



## **Agenda of the 79<sup>th</sup> Senate**

**Hofstra University Student Government Association**

**February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Green House, Student Center**

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- Call to Order**
- I. Quorum Call**
- II. Approval of Senate Minutes**
- III. Approval of Cabinet Minutes**
- IV. Rules- E. Casey**
- V. New Business**
  - A. Interfaith Club**
  - B. Hofstra Running Club**
  - C. Creative Genius**
  - D. Students for the Advancements of Management**
  - E. Alpha Phi Omega**
- VI. Executive Board Reports**
  - A. President – M. Atkinson**
  - B. Vice President- N. Olson**
  - C. Comptroller – A. Guarino**
  - D. Secretary- J. Wyatt**
- VII. Committee Chair Weekly Reports**
  - A. Academic Affairs – H. Blain**
  - B. Appropriations – D. Gallagher**
  - C. Club Relations – A. Engelson**
  - D. Programming – W. Shepherd**
  - E. Public Relations – F. Gitlin**
  - F. Spirit – S. Harris**
  - G. Student Services – M. Manuel**
- VIII. For the Good of the Order**
- IX. Announcements**
- X. Snap Cup**

**Adjournment**

# Student Government Association Senate

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Meeting of the 79<sup>th</sup> Senate called to order at 6:07pm

- I. Quorum Call
- II. Approval of Senate Minutes
  - a. Senator Andrews motions to Pass
    - i. Motion seconded
    - ii. Motion passes 28-0-0
- III. Approval of the Cabinet Minutes
  - a. Senator Marshall motions to pass
    - i. Motion seconded
    - ii. Motion passes 28-0-0
- IV. Public Relations Chair Election
  - a. Nominations
    - i. Chair Gallagher nominates Senator Pollock
      1. Seconded
      2. Senator Pollock accepts
    - ii. Senator Stengel nominates Senator Gitlin
      1. Seconded
      2. Senator Gitlin accepts
    - iii. Senator Ahmedin nominates Senator Ramdhani
      1. Seconded
      2. Senator Ramdhani declines
    - iv. Senator Beer nominates Senator Shafranski
      1. Seconded
      2. Senator Shafranski declines
    - v. Senator Shafranski nominates Senator Tacconelli
      1. Seconded
      2. Senator Tacconelli accepts
  - b. Chair Gallagher motions to change the rules of the chamber to four minutes speaking time and three minute questioning time for the Committee Chair elections
    - i. Motion seconded
    - ii. Motion passes 29-0-0
  - c. Election
    - i. Senator Pollock
      1. *Senator Pollock*: I really love this position and am very passionate about SGA. I dropped other extracurricular activities for SGA and it will always be my number one priority. I represented my hall council, which actually won an award for being the best hall council, but stepped down so I could give more time to SGA. The job description in the constitution mentions press releases and I would really like to do that with the committee. I also really like the social media aspects we have already and I would love for the committee and me to continue to work on those. I would also like to start a Senator spotlight for the SGA Instagram. I currently run the Club Relations Facebook page and more clubs have been liking the page. I would like to appoint a Social Chair and work with that person. I would also like to have more SGA presence at events to talk to club leaders. I think I am qualified for this position.
      2. Questioning Period
        - a. *Senator Andrews*: What do you think is the biggest problem facing SGA right now?
          - i. *Senator Pollock*: I believe it is disconnect between SGA and club leaders. I believe creating more personal one on one connection with club leaders will help solve the problem.

- b. *Chair Blain*: How do you feel you will be better in Public Relations than Club Relations?
  - i. *Senator Pollock*: I love Club Relations, but quite honestly, what I love most about it is the Facebook page. I feel like that is really where my strengths lie.
- c. *Chair Blain*: What would be your vision for SGA?
  - i. *Senator Pollock*: Changing how people view SGA. Instead of being distant from students, I think that we need to be forging more relationships with our students.
- d. *Chair Harris*: What are your biggest strengths and weaknesses?
  - i. *Senator Pollock*: Weakness is that it takes me a while to get comfortable with people. It might be awkward for me to talk to new people at first. However, I am good at remembering clubs and what they are doing and being able to recognize what different clubs are doing.

