

Agenda of the Senate

Hofstra University Student Government Association

October 9th, 2014

Green House, Student Center

Call to Order

- I. Quorum Call
- II. Approval of Senate Minutes
- III. Approval of Cabinet Minutes
- IV. New Business
 - A. Welcoming of New Senators
 - B. eSports Club
 - C. Circle K International
 - D. Office Reallocation Legislation
- V. Executive Board Reports
 - **A.** President M. Atkinson
 - B. Vice President- N. Olson
 - C. Comptroller A. Guarino
 - **D.** Secretary J. Wyatt
- VI. Committee Chair Weekly Reports
 - A. Appropriations D. Gallagher
 - **B.** Club Relations A. Engelson
 - C. Programming W. Shepherd
 - **D.** Public Relations S. Ivy
 - E. Rules A. Babadzhanov
 - **F.** Spirit S. Harris
 - **G.** Student Services M. Manuel
- VII. For the Good of the Order
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Snap Cup
- X. Adjournment

Student Government Association Senate

October 2nd, 2014

Meeting of the 79th Senate called to order at 6:07pm

- I. Quorum Call
- II. Club Relations Chair Engelson motions to suspend the rules for quick announcement to the club leaders in attendance
 - a. Motion seconded
 - b. Motion passes 27-0-0
- III. Approval of Senate Minutes
 - a. Comptroller Guarino motions to pass the Senate minutes
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passes 27-0-0
- IV. Comptroller Guarino motions to add proposed Referendum questions as subsection b to the Section IV of the Senate agenda
- V. Approval of the Cabinet Minutes
 - a. Chair Engelson motions to pass the Cabinet minutes
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passes 27-0-0
- VI. New Business
 - a. Permission and Acquisition of Office Space for Non-Student Government Association Recognized Organizations Legislation
 - i. Introduction
 - 1. *Chair Engelson:* Allows non-SGA recognized clubs to have an office space, and changes reallocations to every 2 years rather than 4 years.
 - 2. *Chair Gallagher*: 5% of the allocated funds are available to non-SGA recognized clubs; this is why we would also like to allocate 5% of our office spaces for non-SGA recognized clubs.
 - ii. Questioning Period
 - 1. *Senator Gitlin:* Is this giving non-SGA recognized clubs a whole office or one spot in an office?
 - a. *Chair Engelson:* There would be one non-SGA office space, and non-SGA clubs could apply for a spot in this office.
 - 2. *Senator McKeown:* How many non-SGA recognized clubs are there on campus and could we accommodate them all?
 - a. *Chair Engelson:* 14 undergraduate clubs, we would not necessarily be able to fit them all, but it would again be an application process.
 - b. *Chair Gallagher:* This spring all clubs will be applying for a new office space anyways, because it is a reallocation year.
 - iii. Chair Gallagher motions to allow the gallery to speak for 15 minutes speaking time with 5 speakers and 3 minute speaking time each
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Motion passed 27-0-0
 - iv. Gallery Speaking Time
 - 1. *Alyssa O'Brien (Roosevelt institute):* Point of information, is there is someone on the Club Relations committee who is not in SGA and will be representing non-SGA clubs for office reallocations?
 - a. *Vice President Olson:* It would depend on who is on the Club Relations at that time.
 - 2. *Graham Howe (Hofstra vs. Zombies):* Will there be a change in the club reallocation process?

- a. *Chair Engelson:* It will be almost the same, but we did revamp the process.
- b. *Chair Gallagher:* We are also looking at writing legislation to add the Appropriations Chair to sit on this reallocation committee.
- 3. *Graham Howe (Hofstra vs. Zombies):* Is there a location where non-SGA recognized clubs can currently store things?
 - a. *Chair Engelson:* We are looking into it; currently there are 2 filing cabinets in the Small Clubs Office.
- 4. *Graham Howe (Hofstra vs. Zombies):* I understand the budget thing, but I do not feel like it is entirely fair to the clubs that have made the accommodations to follow SGA policy.
 - a. *Chair Gallagher:* Our reason for that is that we give funds for campus wide events for non-SGA recognized clubs. They do not have a proper place to store them, and we are losing an investment. This would make a separate (...)
- 5. Sunny Kim (Hofstra Robotics Club): 240 divided by 15 what is that? Maybe 8. That is how much competition we are facing as SGA recognized clubs. The non-SGA recognized clubs have a better chance and less competition. We make sacrifices in our constitutions in order to be recognized; it is one of the benefits of being recognized. Why do you need a club office space for storage for the non-SGA recognized clubs? That does not make sense to me. I understand the friendly little fixes and change of year. But I want to hear what Senate says, only the Club Relations Chair and Appropriations Chair have.
- 6. Chair Harris motions to extend speaker time for Sunny Kim by 2 minutes
 - a. Motion Seconded
 - b. Motion Passes 27-0-0
- 7. Sunny Kim (Hofstra Robotics Club): Why give office spaces to non-SGA recognized clubs if they only are only using it for storage? Why make it more difficult for the SGA recognized clubs to get office spaces? This does not make sense to me.
 - i. *Chair Gallagher:* The way to obtain funding from the 5% fund, the non-SGA recognized club must prove that this will be a campus wide event and it is highly debated.
- 8. *Scott Simon (Students For a Greener Hofstra):* I wanted to ask if you have an upcoming SGA questionnaire coming up?
 - i. *Vice President Olson:* We do and it is the next piece of business on our agenda.
- 9. Zöe Hoffman (IFSC): SGA unrecognized clubs represent about 15% of the community, as SGA you serve all of the school's population, not just the recognized clubs. We put on events to better the local community and Hofstra. The nature of Greek Life has a process. But we use our office for more than storage. Anyone who wants to show interest in the non-SGA recognized clubs needs us to be accessible, whether that be Greek Life, a Capella groups, etc. Anyone can decide to join and choose to be a part of these clubs.
- v. *Senator Price*: Point of information, out of the 14 unrecognized clubs, how many are unrecognized because of exclusivity?
 - a. Chair Engelson: Currently, all of them.
- vi. Debate

