



Agenda of the Senate

Hofstra University Student Government Association

February 7, 2013

Green House, Student Center

- Call to Order**
- I. Quorum Call**
- II. Approval of Senate Minutes (Page 2)**
- III. Approval of Cabinet Minutes**
- IV. Special Business**
 - A. Election of new Senators**
 - B. SGA at the Corner presentation**
- V. Executive Board Reports**
 - A. President – R. Singh**
 - B. Vice President A. Standrowicz (Page 17)**
 - C. Comptroller – Y. Lee**
 - D. Secretary – A. Legnetti**
- VI. Committee Chair Weekly Reports**
 - A. Appropriations – M. Andrews (Page 18)**
 - B. Club Relations – C. Freitag (Page 20)**
 - C. Programming – C. Gillyard**
 - D. Public Relations – W. Finnegan**
 - E. Rules – D. Brosnan (Page 21)**
 - F. Spirit – M. Perry**
 - G. Student Services- J. Lender**
 - H. Academic Affairs – J. Lender**
- VII. For the Good of the Order**
- VIII. Announcements**
- IX. Snap Cup**
- X. Adjournment**

Senate Minutes January 31, 2013

Attendance:

Present: Alyssa Legnetti, Andrea Standrowicz, Ron Singh, Yeri Lee, Aly Guarino, Alyssa O'Brien, Arthur Currier, Brandon Caradonna, Cameron Freitag, Chelsea Gillyard, David Caputo, Devin Brosnan, Jesse Lender, Megan Andrews, Melanie Perry, Nadir Khan, Ortal Weinberg, Sohum Patwa, Sunny Kim, Billy Finnegan.

Absent: Cait Stolzenberg, Camilla Hernandez, Gary Duff.

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm
- II. Quorum Call
- III. Approval of Senate Minutes
 - a. Friendly amendment by Club Relations Chair Cameron Freitag to add roll call votes to pages 3 and 6.
 - i. Seen as friendly
 - b. Motion to pass
 - i. Second
 - c. Minutes passed
- IV. Approval of Cabinet Minutes
 - a. Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan proposes that attendance be added to Cabinet minutes.
 - i. Seen as friendly.
 - b. Motion to pass
 - i. Second
 - c. Minutes passed
- V. New Business
 - a. New Clubs
 - i. Megan Kennedy presents Home for Humanity
 1. Three main tenants: 1 is raising awareness, 2 is fundraising, and 3 is going out and building houses with the families. Last semester they accomplished 700 service hours throughout the semester. They had a presentation at Issue Alley that came in second place. They worked for Hurricane Sandy relief on the island. Every Sunday they go and work with Food not Bombs to give out food to the homeless.
 2. This semester, they would like to reach 2000 service hours for the whole year. They have two building dates in February alone. They have 124 members on Collegiate Link.
 3. Questions

- a. Appropriations Chair Megan Andrews asks what kind of funding they will need
 - i. Not entirely sure yet. But probably gas money reimbursement for when they have to drive to the locations.
 - 4. Motion to skip debate and go straight to a vote
 - a. Second
 - b. Vote
 - c. Motion approved
 - 5. Vote on approving Home for Humanity
 - a. For: 14
 - b. Against: 1
 - c. Abstentions: 0
 - 6. Home for Humanity passes and is now an SGA recognized club.
- b. Election of Academic Affairs Chair
 - i. Nominations
 - 1. Comptroller Yeri Lee nominates Senator David Caputo
 - a. He declines.
 - 2. Senator Brandon Caradonna nominates Senator Arthur Currier
 - a. He accepts
 - 3. Rules Chair Devin Brosnan nominates Senator Alyssa O'Brien
 - a. She declines
 - 4. Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan nominates Senator Sunny Kim
 - a. He declines
 - 5. Appropriations Chair Megan Andrews nominates Senator Aly Guarino
 - a. She declines
 - ii. Motion to table the election of Academic Affairs Chair to next week.
 - 1. Second
 - 2. Debate
 - a. Senator Ortal Weinberg thinks we should table this until next week because we are missing a number of people who might want to run and we should respect everyone and wait until we are a full senate.
 - b. Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan is not in favor of tabling this because he thinks it is very important that we have a full cabinet this year. We need a cabinet that has to be at full force. We need to have a fully active leadership.
 - c. Senator David Caputo feels that the majority of senate is not present tonight so we should table this so that they are present next week to vote.
 - d. Delegate Tevon Hyman says that we need a full Cabinet for the retreat on Friday so we should respect Cabinet's wishes and hold the elections
 - 3. Vote on tabling
 - a. For: 6
 - b. Against: 8
 - c. Abstentions: 2
 - 4. Motion fails so we will be holding the elections