ii. Senator Gitlin

- 1. *Senator Gitlin*: I would be honored to be the Public Relations chair for the rest of the year. I have a vision for Public Relations; I would like to see the PR committee step out of the social media bubble. Last year when I was on the PR committee with Sam, I helped get SGA more aware of social media and I started to advocate for different ways that would get us involved with social media more. I would like to see us be more innovative in the way that PR goes. I would like to see the committee meet regularly with *The Chronicle* and letting them know what SGA is doing. There are many things that we actively work on and should be proud of and that is an opportunity to meet with our *Chronicle* representative. I also believe it would be good to meet with the other committees to learn some of their shining achievements and then polish those so we can go out and show what we are doing. I see Public Relations as our bragging committee. That is how we can get the word out of what we are doing. I have experience in Public Relations in a few ways; I served on the Public Relations committee last year. I worked on creating the brochures about SGA last year and I would like to update those as well. I also served on a program in high school called Youth and Government. In my senior I worked on resolving a scandal.
- 2. Questioning Period
  - a. *Senator Andrews*: What do you think is the biggest problem currently facing SGA?
    - i. *Senator Gitlin*: I do not think that student understand what it is we accomplish and the necessity of the organization. We also do a lot of advocacy for students and clubs, but I do not think the student body has yet understood the improvements we are making.
  - b. *Chair Blain*: Currently you are on Club Relations, how would PR be a better fit for you and being a Chair being a better fit?
    - i. *Senator Gitlin*: I think it fits into me being ready to lead a group of people. I see this as guiding others in a direction and I believe my vision would be beneficial as a whole. I love Club Relations, but I think that I can still help clubs and help students while guiding our image. I could guide the committee into a direction where we are not just advertising but essentially also bragging.

iii. Senator Tacconelli

- 1. *Senator Tacconelli*: I am a Finance major and this is my first year at Hofstra. I have been on the PR committee this year and I run the Snapchat. I have an idea for Public Relations to do an event in the Netherlands with milk and cookies. I am friendly and outgoing; I also have the spirit and bubblyness needed for the position. I am available on Wednesday nights for cabinet. I want to thank you all for letting me run.
- 2. Questioning Period
  - a. *Chair Gallagher*: Part of being a member of cabinet is the logged hours, but a lot of being a chair around the clock, can you do that?

- i. *Senator Tacconelli*: Yes, I will be available to do anything at any time.
- b. *Chair Andrews*: What do you think is the biggest challenge facing SGA?
  - i. *Senator Tacconelli*: People do not see us in the way they should see us. In addition, instead of social media I think we need to do one on one interaction more.
- c. *Chair Engelson*: How would you handle a scandal?
  - i. *Senator Tacconelli*: I know you have to be aware of the different parts. If an emergency comes through, I would be able to deal with it at whatever time.
- d. *Chair Harris*: What is your biggest weakness and how do you overcome that?
  - i. *Senator Tacconelli*: I feel that sometimes I am too outgoing which could be intimidating to people, but I think in the end it brightens up peoples' day.

d. Debate

- i. *Senator Esteban (for Senator Pollock)*: Senator Pollock is very prepared and prioritizes SGA. She researched the Public Relations responsibilities in the Constitution. She knows that feedback is important and she takes that feedback and uses it to improve SGA. She would be a great face for SGA!
- ii. *Senator Andrews (for Senator Gitlin)*: Forrest has the most experience with SGA and PR, he understands what SGA biggest problem is and he realizes that SGA is more than just club leaders. He has experience; he clearly wants this and has run for the position before. He handed out a paper about his vision. He helped plan the Involvement Fair, and it was a huge success. He is passionate and he would make a great PR Chair.
- iii. *Chair Blain (for Senator Tacconelli)*: Senator Tacconelli is a fantastic candidate. She is bubbly, outgoing, and as you can tell, she is very approachable and that is what we need in Public Relations. She is comfortable approaching others and we need that because students are not always coming to us. Katrina would be comfortable going up to anyone and talking to them. I think she is outgoing and would be great in this position.
- iv. *Senator Caputo (for Senator Pollock)*: Carol is extremely friendly and approachable. She is passionate about SGA. She has worked a lot of the Club Relations page, and she pours so much work into this. I believe she would be able to also expand her talents into Public Relations.
- v. *Senator Beer (for Senator Gitlin)*: This is my third time speaking for Senator Gitlin. Senator Tacconelli and Senator Pollock are amazing, but PR right now is something we are lacking. Our PR is SGA's weakest aspect right now. We need someone who has unquestioned leadership and who can define our organization.
- vi. *Senator Casey (for Senator Tacconelli)*: Katrina is so adorable, but I think one of the best things about Katrina is that she is so friendly. We need someone who is going to be able to connect with people and be friends with anyone. Katrina is always here and always willing to help. I think she would be a great person to represent SGA as our PR chair.

e. By a vote of 8-18-2-0, Senator Gitlin will now serve as the Public Relations Chair.