- 1. Chair Gallagher (Speaker For): We are dedicated to the student body as a whole, when I took my oath I was under the impression that we support every undergraduate student. We collect a Student Activities fee for every student, regardless of his or her clubs status. We need to consider who we represent, I remind you all of your oath.
- 2. Senator Gitlin (Speaker Against): I was advised last year that we are not a bank. What do we provide other than money to SGA recognized club? We give our support network around the table advocates for our 150 students. But we need to do more for those who adhere to our rules. Now we are going to give an office space to non-SGA recognized club and make it harder for recognized clubs to get these spaces. This is a disservice to the clubs we are supposed to offer more benefits to.
- 3. Senator Beer (Speaker For): I did not take an oath to promote just the organizations whose constitutions are compatible with SGA. I am actually against the sole principle of labeling the clubs. To all the non-SGA recognized clubs, I recognize the needs and contributions of your clubs, I recognize you because you are important too.
- 4. Senator Blain (Speaker Against): I do represent every student, regardless of his or her club status. We already do fund campus wide events and as Forrest said, we are not a bank. I do not want clubs who do not follow our policies to get the benefit of an office space.
- vii. Chair Gallagher motions for a moderated caucus for a total of 8 minutes with 4 speakers and 2 minute speaking time
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 26-0-0
- viii. Moderated Caucus on the legislation
 - 1. *Chair Engelson*: As many people have said, we represent 150 students. Those students may or may not be in a non-SGA recognized club. Every club was contacted about tonight and the majority of people sitting in the gallery are from non-SGA recognized clubs. There are 183 recognized clubs, but I do not see 183 sitting here. Many of the non-SGA recognized clubs lost their recognition because the policy changes. We should not punish them for that. We are all in clubs. There are numerous senators who do not think that all clubs should be recognized, but if they cannot thrive unless we help them, then we are not doing our jobs.
 - 2. Chair Manuel: I would like to emphasize that we turned away clubs because we think that clubs would be better without having to follow our policies. This is one office space, who is that going to hurt? It will be one office space shared by many clubs. Yes it is one office space, but I feel that we should just work to provide resources to the student body, by not offering office spaces.
 - a. Yielded to *Chair Gallagher:* I want to know when it became an issue to not be recognized by SGA. Look at this out here (points to gallery), this is over 10% of the community.
 - 3. Senator Ramdhani: The main argument for non-SGA recognized office spaces is that recognized clubs deserve it more for putting in more effort. But I want to point out that that is not true. At the end of the day, everyone is doing what they need to do, and any non-SGA recognized clubs who get office spaces would deserve them too.
 - a. Yielded to *Chair Engelson:* Non-SGA recognized clubs would also follow our office space policies.

- i. Yielded to *Senator Stengel:* One of the main goals of SGA is to cultivate community. We cannot cultivate by community by excluding such a large part of it.
 - 1. Yielded to *Senator Beer:* This has no intention to hurt SGA recognized clubs, but rather it has the intention to strengthen the Hofstra community.
- 4. *Senator Roome:* Chair Engelson invited everyone tonight, but only 5 recognized clubs are represented. Only 5 of you are taking it seriously, so I would not worry about not getting office spaces, because it shows that you care. Keep in mind there will be a 2-year rotation. When clubs come to speak to us for recognition, no one ever says "Hey I am in it for the office space."
- ix. More comments from the Gallery
 - 1. Alyssa O'Brien: I have a few suggestions, first to add in to subsection b after office space ", or storage space." The next is regarding Section 3, if you look at the list of requirements there is a lot of information that SGA already has, but there is no empirical evidence of what the (...)
 - a. *Chair Engelson:* Point of clarification, there is no storage space currently; we are working on getting some. As for the requirements as to what the application would include, this is what it must include, but the current application has more to it.
 - i. Alyssa O'Brien: I think the legislation should list all that is being considered in the application. I would also like another point added that puts someone not in SGA on the committee for making the decision. Because it is important to make sure a voice is being heard for those clubs.
 - 1. *Vice President Olson*: Point of clarification, we do have an IFSC representative.
 - 2. *Alyssa O'Brien*: But they only represent Greek life, not all non-SGA recognized clubs.
 - b. *Senator Price:* Point of information, aren't all SGA meetings open to all students?
 - 1. Vice President Olson: Correct.
 - 2. *Senator Price:* Point of clarification, right we are always open to listen to students, nothing we do here is secret.
 - c. Sunny Kim: And your minutes are not filtered and biased?
 - i. Senator Price: Point of clarification we are not filtered, but the gallery is always open. If you want to make sure we are not filtered then come to our meetings. The Chronicle also reports about each of our meetings.
 - d. Christina Garcia: I am representing H*INT. How many of you are in unrecognized clubs? There are a lot of clubs applying for office spaces. H*INT has a lot of things that are not being stored in an SGA place and we need an office space. We should not give non-SGA recognized clubs the office spaces that recognized clubs need.
 - i. *Chair Engelson:* My bias never has anything to do with the other clubs and organizations we are in. We are fighting for every club and every student. With the

