



Agenda of the 79th Senate

Hofstra University Student Government Association

November 6th, 2014

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 – A. Babadzhanov**
 - V. New Business**
 - A. Swearing in of the IRCB**
 - B. Student Activity Fee Presentation**
 - C. SGA at the Corner Questions**
 - VI. Executive Board Reports**
 - A. President – M. Atkinson**
 - B. Vice President- N. Olson**
 - C. Comptroller – A. Guarino**
 - 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 – N. Olson**
 - F. Spirit – S. Harris**
 - G. Student Services – M. Manuel**
 - VIII. For the Good of the Order**
 - IX. Announcements**
 - X. Snap Cup**

Adjournment

Meeting of the 79th Senate called to order at 6:05 PM

- I. Quorum Call
 - a. *Senator Casey*: Quorum is at 29.
- II. Approval of the Senate Minutes
 - a. Senator Andrews motions to pass
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Motion passes 29-0-0
- III. Approval of Cabinet Minutes
 - a. Senator Diaz motions to pass
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Motion passes 31-0-0
 - b. *Senator Casey*: Quorum is at 31.
- IV. Rules Committee Report
 - a. Creative Genius
 - i. Presented constitution
 - ii. Did not send updated constitution in time
 - iii. Will not be seen at Senate today
 - b. In the Lines
 - i. New Club
 - ii. Edited constitution
 - iii. Will be seen today
 - c. SGA Memorandum
 - i. Cosignature present
 - ii. Chair Shepherd cosigned
 - d. Club Constitution Template
 - i. Updated
 - ii. Clearer and more efficient
 - e. Chair Manuel motions to pass
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Motion passes 31-0-0
- V. New Business
 - a. In The Lines: Hofstra University Coloring Book Club
 - i. *In The Lines*: The reason I started this club is because in high school I would color and draw as a coping mechanism. That moved to buying coloring books for my friends and family and it was a good way to bond. Then the idea came to share this with others. Our club has three parts: reach out to Hofstra students to have coloring meetings, reach out to organizations in need and donate coloring supplies to children, and visit the children that we are helping and spend time coloring with them. We also want to extend our love of coloring to the elderly. Coloring helps people with Alzheimer's focus. Our club encompasses so many different pieces. We want to be SGA recognized because it's a step in the right direction. We worked hard to generate support from Hofstra and OSLA. SGA can offer us a foundation and support and we wish to use all the resources that SGA has to offer to further promote the club. We want SGA's help to diversify the club.
 1. *Joseph Marone*: Public Relations chair
 - a. Short-term goals of the club:
 - i. Reduce stress level of Hofstra students. Give them one hour a week to unwind and reduce stress.

- ii. Visit the children we want to help to brighten their day. If we can brighten their day with one hour, if we can limit their stress, that's something we want to achieve.
 - iii. Visit the elderly and show them that youth want to hang out with them.
 - b. Long-term goals of the club:
 - i. Create a Hofstra coloring book in order to encompass all of students' work and generate support for coloring book.
 - c. Right now we have 12 active members, but we're not just limited to just that. We've extended advertising our club to the Class of 2016, 2017, and 2018 Facebook pages.
 - i. People want to get involved and have general board positions.
 - ii. 50 likes on Facebook. People have shown interest. There are many people interested, not just group of friends. There are many members of diverse backgrounds.
- ii. Questioning Period
 1. *Chair Harris*: You want to help children and elderly, are there organizations you're working with, or that you've scheduled times with?
 - a. *In the Lines*: We have organizations worked out. We have Huntington Enrichment Center. We're creating packages for the Holidays. We're reaching out to Atrium Nursing Home to see if we can color with the residents there.
 2. *Chair Blain*: Could you give us more specific examples of how you would utilize SGA's resources?
 - a. *In the Lines*: SGA would allow us to work with organizations and join with other organizations who try to help students and organizations, like Greek life. Mostly we would use SGA to make organization connections to promote the club.
 3. *Senator Esteban*: Would your members be bringing in their own supplies or would you ask SGA to fund supplies?
 - a. *In the Lines*: We would raise money ourselves for coloring book and supplies that we're donating. We would just ask SGA to fund coloring books and supplies for our meetings. We have hangouts during meetings. We would raise money by going to craft fairs and different festivals and selling crafts raise money. The money that we raise will also go to arranged trips to travel to children's centers and nursing homes.
 4. *Senator Ramdhani*: How does coloring reduce stress levels?
 - a. *In the Lines*: Coloring is something for you to focus on. Focusing and coloring can be so helpful in stressful situations. For the elderly, they get a lot out of it and it helps them focus and remember things. It's been proven that coloring takes you back to your childhood and brings you joy. There's been scientific research that it has a therapeutic aspect. It's not highly demanding. Coloring is not limiting. No one has to have skill for it.
- iii. Debate
 1. *Chair Blain (speaker for)*: I think this is one of the best examples of what a SGA club should be. It is completely unique. I have never seen anything like this. They are completely nonexclusive and anybody can participate. I can't see why we wouldn't vote them as a SGA club. The funding, I don't know if we can do that, but that is something we can work out. They're planning on self-funding most of their expenses. I don't know why we shouldn't give them our seal of approval.

- a. *Yielded to Senator Ramdhani*: Plus they would create a legacy with their Hofstra coloring book.
 - 2. *Chair Manuel (speaker against)*: I think that one thing, me included, is that exclusivity is just one part. It's more than just about exclusivity/nonexclusive. I don't think they need SGA recognition to work. We can still help them. We need to sit back and think what SGA recognition means. Non-exclusivity is not what we need to be passing them for. They can work with the art department. They don't need SGA recognition. There were talks to have a coloring book my freshman year, but where is it now?
 - 3. *Senator Taconelli (speaker for)*: Coloring helps reduce stress level; it makes people feel calmer. Coloring is a great way to de-stress and gives you something to look forward to. It's good because they're reaching out to people and making it more diverse. Reach out to children and elderly. I think they should diversify and do other things other than just coloring like playing with putty or cards. I think they should get more members.
 - 4. *Senator Marshall (speaker against)*: I agree with everything Chair Manuel said. I just wanted to point out that they could prosper without SGA recognition. They seem to be okay without SGA recognition. For example, they reached out to the Class Facebook pages. They don't need us to get the word out, they're doing it already. It can be a stress reliever for some, but not for all. This group is very one sided instead of being a group for stress relieving. They also said they can fund without us and I also don't see why they should be SGA recognized.
- iv. There is a tie to pass In the Lines as an SGA recognized club 15-15-0
 - 1. Vice President Olson breaks the tie and votes in favor of recognizing In the Lines
 - 2. In the Lines passes as an SGA recognized club 16-15-0
- b. New Club Constitution Template Format
 - i. Preamble added
 - ii. Grammatical corrections
 - 1. Inconsistencies in spelling
 - iii. No major changes in regards to substance
 - c. Senator Gitlin motions to suspend the rules to see IVCF Memorandum before Mid-Semester reports
 - i. Senator Beer objects
 - ii. Rescinds
 - d. Senator Beer motions to conduct Public Relations elections and see the IVCF Memorandum before Mid-Semester Reports
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Motion passes 30-0-0
 - e. Public Relations Committee Chair Nominations and Elections
 - i. Nominations
 - 1. Chair Harris nominates Senator Shafranski
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Senator Shafranski accepts
 - 2. Senator Stengel nominates Senator Gitlin
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Senator Gitlin accepts
 - 3. Chair Blain nominates Senator Pollock
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Senator Pollock accepts
 - 4. Comptroller Guarino nominates Senator Barry
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Senator Barry accepts

5. Chair Blain nominates Senator Shah
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Respectfully declines
 6. Chair Harris nominates Senator Beer
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Respectfully declines
 7. Chair Engelson nominates Senator Marshall
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Respectfully declines
 8. Chair Blain nominates Senator Esteban
 - a. Second
 - b. Senator Esteban accepts
 9. Senator Andrews nominates Senator Braitman
 - a. Second
 - b. Respectfully declines
 10. Chair Blain nominates Senator Mishkin
 - a. Second
 - b. Respectfully declines
 11. Chair Blain nominates Senator Dent
 - a. Second
 - b. Respectfully declines
 12. Senator Beer nominates Senator Andrews
 - a. Second
 - b. Respectfully declines
- ii. *Senator Shafranski*: I am running for Public Relations chair. I am a sophomore and second year senator. Last year I did the Spirit committee. This year I became a member of the Public Relations Committee but I still go to every Spirit meeting. I am glad that I was assigned to Public Relations because I like informing the student body and providing a transparent link between SGA and the students. Since being on the Public Relations Committee, I have been updating social media. Being in Spirit and Public Relations lets me see what we can improve. SGA has let me become a better leader. SGA is my second family. I want to be a greater leader than I can be as a Senator. Being Public Relations chair and a member of cabinet would be my privilege.
1. Questioning
 - a. *Comptroller Guarino*: Are you free on Wednesday nights?
 - i. *Senator Shafranski*: Yes.
 - b. *Chair Blain*: Do you have any ideas on how you're going to take the next step forward?
 - i. *Senator Shafranski*: There are many things that we are working on. The last meeting was really good. There were lots of ideas thrown out. We had a Twitter, but we couldn't find the e-mail so we're making a new one. Everyone has so many opinions on how to improve social media. For example posting every day, but not too many times, also posting posters of club events and including other things that happen during day.
 - c. *Chair Harris*: What are your biggest strengths and weaknesses?
 - i. *Senator Shafranski*: My biggest weakness would be that I'm an organized procrastinator. My greatest strength is that I'm a great listener and take everyone's opinion into consideration and try to make everything work
 - d. *Chair Manuel*: What is your experience with Photoshop and graphic design?