- a. Senator Aly Guarino nominates Senator Sohum Patwa.
 - i. He declines
 - 5. Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan nominates Senator Ortal Weinberg.
 - a. She accepts
 - 6. Senator Sohum Patwa nominates Senator Sunny Kim
 - a. He declines
- c. Arthur Currier
 - i. He wants to be chair because he wants to be more involved and he is organized and hard working and dedicated. He has talked to Ron and he was here over winter break and has been updated on all of the work that mike was doing. He wants to help people and be involved and being AA chair would help him do that.
 - ii. Questions
 - 1. Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan asks what new ideas he has and how they will benefit the student body
 - a. He wants to get clocks in the library and also in the classrooms and wants to do more research on the 18th credit.
 - 2. Student Services Chair Jesse Lender asks is the cabinet meeting time will be ok for him this semester
 - a. He will be able to meet at that time and put his best forward for the meetings.
 - 3. Appropriations Chair Megan Andrews asks him if his age gives him a disadvantage
 - a. He says it might be a little bit of a disadvantage but he is young so he will be able to grow and dedicate himself and learn.
 - 4. Appropriations Chair Megan Andrews asks if he would be interested in keeping this position for longer than a semester
 - a. He says that it would depend on how everything goes but that he would like to.
 - 5. Club Relations Chair Cameron Freitag asks if since he is an E-board member of another club if he will have time to do this
 - a. He says that yes he will because he has good time management skills.
 - iii. Senator Sunny Kim asks how he is speaking to professors and admin
 - 1. He says that it is a little intimidating but that he will learn how to do it and ask for help when he needs it.
- d. Ortal Weinberg
 - i. She has been in SGA for the past four years and she is glad to say that she has dedicated a lot to this organization. She has been a member of different committees and has been present at many different committees throughout the year. She has more than enough time to dedicate this semester to improve this organization. She is graduating so she would like to graduate knowing that she made a difference and helped improve SGA.
 - ii. Questions
 - 1. Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan asks what new thinks she has in mind for AA
 - a. Being a commuter, she feels like she can dedicate herself to commuter problems that some people might face. She will

gladly go to student clubs and see if they have any problems that they want her to resolve. She will work as hard as she can to improve student life.

2. Senator David Caputo asks what she sees as SGA's biggest issues or committee issues
 - a. She says if there are any issues in AA then she will overcome them in her committee. She feels that members of SGA do not agree with each other or work well with each other.
3. Appropriations Chair Megan Andrews asks if she is free Fridays at 2 pm.
 - a. She says that she has class until 5:30 on Fridays.

e. Speakers

i. Club Relations Chair Cameron Freitag

1. Arthur has been here for the semester and already has an e-board position in another club. If he ever needs help, Arthur is always willing to help and is reliable. He thinks he is capable to do the job.

ii. Senator Alyssa O'Brien

1. Has worked with Ortal in PR this past semester and has been great. She holds position as a teaching assistant which would give her a lot of insight into student needs.

iii. Senator Sunny Kim

1. Thinks that Arthur would be a great candidate because while he does have an e-board position, he is very reliable. He is always doing new things and it is great to see him out there. He would be active and see new things that AA really needs. Yields time to Mel, who says that she chairs the committee that Arthur is on and that he has never disappointed her. A great thing about him that will be helpful is that he always has really good great ideas.

iv. Programmer Alex Barkley

1. Has worked with Ortal a lot on this campus and that she give 110% to everything that she does. She did say that she would do as much as she can to rearrange her schedule. She gives everything that she can and has been with SGA for a very long time.