- storage space, we do not know what will happen. We cannot put off this office legislation because this is year is the reallocation year.
- e. Graham Howe: What do clubs gain from being recognized?
 - i. *Chair Engelson:* We build relationships between clubs, promoting events, conflict resolution with your E-board, issues with your constitution, building relationships. We are your foundation.
 - ii. *Comptroller Guarino:* Our Public Relations committee can help you promote your events, networking, leadership development.
 - iii. *Chair Gallagher:* 95% of the funds we receive from Hofstra go to you for nearly any thing you may want to do, at the discretion of the committee.
- f. Graham Howe: What about the non-SGA recognized clubs?
 - i. *Chair Gallagher:* 5% of the budget is available for non-SGA recognized clubs to use for campus wide events, which is highly debated and hard to receive.
 - ii. *Chair Engelson:* From a Club Relations standpoint we act as a liaison between clubs and administration.
 - iii. *Comptroller Guarino:* We would help them if they approached us, we would never turn them away, but it is not something they have as easy access to.
- g. *Graham Howe*: So then what is the point of being recognized besides budgets and office?
 - i. Senator Beer: Well why did you become recognized?
 - 1. *Graham Howe:* HvZ has made sacrifices to accommodate SGA policies and now we will not even be getting much more.
 - ii. Comptroller Guarino: I understand your concerns. However, SGA recognition is not mandatory; if it is not best for you then you are not trapped in any contract with us. We are here to give you as much support as we can, if you truly think that it is not worth it then you are able to change that.
 - 1. *Graham Howe:* We do not intend to sever our recognition and cut ties with SGA. I am just led to the thought of why not be unrecognized?
- h. *Sunny Kim:* My suggestion on this legislation would allow equal chance for SGA recognized and non-SGA recognized clubs. This gives everyone equal opportunity. This legislation segregates clubs.
 - Chair Gallagher: From an objective standpoint, SGA recognition goes towards a club's purpose. I believe there would be much more backlash if anyone could apply for any space, rather than having one space for that.
 - ii. *Comptroller Guarino:* So your problem is with the segregation?
 - 1. Sunny Kim: That is correct.
- x. Senator Gitlin motions to extend traditional debate by 4 minutes with 2 speakers per side

- 1. Motion seconded
- 2. Motion passes 25-0-0

xi. Debate

- 1. Senator Braitman (Speaker For): By cutting people out of the situation is like we do not even recognize 150 students. It is only fair that we give the non-SGA recognized clubs attention as well.
- 2. Senator Gitlin (Speaker Against): It seems that for the pro side everyone's approach for this legislation is that you do not like the idea of SGA recognition. We are slapping SGA recognized clubs in the face. I saw a lot of Greek Life stand up, so why don't we just get Hofstra to give IFSC an office space.
- 3. *Chair Manuel (Speaker For):* If the legislation did not come last semester, the competition would have been harder. If anything, this legislation makes it less competitive. This has not really been into effect yet.
- 4. *Chair Blain (Speaker Against)*: We are making recognition less desirable. We do not have enough office spaces for this. Representing students is different than giving exclusive clubs perks. I am just saying that the people, who are not here, still trust us to make the right decision.
- xii. *Chair Gallagher:* Point of information, what is quorum and what is the 2/3 needed for the legislation to pass?
 - a. *Vice President Olson*: 17 would have to vote ves for this to pass.
- b. Comptroller Guarino motions for Ethics and Conduct Chair Casey to take Quorum Call
 i. Quorum is 25 voting members
- c. By a vote of 16-8-1 the Permission and Acquisition of Office Space for Non-Student Government Association Recognized Organizations Legislation does not pass.
- VII. Senator Gitlin motions to suspend the rules to see the Computer Science Society for SGA Recognition.
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Motion passes (...)
- VIII. The Computer Science Society
 - a. Computer Science Society: We are different from the former Computer Science club. We are for people interested in the Computer Science field. We are currently trying to create a virtual tour of Hofstra. We hope to help and give back to the community. We want to enter in Computer Science competitions as well.
 - b. Questioning Period
 - i. Chair Engelson: What category do you fall under?
 - 1. Computer Science Society: Academic
 - ii. Chair Engelson: When were you passed as a Hofstra club?
 - 1. Computer Science Society: Last spring
 - iii. Chair Engelson: Are you on Collegiate Link?
 - 1. *Computer Science Society:* Not currently, we have had trouble figuring that out.
 - iv. Chair Engelson: How many members do you have?
 - 1. Computer Science Society: 60 signed up.
 - v. Senator Ho: How many members attended your first meeting?
 - 1. Computer Science Society: About 17.
 - vi. Comptroller Guarino: How is your club different from the IT club?
 - 1. *Computer Science Society:* We are focused more on teaching about technology and computer science. The IT club is more business orientated and a part of a different school of education.
 - c. Debate