- i. *Senator Shafranski*: I am not completely aware of how to use Photoshop, but I am willing to make it mandatory for the whole committee to learn.
 - e. Senator Diaz motions to extend questioning time by 3 minutes
 - i. Second
 - ii. Objection
 - iii. Rescinded
 - f. Comptroller Guarino motions to extend questioning time by 2 minutes
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Chair Blain objects
 - iii. Debate
 - 1. *Comptroller Guarino (speaker for)*: I just want to extend questioning time because I still have questions and it'll help me make my decision. We all should be fair, but we give all of them at least 2 minutes more and if we're not satisfied we usually give them more time. We can just as easily give others the same time. I don't mind sitting here and extending time for others so we can get a better idea on how to vote.
 - 2. *Chair Blain (speaker against)*: I agree that it is important to have all our questions answered; however this is an election and in eyes of fairness, instead of extending debate on an individual basis, we should do it for everyone. Every minute that they are speaking is another minute that they are campaigning, so we need to give everyone the same amount of time to persuade us.
 - 3. *Chair Gallagher (speaker for)*: I'm getting flashbacks to our last election. I think it's one of those things where it's the rules of the chamber and we've already experienced that if we need more time, we extend it. If it takes more then so be it, if it takes less, so be it. I agree that if we need to extend it for everyone, then we should, but if it takes more, then it takes more. This is an essential position for cabinet and the face of SGA.
 - 4. *Senator Beer (speaker against)*: We're both in essence asking for the same thing: we want to extend time on an individual basis, but then we should use the time as a precedent henceforth. It's unfair to give one candidate more time than another.
 - iv. Motion passes 22-2-0
 - v. Vice President Olson changes the Rules of the Chamber to 2 minutes of speaking, 4 minutes of questioning
 - g. *Senator Beer*: What do you think of stigma of SGA for students how would you change it?
 - i. *Senator Shafranski*: With how active that we're being on Instagram and Facebook, more people are aware of events with clubs and university events and we're on the right track to really getting the university students to see what SGA does for them.
 - h. *Comptroller Guarino*: What's your major?
 - i. *Senator Shafranski*: I am a vocal performance major with a double major in Political Science.
 - i. *Chair Engelson*: What does teamwork mean to you?

student organizations so I know how to lead and delegate. I know the ins and outs of Public Relations because I was the longest sitting member last year. My vision is what will help SGA most right now.

- c. *Comptroller Guarino*: What's your major?
 - i. *Senator Gitlin*: Political science major with a Public Relations minor.
- d. *Chair Engelson*: How do you feel about this cabinet's vision to serve the people?
 - i. *Senator Gitlin*: It's great. At the end of the day we need to get out there and talk to students and advocate for them. For example, having committee members going to Academic Affairs committee meetings and finding out what the committee is doing and then going to the students and other organizations with what's happening.
- e. Chair Harris motions to extend by 30 seconds
 - i. Objections
- f. Senator Diaz motions to extend questioning time by 2 minutes
 - i. Second
 - ii. Objection
 - iii. Debate
 - 1. *Senator Diaz (speaker for)*: This is kind of pointless debate, but I also still have questions that are meaningful and will help us determine who to vote for. I feel like I have questions and others might have questions.
 - a. *Yielded to Senator Casey*: On the point of equality some senators might ask different questions and then the candidate will give different answers. We should determine question time by how a candidate speaks.
 - 2. *Senator Manuel (speaker against)*: We've already talked about this with Senator Shafranski and we set the precedent by 4 minutes. If you can't get in a question in time, that's tough. Are we now supposed to let every senator ask every question? No. Let's just keep the precedent and maybe have senators who have yet to ask questions, ask questions.
 - a. *Yielded to Chair Gallagher*: I said that we can adjust speaking and questioning time for individual people but we decided to make a precedent so we have to stick with that precedent.
 - 3. *Chair Engelson (speaker for)*: Senator Gitlin is a big personality and he likes to talk a lot and he will eventually make his point and some people might not have had time to talk. He is animated in a positive way. I think there is more for us to talk.
 - a. *Yielded to Senator Diaz*: I know precedent is set, but Vice President Olson changed it so it wasn't precedent. It doesn't matter what it is, but what the point of it is.

4. *Senator Beer (speaker against)*: My friends, I'm a man of the Constitution. Liberty and Equality. I am willing to fight for that. The thing you just said is that some people don't get to the point on time, but it's a chair's responsibility to get to point. Precedent isn't erroneous; it's saying that you should say what you need to say in the time that you have.
 - a. *Yielded to Chair Blain*: In Public Relations you don't have infinite time to communicate; you have a word count. I'm going against this for fairness.
- iv. Motion does not pass by 5-19-0
- iv. *Senator Pollock*: First I want to say thank you to Chair Engelson for nominating me, especially since I'm a new senator. I think I have leadership skills necessary to be Public Relations chair and I can make the commitment. Before Senate meetings, I was a representative of my Hall Council and I had a position and I dropped that because I wanted to be here on Thursdays. I was excited to be here tonight, even though it would be a longer meeting. I put everything into being the best senator. I sit on Public Relations right now and I run Facebook page, but the second I realized that Facebook had taken us down, I was right on top of it and had it up and running and had 50 likes in the first day and now we have like 120. I took that leadership role to fix that. I know I'm new and there are many people who have more experience, but given the chance I want to apply my leadership skills.
 1. Questioning
 - a. *Chair Blain*: What is your vision for SGA?
 - i. *Senator Pollock*: I want to change our reputation with the student body. But I not only want to change our reputation to have them think positively of SGA, but also have SGA be a 1:1 experience. It will be like SGA @ the Corner but bigger. I want to fix the communication between us. We can put out a good message and change our reputation, but we need the second part to make people feel included.
 - b. *Comptroller Guarino*: What is your major? And are you free Wednesday nights?
 - i. *Senator Pollock*: I am a Political Science major and yes.
 - c. *Senator Mishkin*: Do you think that having SGA represented at clubs will help and is feasible?
 - i. *Senator Pollock*: Yes. It'll be great and we don't have to have any one person go, but have people who are interested go. We don't have to go as a SGA presence, we don't have to advertise that we're SGA, but go as students. We care not only because we're in SGA, but because we're individuals.
 - d. *Chair Gallagher*: What are your time management skills?
 - i. *Senator Pollock*: Currently I have my schedule so that Monday is my heaviest day so that the rest of my schedule is open. I do leave a lot of time in my schedule, beside Monday, to get work done and I don't think the time commitment scheduling wise will be a problem.
 - e. *Chair Harris*: What are your biggest strengths and weaknesses?
 - i. *Senator Pollock*: My biggest weakness is that I don't have as much experience as others and haven't been able to sit on Public Relations meetings because my meetings at same time (...). My

biggest strength is that I've been running the Facebook page, but I also run the Facebook for a national page and have experience with that. I also have initiatives for other committees. I have lots of ideas.