V. Rules Chair Election

a. Nominations

- i. Senator Ho nominates Senator Casey
  - 1. Seconded
  - 2. Senator Casey accepts
- ii. Senator Marshall nominates Senator Mishkin
  - 1. Seconded
  - 2. Senator Mishkin accepts
- iii. Senator Ahmedin nominates Senator Ramdhani
  - 1. Seconded
  - 2. Senator Ramdhani accepts
- iv. Chair Manuel nominates Senator Caputo
  - 1. Seconded
  - 2. Senator Caputo accepts
- v. Chair Gallagher nominates Senator Diaz

1. Seconded
2. Senator Diaz declines
- vi. Comptroller Guarino nominates Senator Pollock
  1. Seconded
  2. Senator Pollock declines
- b. *Former Chair Babadzhanov*: Obviously I am stepping down from the position. I just wanted to give a few pointers to whoever wins the election. Keep organized, emails are vital and there are a lot of them; make sure you are on top of elections, if you are not following through then people will be angry. The person who becomes rules chair you can always ask me for help if you choose to. Good luck and thank you!
- c. Senator Casey
  - i. *Senator Casey*: I am a sophomore English Publishing Studies major. One of the biggest things about my major is editing which is what I want to be my career. That is very important on the Rules Committee. I have been on Rules so I know how constitutions work. I have experience leading meetings as well. I am currently the Ethics and Conduct Chair so I am always on top of my email and it has taught me to be organized. I would be able to use my experience from being Ethics and Conduct chair for the next Ethics and Conduct chair. The position has also taught me to deal with difficulty. I understand the dedication that cabinet puts in. I am also on the Appropriations Committee, which has given me a lot of hands on experience with the clubs. I feel like having that experience is important to Rules. It is important for clubs to see a happy face and someone who will work them as they begin working with SGA.
  - ii. Questioning Period
    1. *Senator Senderowicz*: How do you think you differ from the other candidates?
      - a. *Senator Casey*: I think it is experience. I know David has a lot of experience, but I have been active in SGA. I am passionate about SGA. If there are 3 things I am passionate about its SGA, editing, and grammar.
    2. *Chair Harris*: What is your biggest challenge?
      - a. *Senator Casey*: Asking for help because I take on a lot myself so I don't bother anyone.
    3. *Chair Blain*: Are there any changes that you would like to bring to the table?
      - a. *Senator Casey*: I want to be more welcoming and improving our presence. Outside of Rules, I would like to find the most updated constitution and policy series. I would also like to finish former Chair Babadzhanov's initiatives.
    4. *Senator Marshall*: What does being a leader mean to you?
      - a. *Senator Casey*: Being a part of a team and using your team to accomplish things.
    5. *Comptroller Guarino*: What is your biggest weakness?
      - a. *Senator Casey*: Asking for help. Or sometimes I come off a little headstrong or stubborn. This is something I know I need to work on.
    6. Chair Harris motions to extend questioning by 1 minute
      - a. Seconded
      - b. Objection
      - c. Debate
        - i. *Chair Harris (Speaker For)*: This is a very important election; I think we need to make sure that we are asking the questions we need to hear the answers too.
          1. *Yielded to Senator Senderowicz*: I realize it is unfair to the candidates but I would like to hear the answer to this question.
        - ii. *Senator Marshall (Speaker Against)*: I think we would need more than a minute because I saw more hands. If we have questions, I think we need to ask them.
        - iii. *Senator Pollock (Speaker For)*: Can we maybe make a rule where if someone is in the middle of the question they can answer it?
          1. *Yielded to Senator Beer*: Also a quick thing, this is the first candidate for this position we have seen so it is not yet unfair.

- iv. *Chair Blain (Speaker Against)*: I want this to be fair, every second a candidate is speaking they are campaigning and I want this to be fair for everyone.
        - 1. *Yielded to Chair Manuel*: In the beginning we set a rule for the chamber, we can change that rule if we need to.
      - d. By a vote of 13-14-0 the motion to extend questioning time by 1 minute does not pass
    - 7. Chair Blain motions to extend the questioning time by 2 minutes for all candidates.
      - a. Second
      - b. Objection
      - c. Chair Gallagher motions to skip debate and go straight to a vote
        - i. Motion seconded
        - ii. Motions passes 27-0-0
      - d. By a vote of 15-12-0 the motion to extend questioning time by 2 minutes for all candidates passes.
    - 8. *Chair Gitlin*: A club has signed up 3 weeks in a row and has not shown up to the Rules Committee meeting, what would you do?
      - a. *Senator Casey*: If a club didn't show up to 3 consecutive times, I would set up a meeting with them to talk about it. I would need to understand the situation and why they didn't show up
    - 9. *Senator Marshall*: Have you ever been put in a circumstance with Rules where there was a lot of arguing?
      - a. *Senator Casey*: Not exactly an argument, but a little bit behind closed doors in the cases where there has been a difference of opinion between the committee and the club. There could have been more professionalism. As I said I am a little stubborn, but I know it is something I need to work on. We need to focus more on customer service.
  - d. Senator Mishkin
    - i. *Senator Mishkin*: Since I have been in SGA, I have seen many things that I like and do not like. The biggest thing I really want to reinvent is the relationship that the Rules Committee has with SGA and with the student body. Sometimes Rules Committee meetings are very tense. I would like to build a better relationship with the clubs and make the clubs feel more comfortable. Sometimes I think people believe that the Rules committee is just grammar, but I want to change that perception. I know on many of the different committees each individual member has an initiative and I would like the Rules committee to have initiatives that other SGA members could utilize. I want to do this new thing called my open door hours. This would be time that the clubs and students would know that I would be in the office. I really want to do something for the club and SGA as a whole. I was elected to the IRCB this year. I was also a part of the same Youth and Government as Martin and Forrest.
    - ii. Questioning Period
      - 1. *Comptroller Guarino*: What are some of your initiatives for the committee?
        - a. *Senator Mishkin*: Empowering committee members to have relationships with club leaders. In addition, I want to do my open hours and I really want to make sure I am an available resource.
      - 2. *Senator Marshall*: What does being a leader mean to you?
        - a. *Senator Mishkin*: Recognizing the strengths of others while empowering yourself as well. It needs to be a mix of both showing people how to do it, but also stepping back.
      - 3. *Senator Andrews*: What is your biggest challenge?
        - a. *Senator Mishkin*: Lack of experience as a member of a Rules committee. However, my experience in other spheres and as a leader would make me prepared for this position. On the other hand, my lack of experience with SGA could be a beneficial thing because I have fresh ideas and my new introduction to SGA could be an asset to SGA.