- i. Senator Gitlin (Speaker For): This club sounds very cool. I immediately checked to see if there was a virtual tour of Hofstra, and there really was not. This club wants to give back to the University. We can connect this club with our other clubs as well.
- ii. *Comptroller Guarino (Speaker Against):* This club is trying to do projects that HITA already does. We do a lot more than business, and although they are both academic clubs, I think it would be better for them to work with HITA.
- iii. *Chair Blain (Speaker For):* I think that even if it is a slight difference, it is a difference. I think they have many interested members. Hofstra would only be helped by having them as an SGA recognized club.
- iv. *Chair Manuel (Speaker Against):* It is possible for this club to come back, it may be a better option to have them meet with HITA first
 - 1. Yielded to *Comptroller Guarino*: I think they are a lot more similar with HITA than they think.
- d. By a vote of 12-12-1 the passing of the Computer Science Society is left in a tie.
- e. By a new vote of 12-13-1 the Computer Science Society does not pass as an SGA recognized club.
- f. Senator Beer motions to revote on the recognition of Computer Science Society
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Motion passes 19-5-1
- g. Revote Debate
 - i. Senator Beer (Speaker For): I do not feel that our suggestions helped them. It is clear that we did not preserve their goals and we need to reconsider our decision.
 - 1. *Senator Gitlin (Speaker For):* It sounds like they have clubs that they already want to work with and having recognition would give them leverage to achieve those goals.
 - ii. *Chair Engelson (Speaker Against):* We sat around this table saying recognition is not everything. They would thrive better in an academic setting. They do not need our recognition at this time.
- h. Chair Engelson motions to suspend the rules so Chair Babadzhanov can read the purpose from the club's constitution from his computer.
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Motion passes 15-5-2
- i. By a vote 13-8-2 of the Computer Science Society passes as an SGA recognized club.
- i. Referendum Ouestions
 - i. *Vice President Olson:* I am bringing some amendments to the questions proposed by Cabinet after meeting with President Atkinson, Sarah Young, and Advisor Stanley Cherian today.
 - 1. *Vice President Olson*: Question 1 needs to be reworded in order for it to be more effective.
 - 2. Vice President Olson: I am striking the following questions
 - a. Question 2- we need to speak with Events Management and some other departments first.
 - b. Question 3- rather than the question we should think about a plan to increase spirit for all holidays.
 - c. Question 6- this requires more research.
 - d. Question 8- we need to discuss this with IFSC more.
 - e. Question 9- as of right now, it is only in the fall that upperclassman cannot go on the trips. There are trips available to upperclassmen in the spring. We also do not know where the money for that would come from at this time.

- f. Question 11- there is not currently a space big enough to hold a larger fair.
- g. Question 12- the data would not accurately represent the question. It would be hard to productively use the data. Also this is something that Greek Life is going speak about.
- ii. Chair Blain motions to reword question one to "Would you be more likely to attend the Career Center Fair if it was somewhere besides the Mack Arena?"
 - 1. Vice President Olson sees this amendment as friendly.
- iii. Scott Simon (VP for Students for a Greener Hofstra): We have a campaign called "Pride Not Plastic" and want to ask if students believe that plastic bags are overused on campus. And "Would you like to see more organic food on campus?"
 - a. Vice President Olson: Point of clarification, we are working on a food survey with Lackmann and can definitely add the second question.
 - b. *Chair Engelson:* What do you mean by plastic bags?
 - i. *Scott Simon:* Lackmann offers a plastic bag to everyone on campus.
 - c. *Chair Blain:* Point of information, how will this affect your campaign?
 - i. *Scott Simon:* We are talking with Lackmann and dining services. We are looking for people to say that they do not want plastic bags.
 - d. *Senator McKeown*: Have you thought about talking to the plant department?
 - i. *Scott Simon:* Jamaica Ash is not an eco-friendly company, they are more business oriented.
- iv. Senator Gitlin motions to add, "Would you be open to Lackmann and the bookstore using paper bag instead of plastic?" to the referendum questions for Fall 2014.
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 20-1-0
- v. Chair Manuel motions to add, "Would you support the implementation of a bike share system around campus?" to the referendum questions for Fall 2014.
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Motion passes by 20-1-0
- vi. Comptroller Guarino motions to pass the referendum questions for the Fall 2014 elections
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 21-0-0
- IX. Chair Harris motions to take a 5 minute recess
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Motion passes 14-7-0
- X. Executive Board Reports
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Comptroller
 - d. Secretary
- XI. Committee Chair Weekly Reports
 - a. Academic Affairs
 - i. NY Times is back!
 - ii. Provost Scholar Reception was today