- f. *Chair Engelson*: What does teamwork mean to you?
 - i. *Senator Pollock*: Collaborating with everyone.
- v. *Senator Barry*: I'm a Public Relations major so I've actually had experience with Public Relations. I worked on Public Relations campaigns and how to use social media. One of my ideas is to set up a SGA Snapchat account and make stories about what to do with SGA. It's important to get people aware of what we do and that we care about the student body. I've done Public Relations campaigns with companies, but other than that I would like to bring everything I know and bring it to SGA and all the things that I've learned in Public Relations schools. Those of you who are Public Relations majors know that it's so important to get a message across, especially for SGA, that we are positive influence. I want people to see that SGA is working well together.
 - 1. Questioning
 - a. *Chair Engelson*: What are your strengths as a new senator in SGA?
 - i. *Senator Barry*: Definitely getting involved with Public Relations committee and coming up with new ideas. I also like to put more into it and this will give me a good opportunity to do that.
 - b. *Senator Diaz*: Do you think becoming chair person would hinder you from flourishing in Public Relations?
 - i. *Senator Barry*: No, because of the two committee meetings I've been in. We all work together and come up with ideas. Even if I'm not chair I'm still going to give it 110%.
 - c. *Senator Ahmedin*: How will you get more students to follow us on social media?
 - i. *Senator Barry*: It has to do with strategy. On Instagram you are posting same events, but students want to see about students. Also we can have people in the Student Center, etc. (spots on campus) and tell them to like us. Hashtag us. Make us trendy and make people want to follow us.
 - d. *Chair Engelson*: What does teamwork mean to you?
 - i. *Senator Barry*: Getting everyone involved. Not just one person leads, everyone shares ideas and succeeds.
 - e. *Senator Mishkin*: Do you think SGA and PR can do more during Common Hour to promote SGA?
 - i. *Senator Barry*: Yes, I am still trying to figure out what needs to be done, but getting more people involved in SGA will make the biggest difference, especially during Common Hour.
 - f. *Chair Gallagher*: What do you think of long hours, specifically Wednesday nights from 8:00 PM – 2:00 A.M.?
 - i. *Senator Barry*: If that's what it takes then I have no problem with it.
 - g. *Senator Diaz*: How prepared do you think you are to be the Public Relations chairperson?
 - i. *Senator Barry*: I'm one of the new guys, I don't know what to expect, but I know it's a lot of work. If I'm not chair, I would do the same thing.
 - h. *Chair Gallagher*: What year are you?
 - i. *Senator Barry*: I am a junior.

vi. *Senator Esteban*: I am currently a paid research assistant and have interned in the mayor's office. Those two jobs have given me the understanding to utilize resources. I've also been the Public Relations chair in the French club and President of French club, so I also have that experience. I know how to use Photoshop and Prezi. Those are resources I know how to utilize to my advantage. Public Relations is all about communication and networking and connection with others. If there's no clear stand on whatever you have it's not going to convey your image. So working at Mercy Medical Center as surgical hostess I had to communicate with patients and I know how to basically communicate my ideas more thoroughly. It shows that I know how to prioritize and organize just based off my experience in High School.

1. Questioning

- a. *Comptroller Guarino*: What's your experience with Photoshop?
 - i. *Senator Esteban*: I was an International Baccalaureate in High School and we had classes with Photography and I took those classes for all 4 years and I'm very experienced. I even have it on my computer. I know the ins and outs of Photoshop.
- b. *Chair Blain*: Do you have a sort of vision for where you would take Public Relations?
 - i. *Senator Esteban*: My vision for Public Relations is teamwork. Basically I believe that just as Abraham Lincoln said, "A house divided cannot stand," I want everyone to have a voice. When I'm in charge, I want Public Relations to form as a team and communicate SGA's method as a team.
- c. *Senator Ramdhani*: How many leadership roles have you had before? What leadership qualities do you have?
 - i. *Senator Esteban*: I was President of the French Club and Public Relations chair of French club in High School. I was also on a community service club called Scale that had to do with cultures and minorities. As a leadership role I would say surgical hostess was leadership role, even though it was a volunteer position. Based on all my experience in High School I have initiative and drive to constantly learn new things. I'm open to hearing other perspectives and not just sticking to what I know. Over the summer I wouldn't just sit around. I had 3 jobs and an internship over the summer because I had the drive for it.
- d. *Chair Harris*: Are you free on Wednesday nights?
 - i. *Senator Esteban*: Yes.
- e. *Chair Gallagher*: Wednesday at 8:00 PM? And what's your major?
 - i. *Senator Esteban*: Political Science and yes.

vii. Debate

1. *Chair Harris (for Shafranski)*: She's very willing to work and involved by being in two committees. She's also a commuter, so she has multitasking skills. She was on the Spirit committee and had a great chance to reach out to Athletics and knows how to talk to people. She is doing the Spirit rock initiatives and still wants to be involved even though she's running.
2. *Senator Beer (for Gitlin)*: At the end of last year we had a Public Relations election and I said Senator Gitlin is yearning for leadership. Today I'm going to advocate for him. He talked about controlling the message which we need to do. He doesn't harp on social media. Last year Ex-Public Relations Chair Ivy talked about Instagram and it's not a valid argument for the situation. We need a big character and we need somebody to represent SGA who has a big personality and love for SGA.

3. *Chair Blain (for Pollock)*: Commitment. She has given up Hall Council and the chance to be an RA because she's committed to SGA. She understands that it takes time to be leader. She has made her choice so she won't overbook herself. I think that of her skills and background and vision, she was one of the few who had a true overarching vision about what she wanted with her PR committee. Vote Pollock!
 4. *Senator Stengel (for Barry)*: Senator Barry is very driven and passionate. He's a PR major so he knows about PR and how to work social media and more. His Snapchat account idea is great and makes SGA look good.
 5. *Senator Manuel (for Esteban)*: She is very committed to promotion. One of a few of the new senators that was heavy with self-promotion. She had good three profiles. 51% of students see social media over other types of promotion. She's good with social media promotion. She is at forefront driving and working. She's put up pictures and done the work. She's great with Photoshop and has the experience.
 6. *Senator Diaz (for Shafranski)*: I was on the PR committee both semesters and I saw both Senator Gitlin and Senator Shafranski. Last year Senator Gitlin had lots of good ideas and enthusiasm and he would be fit for the position, but I would like to point out that there was tension between the chair person and Senator Gitlin and I don't know if that should be caution for us. Senator Shafranski has very good ideas and is very committed. This is the only thing she's doing beside classes on campus so she can put full attention on this.
 7. *Senator Roome (for Gitlin)*: I felt very disconnected and it was during an introductory seminar and he was one of the first people to make me feel welcome. He can extend that to people who don't feel connected to their community. We have class now and he comes in and talks about SGA and looks over agenda. He's organized and passionate. Last semester he ran for two chair positions and it was hard to run again so it just shows how dedicated he is.
 8. *Senator Mishkin (for Pollock)*: Passion. Passion overrides experience, but what she's given us is how passionate she is about SGA. In Club Relations she's already promoting club events and talking to club presidents. She's made her face and personality really well-known. She's capable of this position and her being new is that she's willing to learn. She has no knowledge that things have to be done a certain way but is willing to learn.
 9. *Comptroller Guarino (for Barry)*: Senator Barry really impressed me. I've always wanted to see PR major take this position. We can learn a lot from him. He has backing for it. He is studying this. He is driven and has worked PR campaigns for companies. I like that he brought new ideas and he's a great face for SGA as a person. He's calm.
 - a. *Yielded to Chair Engelson*: Being new does not mean that you can't do a great job. I was new and Club Relations is thriving.
 10. *Senator Taconelli (for Esteban)*: We decided to campaign together. Working with her has been a privilege. She's been super creative and is great with Photoshop. She's driven and focused and is set on what she wants to do. She's very outgoing and a great communicator. What we need is more one on one. She would be most qualified for talking one on one with people.
 - a. *Yielded to Chair Blain*: Senator Esteban was completely unprepared for this and rose to the challenge of assembling a great speech and answering questions on her feet.
 11. *Senator Casey*: Quorum is at 25 for the vote.
- viii. Majority was not reached by any candidate. Senators revoted on top 3 candidates:
1. Senator Gitlin