4. *Chair Engelson*: Are you willing to keep records and make sure that all the clubs constitutions are up to date?
  - a. *Senator Mishkin*: Yes. I think we need to update things more than they are right now.
- e. Senator Ramdhani
  - i. *Senator Ramdhani*: This is an important decision; make sure you choose the right choice. I want to point out a few things that a Rules Chair should do: paying attention to detail because wording is important. What makes me a good candidate, I am part of plenty of organization that mentally prepares me for this position such as speech and debate. Another thing I do is Model UN, I have had experience with knowing what words mean and what they do. The conferences have helped me understand words and nitpick them. Another thing that I believe a good Rules chair should follow is being available when clubs need assistance. Many clubs have a hard time finding the right guidance. We are able to help other clubs in succeeding. Paying attention to every detail matters. I chaired the Model UN conference in high school, so that is a plus. I also participate in many public speaking teams and I would be able to present myself well in front of other clubs.
  - ii. Questioning Period
    1. *Senator Andrews*: What is the biggest challenge facing the Rules Committee?
      - a. *Senator Ramdhani*: Uncooperative nature of certain club leaders. I have been on this committee since I started SGA and there have been instances when some club leaders can get very impatient and angry.
    2. *Chair Blain*: What makes you better for the position than the others you are running against?
      - a. *Senator Ramdhani*: I personally believe that everyone has their strengths, but I think that some of my strengths may excel in different areas. I met with the former Rules Chair and he showed me a lot about the position.
    3. *Senator Marshall*: What does being a leader mean to you?
      - a. *Senator Ramdhani*: Someone who can properly handle any situation and making sure that everyone is happy in the end. Someone I can actually lead and not just follow.
    4. *Senator Ho*: Are there any initiatives you would bring as Rules chair and what would they be?
      - a. *Senator Ramdhani*: A better image in presenting themselves to clubs. Some clubs have had an issue with the attitude of the committee, but I would like to change that by possibility going more out of my way to address the situations and be able to solve the issues.
- f. Senator Caputo
  - i. *Senator Caputo*: I feel that I am qualified for several reasons. I have been in SGA for 3 years and last year was the Ethics and Conduct Chair. I have reviewed club constitutions, assisted archiving. I have served on the Club Relations committee for 2 years. I am very familiar with the policy series and constitution. I really want to utilize Collegiate Link more, as the Appropriations committee has recently included signups online, I want to do the same for Rules. I would also like to work with OSLA to get clubs to sign up for their elections online. I also plan on continuing the archiving effort and ensuring everything is up to date. I will go through the constitution and policy series and make sure it is up to date. I have the time to fully commit and am available for the committee meetings, cabinet, and monthly registration committee meetings with OSLA.
  - ii. Questioning
    1. *Senator Andrews*: What is biggest challenge with the Rules committee?
      - a. *Senator Caputo*: Miscommunication or not enough communication with clubs. I plan to keep clubs in the loop about what is going on and sending out an email whenever new legislations is passed, etc.
    2. *Chair Blain*: How would you juggle being a chair with your other time commitments and school?
      - a. *Senator Caputo*: My schedule is balanced and I would make SGA a priority.
    3. *Senator Marshall*: What does being a leader mean to you?