- iii. We are still researching new initiatives
- iv. Next Monday 10/6 at 4:30pm, I will be holding a workshop during my meeting
- v. Mobile Printing began this semester
 - 1. We should use this as an opportunity to promote what SGA has done
- vi. Senator McKeown is investigating TK20
- vii. Senator Shah is researching the University Tutorial Program initiative more
- viii. Senator Kroening is working on the clocks in classrooms initiative
- ix. Chair Gallagher motions to pass the Academic Affairs committee minutes
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 21-0-0
- b. Appropriations
 - i. Total allocated \$7,948.17
 - ii. Questioning Period
 - 1. *Senator Beer:* Why did the Club Lacrosse team not receive the full referee fee?
 - a. *Chair Gallagher:* Because this is their off season, during the regular season they may have been allocated the full amount.
 - 2. Chair Engelson: Why was the full color vinyl banner not funded?
 - a. *Chair Gallagher:* It was not funded because a significant amount of money was already allocated to Entertainment Unlimited this semester.
 - iii. Senator Beer motions to give an additional \$195 to the Club Lacrosse team to cover 75% of the referee fee instead of 50% because it is for a lacrosse tournament. It is custom that home teams always pay for the referee fee because the away teams travel.
 - 1. Debate
 - a. Senator Stengel (Speaker For): It is custom for the home team to pay this fee because the away team travels. This will help benefit our team for the spring by playing some of the best teams. Without the money, we may not be able to have the tournament at all.
 - i. Yielded to *Senator Gitlin*: Everyone knows Hofstra for Lacrosse.
 - b. *Comptroller Guarino (Speaker Against):* This is a problem for a lot of sports teams and we made this decision to be consistent. Additionally, \$195 is a lot of money that other clubs could use.
 - c. Senator Beer (Speaker For): Without this money our budget will need to be completely reorganized and normally we are allocated more
 - d. Senator Casey (Speaker Against): This was a hard decision. If we had enough money to give to everyone, we would. I believe that 50% was a fair decision; again it is function over flourish.
 - i. Yielded to *Chair Gallagher:* It is also the offseason for Club Lacrosse.
 - 1. Yielded to *Comptroller Guarino:* If we do it for Club Lacrosse we need to do it for all the sports clubs.
 - 2. By a vote of 1-15-7 the motion to give an additional \$195 to the Club Lacrosse team fails
 - iv. Senator Ho motions to pass the Appropriations Minutes
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 21-0-0

- c. Club Relations
 - i. We are building better relationships with clubs
 - ii. Club Spotlight (learning about our clubs)
 - iii. Club Congress at October 7th in the SC Theatre
 - 1. SGA you must arrive at 5:15pm
 - 2. The event will begin at 6:00pm
 - iv. Senator Gitlin motions to pass the Club Relations minutes
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 21-0-0
- d. Programming
 - i. Tim Decker Speed Painter
 - ii. Halloween Festival
 - iii. Donuts 4 Dollars
 - iv. Build A Bear
 - v. Themed Weekend with OSLA
 - 1. "Pink Weekend"
 - 2. "Texas Pride Weekend"
 - vi. Chair Engelson motions to pass the Programming Board minutes
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 21-0-0
- e. Senator Caputo motions to add the Public Relations minutes to Section VI as sub-section e of the Senate agenda
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passes 21-0-0
- f. Public Relations
 - i. Working on new initiatives
 - ii. Chair Gallagher motions to pass the Public Relations minutes
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 21-0-0
- g. Rules
 - i. USITT (United States Institution for Theater Technologies) Club
 - ii. Computer Science Society
- h. Spirit
 - i. Hofstra Celebrates the Holidays
 - ii. Midnight Madness
 - iii. Tailgates
 - iv. Senator Diaz motions to pass the Spirit Committee minutes
 - 1. Motion seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 21-0-0
- i. Chair Manuel motions to suspend the rules to make a Student Services report
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed 21-0-0
- XII. For Good of the Order
- XIII. Announcements
- XIV. Snap Cup
- XV. Motion to adjourn at 10:50pm
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Motion passes

Respectfully Submitted, Jenna Wyatt Student Government Association

October 8th, 2014

Student Government Association Cabinet Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Atkinson at 8:07pm

- I. Updates
 - a. Academic Affairs
 - i. Workshop went well this week
 - ii. Meeting with the Provost's Office about talking about events to do together
 - 1. Checking in again on October 15th
 - iii. Clocks on the Academic side of campus
 - 1. Talk to Paul Romano and Mike King from Plant and Facilities
 - 2. Clocks will not being going up in all buildings
 - 3. This would be a great thing to bring up at Town Hall "is there any plan to add clocks in other academic buildings?"
 - iv. Looking into hone charging stations
 - 1. Talk to Paul Romano
 - 2. Checking in again on October 15th
 - v. University Tutorial Program
 - 1. Looking into expanding the courses available for tutoring
 - 2. Checking in again on October 15th
 - vi. Tk20
 - 1. Looking into seeing if the University could subsidize the cost of this program
 - 2. Bringing it up in meeting with Provost
 - vii. Biology Department Faculty
 - 1. Chair Manuel and Senator Shah will be investigating this
 - viii. The School of Communication and internship fund
 - 1. Chair Engelson's idea
 - 2. Chair Blain and Chair Manuel will work together on this initiative and will talk to Dean Oppenheim
 - b. Appropriations
 - i. Continuing Initiatives
 - 1. Updating Budget Book
 - 2. Building Club Relations/Improve Prior Relations
 - ii. New Intiatives
 - 1. Online and Electronic Sign Up for Appropriations Meeting
 - a. "Volunteer Spot"
 - i. You can sign up from a smart phone and the administrator can send out notifications and reminders
 - b. Maybe Hofstra can make one post the link onto the Student Government webpage
 - c. Stan? Maybe have a system on Collegiate Link to encourage the use of Collegiate Link
 - i. Chair Gallagher will bring the information to Stan so he can talk to Faculty Computing Services
 - 2. Appropriations Campaign for Financial Awareness