- 2. Senator Barry
- 3. Senator Shafranski
- ix. Majority was not reached by any candidate. Senators revoted on top 2 candidates:
 - 1. Senator Gitlin
 - 2. Senator Barry
- x. Senator Barry becomes Public Relations Chair by 15-10-0
- f. Senator Casey motions for a 5 minute recess
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Senator Gitlin objects
 - iii. Debate
 - 1. *Senator Casey (speaker for)*: Yes, many went to the bathroom and I was trying to limit that, but it's difficult if everyone needs to go do that. So I think that having everyone suffer isn't going to help us make wise decisions. I think a five minute break is necessary just to reset.
 - 2. *Senator Gitlin (speaker against)*: I'm usually supportive, but in all honesty I saw a lot of people walking in and out and that could have been the time to go to the bathroom or go get food. I'm offended that we were told to sit out there and wait and as soon as we're getting back there's a motion for a recess. It's insulting to those who stayed in there and are being told to wait for five minutes. It's insulting to the process and to the candidates.
 - 3. *Senator Marshall (speaker for)*: Many of us were told that we should wait to leave room until debate was over. I do also want to point out that we're not even halfway through the agenda. We need a five minute recess because of how rowdy we've been and people who haven't had a chance to go yet can go.
 - 4. *Chair Manuel (speaker against)*: I love recesses, but it would be better to save it until after the memorandum. We should push through and wait to have a recess.
 - a. *Yielded to Comptroller Guarino*: The majority of us should function and push through.
 - i. *Yielded to Chair Blain*: We are not even halfway through and we're already talking about recesses. Sbarro is open until 2:00 AM and we're nowhere near to 2:00 AM.
 - iv. Motion does not pass 9-21-0
- g. Intersivity Christian Fellowship Memorandum
 - i. *Vice President Olson*: IVCF's leadership is exclusive. They have to be of the Christian faith to be a leader. We spoke to IVCF and OSLA. We told them that keeping it in would risk their SGA recognition, and they elected to keep it in their constitution as is.
 - ii. Senator Gitlin motions to preemptively extend debating time to 2 minutes per speaker
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Chair Engelson objects
 - 3. Senator Gitlin rescinds his motion
 - iii. Chair Engelson motions for moderated caucus for 5 minutes speaking time for 5 speakers, 1 minute speaking time each
 - 1. Objection
 - 2. Chair Engelson rescinds her motion
 - iv. Chair Gallagher motions for moderated caucus for 15 minutes speaking time for 5 speakers, 3 minute speaking time each
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 29-0-0
 - v. Debate
 - 1. *Senator Gitlin*: I'm very heated about this. There's three grounds on which we cannot pass this: policy, practice and public relations.

- a. Policy: In our constitution, it says it cannot be exclusive in regards to membership. If we don't like exclusivity for leadership, then we need to add that to our Constitution. We don't have anything for that. They practice something exclusive for leadership.
 - b. Practice: Many SGA recognized club have something to do with leadership. When Hofstra Ballroom Dance came last week, we asked how they were going to pick people for competitions and they said "based on his/her ability."
 - c. Public Relations: People in California did it because they're funded by public funds. It's not something we have to do. Fox News, the most watched news on TV, slammed them for it.
 - d. I, as an atheist, can go to this club, but they reserve the right to say that an atheist shouldn't lead their club. It is in our constitution that exclusivity is in regards to our *membership*, not leadership.
2. Chair Blain: As a person, as a student, as a Christian, I hate this. It goes against almost everything I've ever stood for. I'd like to offer a different reading to exclusivity in regards to membership. Are you a full member if you can't run for a leadership position? You're not. I've been trying to convince myself that it goes against our constitution, but that's why organizations like IFSC and a Capella groups are not SGA recognized. There are many clubs that practice exclusivity but don't have it in their constitution. This is the turning point where we start cracking down on it. It's not fair to not be a full member. I hate this, but I don't see how with our precedent we can't pass this.
 - a. *Yielded to Senator Roome*: If you are not born in the United States you are not eligible to be President. Are they not a member of the United States because they cannot be President? I think Senator Gitlin is right in his interpretation of his membership. It's the way that it works.
 3. *Chair Manuel*: If you are not of the Christian faith you cannot be a leader! You are being discriminated against. Leadership roles are activities that a club has. This club is practicing discrimination. If we keep this organization we're going to have a storm from clubs that were un-recognized. They clearly discriminate and they said that they're okay with not being SGA recognized. Right now is not the time to decide whether to fix our constitution.
 - a. *Yielded to Comptroller Guarino*: It stinks that we're talking about unrecognizing a group, but we should also praise them for this. They're standing by their principle. They want to move forward being exclusive. We're not punishing them, we should be praising them and this should start a bigger thing for other clubs. It's not just about practice.
 4. *Senator Andrews*: I believe this first part of this memorandum is the first time in several years that we have the ability to interpret what is in our Constitution. I want us to look beyond just what we're voting but the implication. For example, if we're saying that they're going to be exclusive based on ability, such as the performance teams and sports teams, they can practice, but that does not mean that they can play. We're going to have to consider how to interpret our constitution and what will happen going forward. I can see exclusivity in every club that is SGA recognized. It is hard for SGA to remain consistent on this across the board. This decision can turn into a spiral downward because it can lead to us nitpicking. People are going to look for loopholes. The Constitutional convention committee's purpose is to look at our constitution not club constitutions. Out of the things that are listed in our exclusivity policy, religion is something that can change over time. Religion is something that can change.

Anybody can be a member and become a member and if I say that I am a Christian, I can run. It's something that you could change.

5. *Senator Beer*: I'm very offended in the way this was handled. It's not black and white, it's gray. Right now we have one decision to make: do you think that leadership is a part of membership? Is it really that strange of a thing that they want the leadership to have what they represent as a club? At the heart of this issue, I'm offended that it was presented like this. If you look at this, it's already excluding multiple parts of our constitution and their constitution. Do you think leadership is fully exclusive?
 - a. *Yielded to Senator Pollock*: We like to support clubs that are going to flourish and do well. To say that they want their leaders to be rooted in the faith is showing that they want it to be successful running a faith based club. If we want to support clubs that are going to do well, they are going to be successful when they have people leading it who have the same faith.
- vi. Chair Blain motions for moderated caucus for 10 minutes with 5 speakers, 2 minutes per speaker
 1. Seconded
 2. Objection
- vii. Motion for straw poll to see who still wants to speak
 1. Seconded
 2. Motion passes 30-0-0
- viii. Motion for moderated caucus for 12 minutes with 6 speakers, 2 minutes each
 1. Seconded
 2. Motion passes 30-0-0
- ix. Debate
 1. *Senator Ahmedin*: Some clubs should be exclusive. This is a religious club, anyone can join, but not everyone can run for leadership. Why else would they want someone of non-Christian faith running for the leadership? Inclusivity is easy to argue.
 2. *Chair Shepherd*: I commend them for sticking to their belief. We spoke to them and they're okay with being unrecognized. We had an event with them and we still want to work with them.
 - a. *Yielded to Senator Gitlin*: There was a guy in Oregon who went to jail for not paying for getting water for his own yard. He could have easily paid the fine, but it was ridiculous so he decided to go to jail for it. Just because a club is sticking with their constitution does not mean we should un-recognize them. We're setting a precedent and we need to think about the implication of the precedent. In Senate we need to really think about that. We are at a fork in the road right now.
 3. *Senator Mishkin*: We constantly pass laws based on our Constitution (e.g. guns in school zones). We've constantly seen the concept of precedent. Our SGA constitution is our precedent. We agreed upon the fact that it extends to membership not leadership. When we decide to extend our constitution, it is our job to go by our constitution and we should stand by their constitution as long as their constitution doesn't go against ours.
 - a. *Yielded to Chair Engelson*: This club brings a lot to SGA's table. They are a leader kind of club. They lead other clubs to be better for other clubs. It is a huge part of this community. I strongly believe they will thrive without us, but they help other SGA clubs.
 4. *Senator Braitman*: I tried out for Club Soccer, I made it but I was not one of the top 9 girls to play. If we unrecognized them we are going to get a lot of backlash

from a Capella groups, sports team. Every single club is exclusive. If you're not one of the best, it doesn't mean you suck, but we want the best to represent Hofstra. We couldn't book Hofstra USA because they use that room. They don't just need a classroom, they need Hofstra USA. Our constitution says membership not leadership.

5. *Chair Blain*: There is a point to debate. I was definitely seeing this in a black and white way, but debate has changed my mind. It would be a bad idea to pass this now and I do agree with all of you. I do want to warn you on what's going to happen. We need to keep implications in mind. We're going to have a lot of clubs coming back to us and repetition to be a SGA club with this. This is where precedent is set, so all I'm saying is be prepared of what's going to happen.
 - a. *Yielded to Senator Gitlin*: If we had more clubs coming to us that anybody can show up to meeting and they feel part of that club then all the power to them. If IFSC came to us and told us that anybody could join, even though I'm not in Greek life, that's great! All the power to them!
 6. *Chair Manuel*: We're working with facts and legislations. This is the same issue that got IFSC unrecognized. Anybody can join IFSC, but in order to be the president of IFSC, they have to be in Greek Life. The importance of precedent and consistency is that it breaks away from people saying we're subjective. If we let them pass, people will ask "Why aren't other clubs recognized?" We have to realize that things need to change, but that needs to come in time with a deliberate consensus with how to change things. I don't think you guys are ready for what will happen if we don't pass this.
- x. Chair Gallagher motions for secret ballot
1. Seconded
 2. Objection
 3. Debate
 - a. *Chair Gallagher (speaker for)*: I have never made a motion for this, but in the past people have been very impressionable and this vote will be determined by people looking to others. I do not want to know what other people's votes are. I also, in making a difficult decision, when we last voted on something big and we didn't do a secret ballot, got a lot of backlash from people. For the respect of our names and reputation, refrain from putting our name on the vote.
 - b. *Chair Blain (speaker against)*: I received backlash as well, but I want to say that this is big. Whatever happens here is going to shake SGA policy with clubs for the rest of us being here on Senate. This is going to bring a storm. This is something we need to feel so strongly about. We need to be able to put our names onto this. This is a difficult vote, but we cannot do it by secret and be labeled as subjective.
 - c. *Comptroller Guarino (speaker for)*: It doesn't make us secretive by making secret ballot. Yes it's secret, but the way I'm interpreting is that you get to cast your own vote. You are not caring about anybody else at this table. This is such a big decision that it wouldn't be so terrible for us to have a moment to ourselves and not have people judge others for their votes. It's what happens especially with a vote this big.
 - d. *Senator Gitlin (against)*: I was also targeted by club that targeted people in response to a decision that was unfavorable for them and I would still stand by them. You all know how I'm voting on this but if we're afraid to vote then it'll carry over to us being scared to debate.