- a. *Senator Caputo*: Leading by example but also stepping back and empowering my committee. You have to accept none of the credit and take all the blame.
- 4. *Chair Harris*: What is your biggest strength and what is your biggest weakness? How do you overcome that weakness?
  - a. *Senator Caputo*: I am very dedicated. Sometimes I get impatient and I am not always the most friendly, so I step back.

g. Debate

- i. *Senator Andrews (for Senator Casey)*: I believe Senator Casey would be an excellent Rules chair. She has great communication skills, is a people person, and loves Rules. She is the Ethics and Conduct chair and I think most of us can agree that she has done a great job. Not only is she a great face for the position, but she would be a great addition to cabinet.
- ii. *Senator Pollock (for Senator Mishkin)*: Natalie is in IRCB, when she spoke about meeting with clubs and feeling awkward and uncomfortable, she's in IRCB so she already meets with clubs so she has that experience. She is extremely dedicated and has the skills and experience. She would be able to make clubs comfortable. She would also be able to delegate her work much like Comptroller Guarino has done and has taught us through IRCB.
- iii. *Senator Ahmedin (for Senator Ramdhani)*: The short time I have known Senator Ramdhani he has shown to be friendly and welcoming. He can talk to pretty much anyone and he is very professional. I think it would be hard to be uncooperative with him and think he would be good to calm people down if needed.
- iv. *Chair Manuel (for Senator Caputo)*: He has been here long; he has seen SGA through hard times and been through a lot of transition. When there is a lot of commotion, he knows how to calm people down. He was on the Rules committee for a whole year and has built great relationships with clubs
- v. *Chair Blain (for Senator Casey)*: With Mock Trail I have seen Erin in action. She is always on top of her emails. She has been in complicated situation with the Rules committee. Erin is someone who chooses her battles wisely. She would be able to bring out the best in the Rules committee!
- vi. *Senator Beer (for Senator Mishkin)*: There are 3000 people in the organization I was in with Forrest and Natalie in California, but there is a reason. She has a great political mind she understands the bigger picture. The Rules committee is more than editing it is making decisions.
- vii. *Chair Gitlin (for Senator Caputo)*: Last year David ran for the Rules Chair position, he, and I discussed it in heavy detail. David had a lot of ideas and things to be improved. He is someone who has a lot of ideas to bring to the table. I know that David is someone who not only wants this position really badly but has also stood the test of time with this organization.

h. By a vote of 11-4-2-9-0, Senator Casey will serve as the new Rules Chair.

VI. Comptroller Guarino motions for a 6 minute recess

- a. Seconded
- b. Passed 30-0-0

VII. Executive Board Reports

- a. President
- b. Comptroller
- c. Secretary

VIII. Committee Chair Weekly Reports

- a. Academic Affairs
  - i. Comptroller Guarino motions to pass
    - 1. Motion seconded
    - 2. Motion passes 30-0-0
- b. Appropriations
  - i. Senator Andrews motions to pass
    - 1. Motion seconded
    - 2. Motion passes 30-0-0
- c. Club Relations
  - i. Chair Blain motions to pass
    - 1. Motion seconded



2. Motion passes 30-0-0
- d. Programming
  - i. Valentine's Day Gift Event on the 11<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Chinese New Year Event February 19<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. Motion to pass
    1. Motion seconded
    2. Motion passes 30-0-0
- e. Spirit
  - i. Senator Andrews motions to pass
    1. Motion seconded
    2. Motion passes 30-0-0
- f. Student Services
  - i. Senator Caputo motions to pass
    1. Motion seconded
    2. Motion passes 30-0-0
- IX. For Good of the Order
- X. Announcements
- XI. Snap Cup
- XII. Senator Andrews motions to adjourn at 9:42pm
  - a. Motion seconded
  - b. Motion passes 30-0-0

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jenna Wyatt*

*Secretary*

*Student Government Association*

## Student Government Association Cabinet Meeting

Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Present:** President Atkinson, Vice President Olson, Secretary Wyatt, Comptroller Guarino, Academic Affairs Chair Blain, Appropriations Chair Gallagher, Club Relations Chair Engelson, Programming Chair Shepherd, Public Relations Chair Gitlin, Rules Chair Case, Spirit Chair Harris, and Student Services Chair Manuel

Meeting called to order by President Atkinson at 8:03pm

- I. Opening Icebreaker Game
- II. Updates
  - a. Academic Affairs
    - i. Provost Scholar Reception – March 31<sup>st</sup>
    - ii. Adopt-a-First Year Program in the Political Science Department
    - iii. Student Teaching Abroad
    - iv. Following up with Steve Babbitt about book orders
  - b. Appropriations
    - i. Newsletter Revisions for Club Advisors
    - ii. Reviewing the Policy Series for any other unclear pieces
      1. Writing 3 pieces of Legislation
  - c. Comptroller
    - i. Certificates of Achievement have been given to many of the clubs by IRCB
    - ii. Scanning Initiative
      1. Talked to Mike Devlin
      2. Aiming to finish by April 29<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Club Relations
    - i. Club Office Allocations
      1. 0 applications received, 100 anticipated
      2. Due February 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm
      3. Countdown on the website
    - ii. Club Leader Game for Senate: March 26<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. Olympics: March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>
    - iv. Club of the Semester Initiative
    - v. Thank You Notes to Clubs
  - e. Programming
    - i. Rolling application for Programming Board
    - ii. Valentine's Event
      1. No gifts left so we will not be tabling on Friday
    - iii. Chinese New Year
      1. February 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
      2. MPR West
    - iv. Carnival Stressbusters
    - v. BSU Skate Event
  - f. Public Relations
    - i. Post Senate Agenda on Facebook before Senate meetings
      1. Trying to launch that this week