- 3. Presentation for Hofstra University Administration
- iii. Comptroller
 - 1. Treasurer Training Initiative/SGA Budget Question and Answers
 - a. September 9th
 - i. 78 treasurers attended
 - ii. Sent each treasurer an email with their tracker with their Fall 2014 allocations
 - b. Second Meeting (MISPO Retreat) September 13th
 - i. 7 treasurers attended
 - ii. Sent each treasurer an email with their tracker with their Fall 2014 allocations
 - c. October 8th (Today)
 - i. 15 treasurers attended
 - d. October 30th
 - i. MPR East from 4:30-5:30
 - 2. Treasurer Tracker Mid-Semester Check Ups
 - a. Write emails with mid-semester check ins for treasurers on October 21st
 - Working with the Appropriations committee on this initiative
 - ii. Send emails by October 22nd
- iv. Budget Weekend Preparation (Appropriations and Comptroller)
 - 1. Begins next week and will continue every week until Budget Weekend
- c. Club Relations initiatives
 - i. Completed
 - 1. Meet and Greet
 - a. 150 clubs represented, 179 people in attendance
 - 2. Club Congress
 - a. 118 clubs represented, 125 people in attendance
 - 3. Club Handbook
 - 4. Office Space Application
 - 5. Club Relations Facebook Person
 - 6. Office Space Swipe and Office Hours
 - ii. Initiatives in progress
 - 1. Club database of events
 - 2. Committee learning 250 clubs
 - 3. Building relationships
 - 4. Registration Committee vamping
 - 5. Improve relations between SGA and IFSC
 - iii. Future initiatives
 - 1. Event newsletters
 - 2. Events in *The Chronicle*
 - 3. Meeting with Clubs to discuss how to flourish
 - 4. Printer for clubs to use
 - 5. To teach and encourage club leaders to use Collegiate Link
 - 6. Winter Club Fair bigger and more significant
 - 7. Outline the full benefits that SGA can provide for clubs
- d. Programming
 - i. Swore in 5 new members

- ii. Still brainstorming about Texas Pride Weekend
- iii. Events this month
 - 1. Tim Decker (Oct 24th)
 - 2. Halloween Festival (Oct 29th)
- iv. Newman Club reached out to co-sponsor for #randomactsofkindness (Nov. 19th)
- v. Setting up a team for the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk at Jones Beach (Oct. 19th)
- vi. Event Binder
 - 1. 10% done
 - 2. December 5th
- e. Public Relations
 - i. Met with former Chair Sam Robertson about Photoshop
 - ii. Meeting with Karla from University Relations
 - iii. Speaking with *The Chronicle* to cover the election of new senators
 - iv. The Dean of Students wants to schedule a lunch date with us
 - 1. Use a Doodle
- f. Rules
 - i. New Clubs
 - 1. Circle K International
 - 2. eSports
 - ii. Legislation
 - 1. Office Space Reallocation Time Period legislation
 - iii. New ideas
 - 1. Edit the template for the constitution
 - 2. Add legislation to mandate election attendance
 - iv. Working on
 - 1. Constitution and policy series game
 - a. Almost complete
 - 2. Training the Archivist and Ethics and Conduct Chair
- g. Student Services
 - i. Mineola Train Schedule
 - 1. Done
 - ii. Vending Machines
 - 1. Done
 - 2. Greg will email Michael Ogazon to find out the exact date of the transition
 - iii. Meetings with Lackmann
 - 1. Done
 - 2. Learned about the Food Survey as well as the Food Committee application process
 - iv. Discount Cards
 - 1. Chair Manuel spoke to Jesse Lender about how discount cards work. Jesse will get back to him.
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 - 1. Proposed Questions
 - a. Have you heard about the Food Committee meetings?
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 - c. Have you heard about the Eating @ Hofstra Facebook and Twitter pages?

- vi. Commuter Lounge Bulletin Board
 - 1. Chair Manuel will speak to the Commuting Services Office by Friday to make sure the work order has been placed
- II. Carpet Time and Review Meetings



- a. Cabinet assignments due Tuesday 10/14 of 3 days "in the life"
- III. Club Office Reallocation Legislation
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Chair Gallagher: The latter half of what we debated on last Thursday. This legislation is just changing the reallocation year to happen every two years. Additionally we moved up Office Space Review to account for SGA turn over and ease the transition for the Club Relations Committee. Additionally we added the Appropriations Chair to the Committee in order to further assess the process.
 - b. Questioning Period
 - i. Chair Blain: Why two year? Why not one?
 - 1. *Chair Gallagher*: This way more clubs have a chance to get into an office.
 - 2. Chair Engelson: That would mean that every year if you do have an office you might have to move every year. The process of Office Space Review is also a lengthy process. When E-boards change, intentions may also change.
 - c. Chair Blain motion to add to the legislation to Senate agenda
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Motion passes
- IV. Closing Remarks
- V. Motion to Adjourn at 1:20am
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Motion passes