4. According to Chapter 2, Section 214.4: Voting, Sub-section A: Secret Ballots, Sub-subsection ii, any two members of SGA may request a secret ballot be taken, without debate.
- xi. Senator Andrews motions to strike debate on whether to have a secret ballot
 1. Seconded
 2. Objection
 3. Debate
 - a. *Senator Andrews (speaker for)*: Comptroller Guarino already made the main points, however we just had debate over something that we weren't supposed to have debate on.
 - b. *Chair Blaine (speaker against)*: Even if we were debating about something that ended up being moot, the points of debate are still valid. We should keep them in the minutes. Just because we can amend history doesn't mean we should. Anything we say about the issue we should be accountable for. I feel that this part of the minutes should stay.
 - c. *Senator Ramdhani (speaker for)*: I admit there were some pretty good parts of debate, but if we include it, it just makes us look very unprofessional. How can we uphold our constitution if we don't know our own rules?
 - d. *Senator Beer (speaker against)*: We learned something and I'm proud of that. What you stand for is yours to hold. It is time for you to hold onto this. Our minutes are going to say that we struck something. So instead of taking away transparencies, we should keep it in.
 - i. *Yielded to Senator Mishkin*: If we leave at midnight, it will look just as unprofessional as taking out some part of our minutes.
4. Motion does not pass 5-24-0
- xii. Memorandum does not 13-16-0
- h. Senator Gitlin motions for a five minute recess
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Motion passes 29-0-0
- i. Mid-Semester Reports
 - i. Senator Andrews motions to suspend the rules and see the Appropriations mid-semester report before the Academic Affairs mid-semester report
 1. Seconded
 2. Motion passes 29-0-0
 - ii. Appropriations
 1. All clubs that have been seen for last 7 weeks
 2. One week left
 3. Budget book: successful
 4. Online Appropriation signups: ongoing
 5. Calendar of events
 - a. Create during Budget weekend
 - b. Event audits during Spring semester
 6. 44 clubs (38 unique) seen
 7. Requested: \$110,636.27
 - a. Allocated: \$52,803.48
 - b. Allocated: 47.73%
- iii. Chair Shepherd motions to suspend the rules and see Club Relations mid-semester report before Academic Affairs mid-semester report
 1. Second
 2. Motion passes 29-0-0
- iv. Club Relations

1. Researched 57 clubs so far
2. Club Meet and Greet
 - a. 175 attendance
 - b. Budget training, Q&A, Policy Series
3. Club Congress
 - a. 118 club attendance, 125 individual attendance
 - b. Policy overview
 - c. Handbook
4. Office Space Allocation Application
 - a. Due February 27th
5. Office hours
 - a. Posted on doors
 - b. Info open to everyone in Senate
6. Database of Events
 - a. Give prior notice
7. Meet with 100 clubs by Thanksgiving
 - a. Met with 10 so far
 - b. Meet with rest of 90 before Thanksgiving
8. Registration Committee
 - a. We are accepting every single club
 - b. Last week first time hadn't accepted club in 2 years
 - c. Make clubs less duplicative and give more resources to clubs that are active
9. Collegiate Link
 - a. Making positive for clubs
 - b. Revamp for clubs
 - c. Encourage clubs to utilize
10. Storage units for clubs
 - a. Storage unit before allocation
 - b. Offices not for storage
11. Winter Club Fair
 - a. Big event
 - b. In Multipurpose Room and Plaza Rooms
12. IFSC and SGA relations
13. Club Congress
14. Mini leadership conference for club leaders
 - a. Focus on turn over for next club leadership
- v. Academic Affairs
 1. Mid-semester report rap
 2. Accomplished
 - a. *New York Times*
 - b. Provost Scholarship Reception
 3. Initiatives
 - a. Phone charging stations
 - b. University Tutorial Program
- vi. Programming
 1. Completed
 - a. Promotion Committee
 - b. Instagram Page
 - c. Pink Weekend: Oct. 17th
 - d. Tim Decker: Oct. 24th
 - e. Halloween Festival: Oct. 29th

- 2. End of Semester
 - a. Donuts 4 Dollars: Nov. 4th
 - b. Country Pride Weekend: Nov. 14th-16th
 - c. Build-A-Bear: Dec. 1st
 - d. Event Binder: Dec. 5th
- vii. Rules
 - 1. Three pieces of legislation and two other
 - 2. Twelve clubs seen
 - a. Reactivation
 - b. New Clubs seeking SGA recognition
- viii. Spirit
 - 1. Completed
 - a. Fall Fest
 - b. Midnight Madness
 - c. Wear Pride Wednesdays
 - d. Hofstra Compliments
 - 2. Initiatives
 - a. Pride Unleashed
 - b. Spirit Rock
 - c. Pride Puzzle
 - d. Tailgates
 - e. Color Run
 - f. Club Flea Market
 - g. Senior Send-off
 - h. Pride Frame
 - i. Class Wars
- ix. Student Services
 - 1. Completed
 - a. Healthy Vending Machines
 - b. Locked Soccer goals: alternatives found
 - c. Commuter Bulletin Board
 - 2. In Progress
 - a. All access ATMs
 - b. Shuttles
 - i. Airport
 - ii. Mineola
 - c. SGA @ the Corner
- VI. Executive Board Reports
 - a. President – M. Atkinson
 - b. Vice President – N. Olson
 - c. Comptroller – A. Guarino
 - i. 282 transactions
 - 1. \$246,187.01 spent
 - 2. Allocated 47.4% of what's been requested
 - 3. 71 clubs have accessed accounts
 - ii. \$2,069.48 left for Appropriations
 - iii. Last Treasurer training today (10.30.2014)
 - 1. 98 treasurers have attended
 - iv. Treasurer tracker completed
 - v. IRCB: appointment by 11.06.2014
 - 1. 20% of clubs need to be audited every year
- VII. Committee Chair Weekly Reports

- a. Academic Affairs
 - i. Met with VP Barkwill
 - 1. Clocks in classroom
 - 2. Hydration stations
 - ii. Senator Andrews
 - 1. Contact work
 - iii. Chair Gallagher motions to pass
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 29-0-0
- b. Appropriations
 - i. 7th Appropriations meeting
 - ii. Allocated \$630.00
 - iii. Budgets
 - 1. Due Wednesday, November 5th @ 11:59 PM
 - 2. SGA_budgets@pride.hofstra.edu
 - 3. One PDF file
 - iv. Budget Weekend
 - 1. November 7th-9th
 - 2. Budget appeals November 20th
 - v. Senator Andrews motions to pass
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 29-0-0
- c. Club Relations
 - i. Collegiate Link
 - 1. #1 source for clubs to connect to other leaders
 - 2. Gear it towards leaders as source of information
 - 3. Suggestions on how to promote welcome
 - 4. Training
 - a. Club leaders
 - b. Orientation leaders
 - ii. Club Olympics
 - 1. 5-8 events
 - 2. Point system
 - iii. Winter Fair
 - 1. February 4th @ Common Hour
 - 2. Cheerleaders and Step Team
 - 3. Memorandum breakout sessions
 - iv. Senator Taconelli motions to pass
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 29-0-0
- d. Programming
 - i. Vendor for Country Pride Weekend cookies verified
 - ii. Hofstra Comedy Fest
 - 1. Girl Code
 - 2. MTV's Wild 'n Out
 - iii. Donuts 4 Dollars
 - 1. Donate dollar to pancreatic cancer
 - 2. In honor of Dean Libman
 - 3. Wednesday, November 5, 2014
 - iv. Senator Marshall motions to pass
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 29-0-0