- ii. Website Alias Initiative
    - iii. Adding a Facebook or Twitter Feed to the website
    - iv. UTP Advertising
      - 1. Center for Academic Excellence (a new department within Student Affairs)
      - 2. Promoting new program
    - v. Logo Stamp for Club Flyers
  - g. Rules
    - i. First Meeting yay!
      - 1. Saw four clubs
    - ii. Club Constitution Audits
    - iii. Constitution Weekend
    - iv. Online Rules Signups
    - v. Scheduling elections online
    - vi. Election Scheduling
  - h. Spirit
    - i. Pride Unleashed Week: February 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>
      - 1. Trivia Wing Night
        - a. Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>
        - b. 7pm-10pm in HofUSA
      - 2. Ice Cream Social
        - a. Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup>
        - b. 10:00am – 4:00pm Atrium Table
      - 3. Night of Pride
        - a. Friday February 20<sup>th</sup>
        - b. 8:00pm – 12:00am in HofUSA
      - 4. Good-out Rally
        - a. Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup>
        - b. 2:00pm – 4:00pm in Mack Center Complex
        - c. Free food
        - d. Free t-shirts for first 300 students
      - 5. Hofstra v. College of William & Mary
        - a. February 22<sup>nd</sup>
        - b. 4:30pm on the Mack Center Complex
    - ii. CAA Tournament: March 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Student Services
    - i. Open Meeting
    - ii. Publish Portfolios?
      - 1. Work with PR making posters about external initiatives and advertising them
    - iii. Chartwell Food idea
    - iv. Residence Hall Renovation - Access
    - v. Fridge Rental Service
  - j. Secretary
    - i. Secret Valentine
    - ii. Peter DiSilvio
- III. Carpet Time
- IV. Chair Manuel motions to adjourn at 10:43pm
  - a. Seconded
  - b. Motion passes

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jenna Wyatt*

*Student Government Association Secretary*

## **Rules Minutes**

February 9, 2015

Attendance: Chairperson Erin Casey, So-Van Ho, Natalie Mishkin, Anthony Ramdhani

Absent: Gaby Senderowicz ;,(

Meeting Commenced: 6:30 PM

1. Interfaith Club
  - a. New Club – Religious
    - i. Started with Interfaith Youth Corp
    - ii. First meeting 02/10/2015
    - iii. Productively working together to understand each other's faith
  - b. Constitution
    - i. Grammar review
    - ii. Formatting review
2. Alpha Phi Omega
  - a. Co-ed service fraternity
    - i. Approved by Registration committee Spring 2014
  - b. Constitution
    - i. Article VI: Brotherhood Meetings, Section 4: Guests
    - ii. Article VIII: Finance, Section 3: Bank
3. Hofstra Deaf Education and American Sign Language Club
  - a. New Club
    - i. Already had 2 meetings within the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 semesters
  - b. Constitution
    - i. Grammar review
    - ii. Formatting review
4. Society for Advancement of Management
  - a. Seeking reactivation
    - i. Nationally recognized organization
  - b. Constitution
    - i. Grammar review
    - ii. Formatting review

Meeting Adjourned: 8:28 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Casey  
Rules Chairwoman

## IRCB Meeting

January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Attendance: Comptroller Alyson Guarino, Senator Natalie Mishkin, Senator Gaby Senderowicz, Senator Carol Pollock, Senator Forrest Gitlin, Programmer Danielle Esposito, Justice Francine Chirico

Absence: Justice Josh Cordova (Excused)  
Senator Jacquelyn Dent (Excused)

Meeting called to Order: 2:25 PM

### **Discussed feelings towards SGA for the Spring 2015 Semester**

Overall feeling of excitement

Nerves regarding scheduling issues

### **Contacting Clubs**

Nearly all clubs have been contacted via email

A few meetings have been set up

### **Attendance at treasurer trainings**

Each member of the IRCB will strive to attend at least one, or more, trainings

### **Meeting Times**

The IRCB will meet for the remainder of this semester:

Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 PM

Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 PM (mid-semester reports due)

Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 PM

## **Awards**

Certificates of Achievement were created as well as personal thank you notes for clubs that rolled back 10% or less of SGA allocated funds

Personal messages and SGA tumblers were provided as recognition as well for those who rolled back less than 5%

Meeting Adjourned: 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Alyson Guarino  
Comptroller