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenna Wyatt

Student Government Association Secretary

Appropriation Minutes

October 7th 2014

Attendance: Chairperson Damian Gallagher, Comptroller Alyson Guarino, Gaby Senderowicz,

Erin Casey

Absent: Taylor Roome (excused) Meeting Commenced: 6:15pm

1. National Society of Black Engineers

Requested: \$1,267.19

NSBE Registration for Regional Fall Conference, NSBE Nationals, Intro to Engineering

Allocated: \$592.00

NSBE Regional Fall Conference Registration (4 people): \$352 NSBE Annual Convention registration fees (4 people): \$240

Intro to Engineering (reallocated funds)

2. Hofstra Gospel Ensemble

Requested: \$1,357.25

Food for the Soul, Apparel, Table Banner

Allocated: \$1,226.00

Food: \$776 Flyers: \$142

Praise Dance Attire: \$234

Banner: \$74

3. Hofstra Women's Club Soccer

Requested: \$337.35
Transportation

Allocated: \$334.25

Transportation (mileage and tolls): \$334.25

Total Requested: \$2,961.79

Total Allocated: \$2,152.25

% Allocated: 73%

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Damian Gallagher

Appropriations Chairperson

CLUB RELATIONS MINUTES

10/7/2014

No formal meeting was held.

Attendance: Senator Beer, Senator Gitlin, Senator Caputo, Chairwoman Engelson

Club Congress set up started: 5:20 PM

Club Congress:

- 1. Goals:
 - 1.1. Inform clubs about policies -- Met
 - 1.2. Give clubs a chance to voice their concerns, questions, suggestions-- Met
 - 1.3. Build an understanding of what SGA can offer the clubs
- 2. There were 118 clubs represented and 125 people in attendance
 - 2.1. One of the best turn outs for Club Congress in a while
 - 2.1.1. All clubs received a club handbook, with personalized notes
 - o written by committee members, Shayna, Gaby, Erin, Whitney, and Mark

Registration Committee

- 1. Martin attended the registration committee
 - 1.1. 7 clubs were registered with the University on Friday, October 3rd.
 - 1.1.1. Deasl the Deaf and Sign Language club
 - 1.1.2. In the Lines Coloring Club
 - 1.1.3. Society of Advancement of Management
 - 1.1.4. Club Golf Team
 - 1.1.5. 180 Degrees
 - 1.1.6. Re-activation:
 - 1.1.6.1. Discovery club
 - 1.1.6.2. Music and Entertainment Industry

Meeting Adjourned: 6:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra Engelson
Club Relations Chairwoman

Programming Board Minutes

October 6, 2014

Attendance: Amber B., Priya G., Coco S., Nicole B., Christian R., Alex K., Kelly M., Miranda M., Michelle H., Ashlyn G., Danielle E.

Visitors: President Mark Atkinson, Vice President Nicole Olson, Appropriations Chairman

Damian Gallagher

Absent: Danielle K., Cory M., Nyala S. (all excused)

Meeting commenced: 6:00 PM

- 1) Special Business
 - a. SGA President M. Atkinson swore in our new board members
 - i. Kelly Mizuno, Miranda Muench, Michelle Hoang, Ashlyn Grisetti, and Danielle Esposito
 - b. Spoke about SGA Retreat
 - i. October 18, 2014
 - ii. Discussed setting up a team for the Breast Cancer Walk at Jones Beach on October 19, 2014
- 2) Upcoming Events
 - a. Tim Decker Speed Painter October 24, 2014
 - i. 5:00pm SC Theater
 - ii. Giving away 2 of his paintings
 - b. Halloween Festival October 29, 2014
 - i. Common hour at Adams Playhouse Quad
 - ii. Spoke with Hofstra Intervarsity about their part as a co-sponsor

Meeting adjourned: 6:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Whitney Shepherd

Programming Board Chairwoman

Public Relations Minutes

October 9, 2014

No meeting held this week

- 1. Initiatives
 - a. Press Release (Continuing)
 - i. The Chronicle has published "Meet Your SGA Reps"
 - ii. Club Meet and Greet signaled "New SGA"
 - iii. Will be meeting with *The Chronicle* tomorrow to talk about publishing an article on the new senators
 - b. Mid-Semester Review
 - i. Meeting with *The Chronicle* to discuss a review on the semester
 - ii. Will talk to Mark and Nicole to speak on behalf of this review
 - iii. Anyone is welcome to sit in on this meeting to give their perspective on the fall semester
 - c. State of SGA Address
 - i. Will be done towards the end of the semester
 - ii. Will be videotaped so students can see it on the Hofstra page/YouTube
 - iii. Will be done in the Student Center Theater
 - iv. Mark or Nicole can give the address
 - v. Students are welcome to sit in on this address as well
 - d. Increased communication with The Chronicle
 - i. Setting up weekly meetings with *The Chronicle*
 - ii. We currently have someone to sit on our senate meetings
 - iii. *The Chronicle* has shown great interest with working with us this semester
 - e. 1,500 likes by the end of the semester/more followers on Instagram
 - i. We are at 924 likes on Facebook
 - ii. We went from 49 followers on Instagram to 74 followers
 - iii. We can plan more events that encourage students to use our social sites
 - f. Finding a graphic artist to help with flyers
 - i. A friend of mine, Desmond Jackson, is willing to help with flyers
 - ii. Had a meeting with Sam Robertson for a session on Photoshop on Monday
 - This was a great way for me to increase my artistic skills. The meeting went great! Sam is willing to have meetings with anyone who wants to know more about Photoshop.
 - g. This Week at Hofstra (Continuity)
 - i. This initiative hasn't been active. I take full responsibility for this
 - ii. Will be emailing Arielle to schedule a meeting with her
 - iii. Meeting will be a great way to touch base with Arielle and keep her updated on SGA events
- 2. New Initiatives
 - a. Plan an Atrium event