- e. Public Relations
 - i. Brought to you by SGA
 - 1. Sign on new initiatives
 - ii. Student Spotlight
 - iii. Social Media
 - 1. New Twitter account
 - 2. Facebook profile pictures to event flyers
 - 3. Club events on Instagram
 - 4. Tumblers for following
 - iv. Pride Unleashed Week
 - 1. Press releases during Common Hour
 - 2. PR hangout at Netherlands, Wednesday, November 12th
 - v. Senator Braitman motions to pass
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 28-0-0
- f. Spirit
 - i. Pride Unleashed: Nov. 7th-14th
 - 1. Rally towels
 - 2. Pride Frame for game
 - ii. Updates
 - 1. Spirit Rock: meeting with Sarah Young
 - 2. Updating Game Calendar
 - 3. Stony Brook Rivalry
 - iii. New Initiatives
 - 1. Hofstra On the Quad
 - 2. Pride Puzzle
 - iv. Chair Shepherd motions to pass
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 29-0-0
- g. Student Services
 - i. SGA @ the Corner
 - ii. Food committee
 - 1. Food survey
 - 2. Bits and Bytes times
 - 3. Hofstra USA
 - iii. Universal remotes
 - iv. Senator Taconelli motions to pass
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Motion passes 29-0-0
- VIII. For the Good of the Order
- IX. Announcements
- X. Snap Cup
- XI. Adjournment
 - a. Chair Shepherd motions to adjourn at 11:39 PM
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Motion passes 29-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
So-Van Ho
Student Government Association Archivist

Cabinet Minute

November 5, 2014

Attendance: President Mark Atkinson, Vice President Nicole Olson, Comptroller Alyson Guarino, Academic Affairs Chair Hunter Blain Appropriations Chair Damian Gallagher, Club Relations Chair, Programming Chair Whitney Shepherd, Public Relations Chair Mark Barry, Rules Chair Aleksey Babadzhyanov (late), Spirit Chair Sarah Harris, Student Services Chair Mikio Manuel II

Meeting Called to Order 8:00pm

- I. Carpet Time
- II. Update
 - a. Programming
 - i. Donuts for Dollars raised \$61
 - ii. Will be renting a mechanical bull instead of buying food for the Country Pride weekend
 - b. Public Relations
 - i. Snapchat for SGA
 1. Will be used to highlight SGA work and events
 2. Mainly will be used for the "My Story" aspect
 - c. Student Services
 - i. Looking into adding more Hydration Stations in Colonial Square even though they said it might be impossible
 - ii. Maybe creating a meal share system
 1. Would allow people who have excess meal plans to meet up with those who don't have any meal plan to buy them dinner
 - iii. Meetings with Public Safety
 1. Sprinkler Schedules
 2. Public Safety's effectiveness
 - a. Unlocking the rooms
 - b. Friendliness with students
 - d. Appropriations
 - i. Completely out of money for the weekly meetings
 - ii. This week was the last meeting of the semester
 - e. Comptroller
 - i. Budget training/ Treasurer Training all done; held last meetings
 - ii. IRCB will be sworn in on Thursday
 - f. Academic Affairs
 - i. Clock to class rooms is now going to continue to be looked into
 1. Will be having a conversation with VP Barkwill
 - ii. Still following up with getting more money for NYT
 - g. Club Relations

- i. Researched 68 clubs
 - ii. Working hard on the Winter Club fair
 - 1. Senator Gitlin is taking the lead on this
 - iii. Club Olympics
 - 1. Senator Beer is taking the lead
 - iv. Club Handbook
 - 1. Content and grammar updates
 - h. Spirit
 - i. Pride Unleashed Week
 - ii. Pride Rock
 - 1. Meeting with Sarah Young and Karl Koeppel
 - a. Also going to be talking to them about the Undie Run
 - i. Rules
 - i. Possible Legislation
 - 1. Writing up legislation to allow 3 absences
 - 2. Half absence for Chairs for not submitting committee meetings on time
 - ii. Constitution Budget Weekend
 - 1. Made to review club constitutions kind of like budget weekend
 - 2. Maybe something for after the Constitutional convention
- III. Student Activities fee presentation
- a. Looking in to passing a resolution through Senate stating the students want the increase
 - b. Increasing the student activity fee from \$75 to \$100 (\$25 increase)
 - c. Increasing would help continue tradition
 - i. Music fest
 - ii. Club Sports
 - iii. Fall Fest Float Building
 - 1. SGA funds float building and trucks
 - iv. Entertainment Unlimited
 - 1. Allow us to continue to fund their trips and shows
 - v. Programming Board Events
 - 1. This semester we've had to cut back almost half of Programming Board's budget
 - vi. Midnight Madness
 - d. Petition with 1000 signatures supporting increase in student activity fee
- IV. SGA on the Corner
- a. Looking into pushing off until November 17th
 - i. This would give us more time to plan it
 - b. Trying to get a banner on the portal that would link to the questions
 - i. Looking to have around 7-10 questions
 - c. Questions
 - i. Would you be more likely to enroll in 18 credits if it was included in tuition?
 - ii. Would you be more likely to enroll in January or Summer sessions if scholarships or low interest loans were offered?
 - iii. How would you rate the quality of Hofstra USA dining options?
 - iv. How would you increase school spirit?
 - v. Rate your feelings on SGA.
 - vi. How would you rate the quality of the Student Center dining options?
 - vii. Would you utilize a shuttle to the beach during the warm weeks of the semester?
 - viii. Which improvement is the most important for the Student Center out of the following; Taste, variety, freshness, and healthy options?

- ix. Would you utilize Bits and Bytes if it....?
 - x. Would you prefer shorter, class-specific professor evaluations located online?
 - xi. Are you satisfied with the Late Night menu (at Hofstra University)?
 - xii. What kind of events would you like to see the Programming Board put on?
 - xiii. Would you utilize a universal remote for televisions in the lounges of residence halls if it were offered as an app?
 - xiv. Have you participated in a Study Abroad? If no, what deters you from participating?
 - xv. How would you rate the variety of the Student Center dining options?
 - xvi. In terms of cultural variety, which types of food do you feel need to be offered more often: Asian, Mediterranean, Spanish, African, Caribbean, Italian, Other?
 - xvii. Are you aware of the University Tutorial Program?
 - xviii. Would you like to see the smoking ban extended to the North side of campus?
- V. Pride Unleashed
- a. November 10th -14th
 - b. Will be tabling during the week
 - i. Will ask for senators and chairs to participate in this
 - c. Make sure to “Wear Pride Wednesday” on Wednesday during the week of pride unleashed

Meeting adjourned 10:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Olson
Vice President

Academic Affairs Minutes

November 3, 2014

Present: Chairperson Hunter Blain, Pratik Shah, Colleen McKeown, Megan Andrews

Absent: Bianca Kroening

- Meeting called to order: 6:06 PM **What we did:**
 - Senator McKeown
 - Worked on contact list
 - New strategy for collecting information to add to the contact list
 - Met with Dr. Rob to discuss initiatives
 - Steinway pianos in practice rooms
 - Blurbs in Music 20 ensemble descriptions
 - Creation of Degree Plans
 - Possibility of creating an Intermediate chorus in addition to University Choir and Chorale
 - Better organization of the Music Library
 - Coordinating the piano classes to help prepare students for keyboard harmony classes
 - Senator Shah
 - Drafted emails
 - Talked to students about online teacher evaluations
 - Senator Kroening
 - Held meeting with Dean Oppenheim,
 - Chairperson Blaine
 - Meetings with Dr. Robinson, VP Barkwill, Dean Godlove, Dean Firestone
 - Senator Andrews
 - Contacted Mike Stankiewicz
 - Received 18th credit research
- **What we will be doing:**
 - Senator Shah
 - Email Ms. Trias (Institutional Data department)
 - Led conversation about questions for SGA @ the Corner
 - Senator McKeown
 - Meeting with Dean Firestone
 - Filling out list in Senate
 - Follow up with Pete Coco on Music 20
 - Research Music Therapy
 - Chair Blain
 - Meeting with Dean Firestone
 - Talk to library about signs
 - How many desks, cubicles, and study rooms do we have?
 - Senator Kroening
 - UTP Flyers/Publicity
 - Mobile Printing Publicity

- Senator Andrews
 - Talk to Dean Pertuz about data on people who use 18 credits
 - Looking at other schools that offer loans
- **SGA @ the Corner questions**
 1. Would you prefer a shorter, class specific teacher evaluation available online as opposed to the standard teacher evaluation? (Yes, No (Explain why?))
 2. Are you aware of the free services of the University Tutorial Program? (Yes (Open-ended), No)
 3. Would you be more likely to enroll in a January or Summer sessions if scholarships or low-interest loans were offered? (Yes, No)
 4. Would you be more likely to enroll in 18 credits if it was included in tuition? (Yes, No (Why?))