## Academic Affairs Minutes

February 10, 2015

Attendance: Hunter Blain, Colleen McKeown, Rita Cinquemani, Megan Andrews, Pratik Shah

Called to Order: 2:22 PM

### What we did

- **Hunter** - Met with Dr.Perotti in the Political Science Department about phasing in Adopt-a-First Year. Want to phase in the program Fall 2015. Received a formal written complaint against the Biology Department. Compiled a list of 15 initiatives and steps to complete them.
- **Colleen**- Finalized presentation for the Student Teaching Abroad initiative for the Student Abroad Department.
- **Rita**- Corresponded with Karl Koeppel about charging stations. Prepared for presentation.
- **Pratik**-Continued smoking ban research. Learned how to write legislation.
- **Megan**- Worked on January and Summer Inter-session legislation.

### What we will be doing

- **Hunter**-Will meet with Dean Godlove and set up other potential meetings with heads of departments about the Adopt-a-First Year initiative. Will also be meeting with Dean Godlove about the Biology complaints.
- **Colleen**- Will be going to Roosevelt Hall to give her presentation for the Student Teaching Abroad initiative.
- **Rita**- Will work alongside Karl to continue to prepare for her presentation with OSLA. Will talk to the deans of the Honors College about Individualized Honors Options.
- **Pratik**- Follow up with Anne Mongillo about Biology course Passing rates and compile research. Meet with Dean Godlove with Hunter.
- **Megan**- Will visit the Career Center for a new initiative.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:03PM

Respectfully submitted,

Hunter Blain

Academic Affairs Chairman



Appropriations Minutes

February 7, 2015

Present: Chairperson Damian Gallagher, Comptroller Alyson Guarino (late 6:25 PM), So-Van Ho, Tristan Marshall, Gaby Senderowicz

Visiting: Rules Chair Erin Casey

Meeting Commenced: 6:15 PM

1. Hofstra Women's Ultimate  
Requested: \$5,306.73  
Tournament Fees, Hotel Fees, Transportation Reimbursement  
**Allocated: \$2,430.42**  
Tournament Fees: \$650.00  
Hotel Fees: \$773.94  
Transportation: \$1,006.48
2. Bowling Club  
Requested: \$1,828.50  
Lane Usage Reimbursement  
**Allocated: \$609.50**  
Lane Usage: \$609.50
3. Ski and Snowboarding Club  
Requested: \$5,700.00  
Okemo trip, Mount Snow trip, Stratton trip  
**Allocated: \$1,499.97**  
Okemo: \$499.99  
Mount Snow: \$499.99  
Stratton: \$499.99
4. Hofstra Women's Rugby  
Requested: \$545.08  
Transportation, Montclair game, Fordham game, Gohring Tournament  
**Allocated: \$388.06**  
Transportation: \$68.06  
Montclair game: \$40.00  
Fordham game: \$40.00  
Gohring Tournament: \$240.00
5. Computer Science Society  
Requested: \$737.47  
Oculus Rift Virtual Reality Headset, Banner  
**Allocated: \$137.47**  
Oculus Rift: \$100.00  
Banner: \$37.47

Total Requested: \$14,117.78

Total Allocated: \$5,065.42

% Allocated: 35.9%

Meeting Adjourned: 7:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Damian Gallagher  
Appropriations Chairman

## Club Relations Minutes

February 11, 2015

Members Present: Chairwoman Engelson, Senator Caputo

Visiting: Chairman Gallagher, Comptroller Guarino

Member Absent: Senator Beer (excused), Senator Pollock (excused)

Meeting Started: 6:37pm

- **Club Leader Game**
  - February 26th at Senate
  - Who: Senators as Club Leaders and Senate as Senate and Club Relations antagonizes
    - Possible options: Have different club leaders or various presidents, Greek organizations
  - What Scenario: Different senators, different situations
    - 1) Recognition to be a club
      - What is the urgency? Why do they want to be a club?
      - How to get the senators to really need this
    - 2) Budget APPEAL:
      - Find an event or object that a senator wants
      - Hundreds of dollars out of pocket
    - 3) Office Allocation
      - Why do they need the space?
  - Why are we doing this game? Goals:
    - 1) To give senators an understanding of what it is like to be a club leader
    - 2) Teach respect among senators when a club leader is in the room
    - 3) Learn to communicate better with clubs
- **Senator Caputo's Initiatives:**
  - **1) Club Congress**
    - Create a beneficial introduction – how does SGA work?
      - more organized
- **Clubs Contacted: 70 clubs**
- **Office Space Allocation:**
  - Estimated Clubs Applying: 50-100
  - Applications Received as of February 11th, 2015: 0
- **Club Workshop:** 118 different club leaders and representing 94 different clubs

Meeting Adjourned: 6:58pm

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra Engelson

Club Relations Chairwoman

# Programming Board Minutes

February 9, 2015

Attendance: Chairperson Whitney S., Priya G., Coco S., Alex K., Kelly M., Ashlyn G., Danielle E., Danielle K., Nyala S., Cory M., Christian R., Amber B.

