and you need it for this committee I found it very impressive because he has it already in his head he was very passionate about this. He is ready for a pushback
 - d. Chair Rielly for Senator O'Brien
 - i. He has been on many committees and he has ideas and it will help
 - e. Chair Osner for Senator Mobley
 - i. I have seen her drive based on her workload she is a team player and bring ideas and help support other senators i think she will be a great leader
 - f. Senator Hoatling for Senator Mobley
 - i. She wants to open a view for others to see and help other students and she has the ideas that is needed
 - g. Chair Osner for Senator Mobley
 - i. Her time as service has helped because she shows she has the time
 - h. Senator Rose for Senator Khandelwal
 - i. He has concrete ideas He acknowledged the home sickness and making it secure here
8. Chair Stark for Senator O'Brien
- a. He is very approachable and is well rounded in SGA, he has ideas that usenate has already so it would help. Also he wants to hold others accountable, you don't want to talk others down
 - b. Chair Alameda for Senator O'Brien

- i. Students focus is Public Safety and that it is the focus and he has many ideas that are concrete it is both ideas
 - c. Chair Ortiz for Senator O'Brien
 - i. He has a connection with Lisa and it shows that he cares
 - 9. We would like to congratulate Chair O'Brien
- iv. Chair Alameda moves to adjourn the meeting
 - 1. Motion Seconded
 - 2. Motion Passed
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 7:48