Meeting Adjourned at 6:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Hunter Blain
Academic Affairs Chairman

Appropriations Minutes

November 4, 2014

Attendance: Chairperson Damian Gallagher, Comptroller Alyson Guarino, Erin Casey, So-Van Ho, & Gaby Senderowicz

Visiting: Vice President Nicole Olson

Absent: Taylor Roome (unexcused)

Meeting Commenced: 6:16 PM

1. Give Hope
Requested: \$361.35
Spring Reimbursement, Thanksgiving Potluck, Bake Sale Goods, Gas Mileage
Allocated: \$226.06
Spring Reimbursement \$140.00
Bake Sale Goods: \$83.64
Gas Mileage: \$2.42
2. Neuroscience
Requested: \$673.43
Table Cloth, SFN Conference Hotel Rooms
Allocated: \$541.00
Table Cloth w/ Logo: \$141.00
SFN Conference Hotel Rooms: \$400.00
3. Women's Lacrosse
Requested: \$1,250.00
Coach's Fees
Allocated: \$1,250.00
Coach's Fees: \$1,250.00
4. Rugby Team
Requested: \$432.35
Ball bag, Training balls, Agility cones, Match balls, Ball pump, T-shirts
Allocated: \$52.42
Match balls: \$52.42
5. Get Global (Did not have proper forms)
Requested: \$0.00
Allocated: \$0.00

Total Requested: \$2,717.13

Total Allocated: \$2,069.48

% Allocated: 76%

Meeting Adjourned: 7:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Damian Gallagher
Appropriations Chairman

Club Relations Minutes

11.04.14

Members Present: Chairwoman Engelson, Senator Beer, Senator Caputo, Senator Gitlin

Members Absent: Senator Pollock

Meeting Commenced: 6:00 PM

- **Warm Up:** 3 Clubs a member:

- o Club Name
 - o President
 - o When/where/what time the club meets
 - o Mission (in your own words)
 - o Social Media Links/feeds
- 1) Crime Scene Investigation: Hofstra
 - a) President: Robert Walsh
 - b) When/where/what time the club meets: Bi-Weekly, Wednesdays @ Common Hour in Berliner 207
 - c) Mission: Professional networking for Forensic Science minors and majors
 - d) Social Media Links/feeds: <https://www.facebook.com/csihofstra>
<https://twitter.com/CSIHofstra>
 - 2) Hofstra University Equestrian Team (HUET)
 - a) President: Kierstin Berwik
 - b) When/where/what time the club meets: Sporatically, off campus
 - c) Mission: To compete in equestrian and represent Hofstra at competitions
 - d) Social Media Links/feeds: <https://twitter.com/hofequestrian>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HofstraEquestrian/>
 - 3) Financial Management Association
 - a) President: Sara O'Connor
 - b) When/where/what time the club meets: Wednesdays @ Common Hour in CV Star 209
 - c) Mission: Works to create relationships between alumni, professors, and students in order to encourage the exchange of ideas.
 - d) Social Media Links/feeds:
 - 4) Form Student Gallery
 - a) President: Alvia Urdaneta
 - b) When/where/what time the club meets: Wednesdays @ Common Hour in Calkins 117
 - c) Mission: To display student artwork and promote an appreciation for the arts.
 - d) Social Media Links/feeds: <https://www.facebook.com/FORMgallery>
 - 5) Geology Club
 - a) President: Ashley Persaud
 - b) When/where/what time the club meets: Wednesdays @ Common Hour in Gittleston 162

- c) Mission: To promote the appreciation of geology through guest speakers and field trips.
 - d) Social Media Links/feeds: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/10820049297/>
- 6) Get Global
- a) President Cory McBryan
 - b) When/where/what time the club meets: Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM in Roosevelt 209
 - c) Mission: To help students become aware of and become educated on global issues.
 - d) Social Media Links/feeds
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Get-Global-HU/263391027034482>
<https://twitter.com/GetGlobalHU>
- 7) Give Hope
- a) President: Bianca Anchalusia
 - b) When/where/what time the club meets: Wednesdays @ Common Hour in Davidson 104
 - c) Mission: An organization that seeks to provide equal opportunity to children in need worldwide.
 - d) Social Media Links/feeds:
<http://www.hopeforhope.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/hopeforhopeinc>
<https://twitter.com/hopeforhopeinc>
- 8) Green Party of Hofstra
- a) President: Nolan Whitehead
 - b) When/where/what time the club meets: Mondays @ 8:00 PM in Brower 103
 - c) Mission: To help promote the values and beliefs of the United States political Green Party
 - d) Social Media Links/feeds
<http://www.gp.org/index.php>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/groupsathofstra/?from=672033802815387>
- 9) Her Campus Hofstra
- a) President: Rachel Crocetti (rcroce1@pride.hofstra.edu)
 - b) When/where/what time the club meets: TBD
 - c) Mission: A weekly online news publication for Hofstra women consisting of 4 sections; Campus Celebrity, Campus Cutie, Campus Snapshot, and Events.
 - d) Social Media Links/feeds:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/108926265801019/?fref=ts>
- 10) Hofstra Advertising
- a) President: Alyssa Dixon (adixon8@pride.hofstra.edu)
 - b) When/where/what time the club meets: Bi-weekly, Wednesdays @ Common Hour in Breslin 205
 - c) Mission: Seeks to help students interested in a career in advertising through speaker presentations and a variety of other events.
 - d) Social Media Links/feeds: <https://www.facebook.com/HofstraAdClub?fref=ts>
- 11) Hofstra Association of Graphic Artists

- a) President: Amanda Bentley (abentl3@pride.hofstra.edu)
- b) When/where/what time the club meets: Mondays @ 7:00 PM in Calkins 224
- c) Mission: HAGA provides tutorials for any student interested in graphic art, networking for students interested in going into graphic design, and advertises for other clubs and organizations on campus.
- d) Social Media Links/feeds: <https://www.facebook.com/HofstraAGA?fref=ts>

Total Clubs researched: 68

Committee Initiatives:

- 1) Senator Beer
 - a) To teach and encourage club leaders to use collegiate link
 - i) What do we want to talk about?
 - 1) Get clubs to understand that Collegiate Link is their number 1 source for communication with other clubs and the benefits
 - 2) Designed for freshmen--Club fair from anywhere
 - ii) How to promote?
 - 1) Orientation
 - 2) Change name on portal from *Collegiate Link Student Community* to *CL Club Database*
 - 3) Admissions and admissions events
 - iii) What are the key questions?
 - 1) How to make Collegiate Link more efficient
 - a) Efficiency is not the problem--students don't use it properly
 - 2) How to make it a more positive movement
 - a) WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS for CLUBS?
 - i) Advertising:
 - 1. Add a home page with an auto-updating calendar of events as clubs enter them in
 - ii) Positions: Perks of being an admin?
 - iii) Contact information: Expand to all member contacts?
 - iv) What are the Collegiate Link issues:
 - 1) Button on main ribbon of Portal instead of in MyApps
 - a) Stan looking into it
 - v) Training for Orientation Leaders for the Freshman
 - 1) Is it possible?
 - a) Talk to Stan or Karl Koepfel
 - 2) When?
 - a) End of Spring
 - vi) General data about club leaders' feelings-- survey for next week
 - 1) Do you use collegiate link to contact club members?
 - 2) How many of your new members heard about your club through collegiate link?
 - 3) How often do you use collegiate link aside from the required signing up of members?
 - 4) How would you describe collegiate link?