Absent: Michelle H.

Meeting commenced: 6:01 PM

1) Special Business

- a. Assigned group task to events
- b. Working on our donation letter to the Lust Garden Foundation
- c. Programming Board applications due Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>

2) Upcoming Events

- a. Chinese New Year Celebration – February 19<sup>th</sup> (MPR West @ 7:00pm)**
  - i. Fortune cookies, Chinese food buffet, and Chinese name artist
- b. Toms Event Part 1 Sales – March 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> (Atrium Tables)**
  - i. Shoes are sold for 50% off - \$20 a pair
  - ii. Can order up to 3 pairs

Meeting adjourned: 6:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Whitney Shepherd

Programming Board Chairwoman

# Public Relations Minutes

February 10<sup>th</sup> & February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Call to order:** February 10<sup>th</sup> - 6:04 PM, February 11<sup>th</sup> - 6:31 PM

**Attendance:** Chair Gitlin, Senator Diaz, Senator Tacconelli, and Senator Shafranski.

**Guests:** Senator Cinquemani, Chair Blain, and President Atkinson

## **New Business**

- Handed out “Get to know you” forms to committee members
- Clarified committee meeting time for the future: 6:00 PM on Tuesdays
- Proposed initiatives:
  - Chairman Blain’s Initiative- Advertise for the University Tutorial Program (UTP)
  - Senator Cinquemani’s Initiatives-
    1. Adding a Calendar, Blog, Twitter feed, Facebook feed, and/or a page with an updated SGA roster onto the Hofstra SGA website
      - Would provide quotes from clubs on the success of events, summaries of Senate minutes, and tips of fundraising and planning events
    2. Having a specific URL, “HofstraSGA,” for the SGA page on the Hofstra Website
  - President Atkinson’s Initiative- Posting SGA agenda on social media to entice attendance at Senate

**Adjourned:** February 10<sup>th</sup> - 6:40 PM, February 11<sup>th</sup> – 6:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Forrest Gitlin

Public Relations Chairman

## Spirit Minutes

February 12, 2015

Present: Chairperson Sarah Harris, Shayna Braitman, Rita Cinquemani, Jacquelyn Dent, Amanda Price, Kristina Shafranski, Greg Stengel

Meeting commenced: 5:00 PM

- I. Pride Unleashed Week: February 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - a. February 18: Wednesday Trivia Wing Night – Rita and Jacquelyn
  - b. February 19: Thursday Ice Cream Social – Sarah
  - c. February 20: Free ticket Friday – Greg
  - d. February 21: Saturday Night of Pride – Kristina
  - e. February 22: Sunday Gold-out – Shayna
- II. Committee Updates
  - a. Athletics – Hofstra Flag
  - b. Spirit – Send-off carnival for CAAs clubs with related basketball events
- III. CAA
  - a. March 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Sign-ups have started!

Meeting adjourned: 5:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Harris

Spirit Chairwoman

*Student Services Committee  
Hofstra Student Government Association  
Hofstra University, Long Island, New York*

February 10, 2015

Attendance: Chairperson Manuel, Senator Stengel, Senator Ahmedin, Senator Esteban, and Senator Caputo (Visiting)

- IV. Call to Order: 7:00PM
- V. SGA @ the Corner
  - a. Flyers were sorted so they can be distributed to the buildings
  - b. There was a brief session of how to get students to take the SGA @ the Corner survey
- VI. Portfolios
  - a. The committee planned an activity to teach Senate about portfolios
- VII. New Initiatives:
  - a. Portfolio Advertisement
    - i. Senator Esteban suggested that we begin to publicize our portfolio progress so the students can know where we are at with certain initiatives
- VIII. Ongoing Initiatives:
  - a. Student Appreciation Week
    - i. Chair Manuel explained the purpose of SAW and how it works
    - ii. The committee members will be taking care of all the planning and execution of the week with a little guidance from Chair Manuel
  - b. Beach Shuttle
    - i. Waiting for SGA @ the Corner
  - c. Universal Remote
    - i. Senator Esteban is waiting on a response from IT
  - d. Meal Share Program
    - i. Chair Manuel needs to set up a meeting with the Finance Dept. to speak of the possibilities of a meal share program
  - e. Bike Share Program
    - i. Chair Manuel will speak to Vice President Barkwill about a pilot program for a Bike Share
  - f. Mineola Shuttle
    - i. Chair Manuel is waiting for the results of the train shuttle research
  - g. Dutch Debits
    - i. Chair Manuel needs to set up a meeting with the Financial Aid Dept.
  - h. Charging Stations
    - i. Chair Manuel will speak to Vice President Barkwill about the possibility of this happening
- IX. Adjournment: 7:28PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mikio Manuel

Student Services Chairman