- i. Complete task on wheel
- ii. Once task is complete, student will get a t-shirt
- iii. Great publicity for SGA
- iv. Will send email to Club Relations Chairwoman Engelson's father, Steven Engelson for the t-shirts I want to use for this event
- b. SGA @ the Corner
 - i. Hofstra Suggestions
 - ii. These suggestions will provide information for other senators/committee chairs
 - iii. Want to plan this the second week of November
 - iv. Will talk to Mark about scheduling this event

Respectfully submitted,

Shabieko Ivy

Public Relations Chairwoman

Rules Minutes

October 6, 2014

Attendance: Chair Person Babadzhanov, Erin Casey, So-Van Ho, Anthony Ramdhani

Visiting: Elior Alayev, Gaby Senderowicz

Meeting Commenced 6:34pm

- 1) Circle K International
 - a. New club
 - i. Started last year
 - b. Seeking SGA recognition
 - i. Community Service club
 - ii. Local and international chapters
 - c. Corrections
 - i. Grammatical review
 - ii. Article IX, Section C, sub-section a
 - 1. Refund for money contributions
 - 2. Add clause for pre-approved limit
- 2) Office Space Reallocation Time Period Legislation
 - a. Grammatical review
 - b. Renaming of committee reviewing office space reallocation
 - c. Senator Ho makes a motion to pass the legislation through Rules and have it be seen by Cabinet.
 - i. Senator Casey seconds
 - ii. The motion passes by a vote of 3-0
- 3) Hofstra eSports
 - a. New club
 - i. Started last week
 - 1. Joined Collegiate Link Sunday, October 5th
 - 2. 39 members
 - ii. Involved in competitive videogames
 - iii. Earn scholarships by winning tournament
 - iv. First chapter on Long Island
 - b. Seeking SGA recognition
 - i. Social club
 - ii. Local chapter of TeSPA
 - c. Corrections
 - i. Preamble addition
 - ii. Grammatical review
 - iii. Formatting review
- 4) Upcoming initiatives
 - a. Review of Club Constitution template

Meeting Adjourned: 8:19 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Aleksey Babadzhanov Rules Chairman

Spirit Minutes October 9, 2014

Attendance: Shayna Braitman, Amanda Price

Visiting: Kristina Shafranski, Greg Stengel

Meeting commenced: 5:01 PM

- 1. Midnight Madness
 - a. Promotions for games
 - i. Tabling next week: Wednesday & Thursday
 - ii. Everyone needs to advertise on social media
 - iii. Flyers were distributed to the residence halls
 - iv. Create a Facebook event for Midnight Madness
 - b. What we need to research
 - i. Minute to Win it: Email three Minute to Win it tasks
 - ii. Making rally towels and researching a place to make cardboard cut-outs
 - iii. Reached out to Delta Gamma about collaboration during the Midnight Madness through their soccer tournament
- 2. Updates
 - a. Hofstra for the Holidays
 - i. Researching other organizations
 - b. Hofstra compliments
 - i. Send Shayna compliments for the page
 - ii. Shayna will do a social media blast on other pages
 - c. Wear Pride Wednesdays
 - i. Making t-shirts by Wednesday
 - ii. Advertise on other social media
 - d. Athlete Spotlight
 - i. Template will be sent to me by Saturday
- 3. New Initiatives
 - a. Possible college bonfire
- 4. Game Announcements
 - a. October 11th: Women's Soccer @ 4:30 PM
 - b. October 11th: Men's Soccer @ 7:00 PM
 - c. October 19th: Field Hockey @ 1:00 PM
 - d. October 22nd: Men's Soccer 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned: 5:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Harris

Spirit Chairwoman

Student Services Committee

October 7, 2014

Attendance: Greg Stengel

Absent: Cynthia Uzoukwu

Meeting Commenced: 6:10PM

- I. Initiatives:
 - a. Mineola Train Schedule: Done
 - b. Healthier Food in Vending: Done
 - i. Greg will email Michael Ogazon to find out the exact date of the transition
 - c. Meetings with Lackman: Done
 - i. We learned about the Food Survey as well as the Food Committee application process.
 - d. Discount Cards: Mikio spoke to Jesse about how discount cards work. Jesse will get back to him.
 - e. SGA @ the Corner: We've come up with some questions
 - i. Have you heard about the Food Committee meetings?
 - ii. Have you heard about the Lackman Food Survey?
 - iii. Have you heard about the Eating @ Hofstra Facebook and Twitter pages?
 - f. Commuter Lounge Bulletin Board: Mikio will speak to the Commuting Services
 Office by Friday to make sure the work order has been placed.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:35PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mikio Manuel II

Student Services Chairman