- a) Helpful
 - b) Neutral
 - c) Unhelpful
 - 5) What changes would you like to see in Collegiate Link?
 - 6) Has Collegiate Link achieved its goal in helping your club prosper?
- b) Club Olympics
 - i) What do you want in it?
 - 1) Mixture of events
 - a) Sporty: Volleyball, Staggered Race/Obstacle course
 - b) Mind Games: Hofstra Trivia, Chess
 - c) Minute to Win It Challenges
 - d) Dance Battle
 - ii) What type of clubs?
 - 1) All Clubs
 - iii) Group clubs together and give each grouping a country
 - iv) How long?
 - 1) One Weekend, 5-8 events on a point system
 - a) What events?
 - v) Motivation for clubs?
 - 1) Getting their name out and cool events
 - vi) Prizes?
 - 1) Lackmann sponsored catering
 - 2) Student Affairs
 - 3) Money
 - vii) Cost?
 - viii) When?
 - 1) Look at Academic calendar
- 2) Senator Gitlin
 - a) Winter Fair bigger and more significant--February 4th @ Common Hour: FOR NEXT WEEK:
 - i) Infographic of all the clubs there--MAP
 - ii) Music-- DJ?
 - iii) Food-- basic kid food--pigs in blankets
 - iv) Cheer leaders and sports teams
 - 1) Contacting Karl
 - a) Expecting to meet with him Thursday
 - v) Clubs in Multipurpose room:
 - vi) Clubs in Plaza rooms:
 - vii) 3 goals for this year
 - 1) More grandiose in scale
 - 2) More heavily advertised
 - 3) Centered around what clubs are up to
 - viii) Cons about last year
 - 1) Not widely attended
 - 2) Not widely advertised

- 3) Senator Caputo
 - a) Improve relations between SGA and IFSC
 - i) Advocate to Hofstra to get an IFSC their own office
 - 1) How?
 - 2) Where?
 - a) Concerts production office
 - b) Other options?
 - 3) Who to speak with?
 - 4) Why?
 - b) Outline the full benefits that SGA can provide for clubs
- 4) Senator Pollock
 - a) Managing Hofstra SGA Club Relations Facebook Page for the next week
- 5) Committee:
 - a) Storage Unit for Clubs
 - i) Email/ meet with VP Barkwill
 - ii) Potential freight container:
 - 1) Constitution parking lot (across from the Netherlands)
 - 2) \$1,800- \$2,500
 - 3) 20 ft. long
 - 4) Paint the outside white with the Hofstra Logo (side facing the street)
 - 5) Clubs can decorate the opposite site
 - 6) Lock boxes for each organization on the inside with shelving
 - 7) Contact card services to see if it can get swipe access
 - 8) Lights?
 - 9) Shelving
 - iii) Who to contact?
 - iv) When physically possible?
 - v) How it would be organized?
 - vi) What do we need to make this happen?
 - b) Club Congress for Spring→ training for future E-boards
 - i) go back to actual congress
 - ii) executive order committee
 - 1) Breakout sessions at the end in which SGA senators consult club representatives on what they'd like to see as a memorandum. Then they'd write it!
 - iii) Proclamation setup
 - 1) Using a "Whereas" format, groups of senators will work with club leaders to write proclamations that begin, shape, and direct Senate initiatives. These proclamations will be presented and voted on by Senate the following week.
 - c) Mini Club Leader Leadership Conference
 - i) Break-out sessions
 - 1) Collegiate Link
 - 2) Fundraising
 - 3) Constitution formation

d) Ways to promote events:

i) Word of mouth

e) Social Media:

i) Page not Person

ii) Event calendar per week-- post once a week

Club Meetings: Goal by Thanksgiving= 100

Accomplished: 10 Clubs

Left: 90 Clubs

Meeting Adjourned: 6:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Engelson
Club Relations Chairwoman

Programming Board Minutes

November 3, 2014

Attendance: Chairperson Whitney S., Nicole B., Danielle E., Danielle K., Coco S., Christian R., Michelle H., Kelly M., Nyala S., Priya G., Alex K.

Absent: Amber B., Miranda M., Ashlyn G., Cory M. (excused)

Meeting Commenced: 6:02 PM

- I. Event Updates:
 - (a) Halloween Festival went great! Had at least 50 students
 - (b) Country Pride Weekend: we have decided to do a mechanical bull instead of the food!
NOVEMBER 14-15th
 - (c) Donuts 4 Dollars: on WEDNESDAY! Support the fight against Pancreatic Cancer!!
 - (d) Comedy Fest: Members are on board with comedy fest in April
 - (i) Student comedians
 - (ii) Girl Code
 - (iii) Wild n' Out
- II. Spring Events Proposal (finalizing Spring 2014 event calendar)
- III. Promotions:
 - (a) Follow our Instagram and if we like your photos thank Priya!
 - (b) Working on getting a new social media poster and table cloth for atrium events with programming logo

****THANKS TO ALL THE SGA REPRESENTATIVES AT THE HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL AND DONUTS FOR DOLLARS****

Meeting Adjourned: 6:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Whitney Shepherd

Programming Chairwoman

Public Relations Committee Meeting

November 4th, 2014

Attendance: Chairperson Mark Barry, Kristina Shafranski, Katrina Taconelli, Edgar Diaz

Meeting Commenced: 6:23 P.M.

I. Social Media

- a. Increase of six percent of likes this past week
 - i. Hope to get another 50 likes this week
- b. Plan and strategize the right pictures to put on Instagram.
 - i. PR committee to take pictures at Donuts 4 Dollars during Common Hour
- c. Need to get a new Twitter account, need to be hitting every social media outlet
- d. All senators who go to events need to send the PR committee their pictures
- e. Add Snapchat to our list of social media.
 - i. Only post day-to-day interactions at the SGA office and Senate meetings
 1. No snaps to individual people, only stories
 2. Open people's snaps that are sent to us
 3. Post snap of the week on Instagram.
 4. Give new positive image of SGA

II. Press Release

- a. We are scratching the handout of all the initiatives done by all the committees.
 - i. People will not care and will come off obnoxious.
 1. Need to make sure we keep a good image
- b. We will be sending a press release of the initiatives to *The Chronicle*
 - i. This will have more credibility
 1. More people read *The Chronicle*
 2. Our initiatives will be looked at from a credited source

III. Logo

- a. Senator Diaz in charge of placing SGA logo/sticker on all SGA sponsored products
 - i. Will help show that SGA makes a difference on campus.
- b. Example: a label placed on the Dutch Treats ATM

IV. One on ones

- a. Senator Taconelli and Senator Diaz sent in a flyer design to OSLA for approval
 - i. The flyers will be posted all around the Netherlands
- b. Referendum questions to be approved to OSLA

1. Valentine's formal

- a. Senator Taconelli will send details to the Programming board.
 - i. Advertised in the right way in order to have students show interest at the corner

Meeting concluded: 7:35P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Barry
Public Relations Chairman

Rules Minutes

Attendance: Chairperson Aleksey Babdzhanov. Erin Casey, Natalie Mishkin, Anthony Ramdhani. Gaby

Senderowicz

Absent: So-Van Ho (excused)

Meeting commenced 6:35 PM

- 1) No clubs signed up
- 2) Discussing a possible quiz on policy series
 - a. Divided committees among the Rules members
 - b. Each devised three questions about committee functions based on the policy series
- 3) Possible legislation
 - a. Changing the amount of excused absences from two to three

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Aleksey Badadzhanov

Rules Chairperson

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Spirit Minutes

November 6, 2014

Attendance: Chairperson Sarah Harris, Shayna Braitman, Martin Beer, Rita Cinquemani, Jacquelyn

Dent, Amanda Price, Kristina Shafranski, Greg Stengel

Visitors: Micah Pleshette Varnado

Meeting commenced: 5:05 PM

1. Basketball home opener
 - a. Tabling Monday/Friday
 - i. Monday
 1. Sign banner of encouragement
 2. Make signs with students
 3. Hand out flyers to promote game for Friday
 - ii. Friday
 1. Hand out flyers to promote game for Friday with athletes and spirit teams
 2. Rally: OSLA's Rally
 - b. Double header game
 - i. Face paint sign-in sheet
 - ii. Pride frame: Student who shows the most spirit and hashtags #prideframe will get a prize
 - iii. Women's game: 6:00 PM
 - iv. Men's game: 8:00 PM

Meeting adjourned: 5:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Harris

Spirit Chairwoman

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

November 4, 2014

Attendance: Chair Manuel, Senator Esteban, Senator Ahmedin, Senator Stengel, Senator Andrews

Visiting: President Atkinson, Spirit Chair Harris, Senator Caputo, Senator Shah, Roy Levin

Call to Order: 6:31 PM

- I. SGA @ the Corner:
 - a. Survey questions
 - i. Revised survey questions
- II. Initiatives:
 - a. Beach Shuttle
 - i. Senator Stengel will send VP Barkwill an email checking on the possibility of a beach shuttle by next meeting
 - b. Universal Remote
 - i. Senator Esteban and Chair Manuel will meet with Student Computing Services to check on the possibility of this happening by next meeting
 - c. Public Safety
 - i. When Chair Manuel meets with VP Barkwill he will ask for the proper contact in Public Safety to set up meetings
 - d. Printers and Filtration Stations in Colonial Square
 - i. Scratching printer initiative
 - ii. Senator Andrews and Chair Manuel will bring ask about the possibility of placing filtration stations over the sinks of the houses in Colonial Square
 - e. Meal Plan Program
 - i. University Senator Sarcka explained the need for a system in which students with excess meal points can be paired with those without meal points

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Adjournment: 7:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mikio Manuel II

Student Services Chairman