f. Vote

i. Motion to enter a 5 minute recess

ii. Motion to skip debate and go straight to a vote

1. Second

iii. Motion approved

iv. Vote on recess

1. For: 13

2. Against:1

3. Abstentions: 0

4. Motion to table the vote and merge Student Affairs and Academic Affairs to one committee for the semester.

i. Second

ii. Debate

- iii. Motion to go to a 5 minute moderated caucus with 30 second speaking times

1. Second

Moderated Caucus

2. Motion approved
 - iii. Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan
 3. There are at least 6 people on the committee table who are no longer a member of SGA. WE do not have enough numbers to operate at our full capacity. In order to function we need to combine committees.
 - iv. Senator David Caputo
 1. Yields time to chair.
 - v. Student Services Chair Jesse Lender
 1. Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan said it all. The numbers are extremely low. We have to focus on our numbers. We are here for Hofstra and we don't even have enough people to actually represent the student body. Focusing on merging the committees will benefit our organization.
 - vi. Senator Sunny Kim
 1. Asks who is completely gone from SGA. There are 6 people who are not here and who will not be coming back this semester. Of the people who are absent tonight, only 1 gave notice that they were not attending. Sunny says that clearly there is a problem so we should combine the two because we are so short on senators. We need something to help us get back together and refocus as a group.
 - vii. Club Relations Chair Cameron Freitag
 1. We don't have the numbers to be able to have all of our committees. It would make more sense to have fewer committees with more people on them so that they are more efficient. We should combine the committees.
 - viii. Senator Sohun Patwa
 1. Yields time to the chair.
 - ix. Senator Alyssa O'Brien
 1. The suggestions at Hofstra page would be a good way to temporarily address any problems that people have with Academic Affairs.
- b. Motion to bring Ortal and Arthur back into the room to hear what is going on.
 - i. Second
 - ii. Motion to skip debate and go straight to a vote.
 1. Second
 2. Vote on skipping debate
 - a. Motion passes.
 - iii. Vote on bringing them back in
 1. For: 13
 2. Against: 1
 3. Abstentions: 1
 - iv. Motion passes. Arthur and Ortal are brought back into the Greenhouse.

- c. End moderated caucus.
 - d. Vote on motion to table the election and to merge the Student Services and Academic Affairs committees for the rest of the semester.
 - i. For: 14
 - ii. Against: 0
 - iii. Abstentions: 3
 - iv. Motion passes
 - v. Election is not happening and committees have been merged.
- II. Executive Board Reports
- a. President Ron Singh
 - i. At cabinet we took a jog, talked about the retreat and what to expect from it. We also talked about club office spaces and the rules that apply to them. We will have more information for senate in the upcoming weeks.
 - ii. We want to conduct polling and use the itouches and an internet poll. The itouch survey was scheduled to be on the 5th and 6th of February but since we are not going to have the itouches in time, we are going to postpone the polling event. The event will be held from the 7th-14th of February.
 - iii. We have a new slogan for the semester
 - 1. THE BEST SEMESTER EVER!
 - b. Vice President Andrea Standrowicz
 - i. By the end of this weekend, the committees are going to be reworked so that they have enough members to function.
 - ii. We have a table on February 6th during common hour at the Soph(be)more event. Sign up!
 - iii. Send Alyssa your availability!
 - c. Comptroller Yeri Lee
 - i. No report
 - d. Secretary Alyssa Legnetti
 - i. ADD REPORT
- III. Committee Reports
- a. Appropriations
 - i. Saw 8 clubs this week which was a very lot, but there were some clubs that were not given a budget at budget weekend who came to request money.
 - ii. We have significantly more money this semester than we have had in the past.
 - iii. Money was allocated to Music Fest to get money for a headliner.
 - iv. Motion to pass
 - 1. Second
 - v. Minutes passed
 - b. Club Relations
 - i. Committee met on Monday about office violations and put together two letters to send to clubs. We are still working on the letters so there will be something presented to senate by next wee.
 - ii. Motion to pass
 - 1. Second

- iii. Minutes passed
- c. Programming
 - i. No meeting this week, but there are 8 new programmers! They are 1 away from the cap.
- d. Public Relations
 - i. No meeting this week, but meeting times will be Wednesday at 6:15.
- e. Rules
 - i. Hope for Humanity stopped by and got their Constitution approved. The guitar club came in and has to revise their constitution. Meetings will be on Monday night at 6:00 so stop by!
 - ii. Motion to pass
 - 1. Second
 - iii. Minutes passed
- f. Spirit
 - i. No meeting this week, but look forward to exciting things this semester.
- g. Student Services
 - i. No meeting this week, but committee members have projects and are getting back to Jesse by tomorrow with progress reports.
 - ii. On February 15th there is a focus group about Commencement so he will keep us posted.
 - iii. He is waiting to hear back from Sarah Hinkle to continue work on the Rat.
 - iv. Meeting with Lackmann and Joe Barkwell about CPK and what it will be.
 - v. Meeting time is Wednesday at 5:00 pm but that might change after they merge with Academic Affairs.
- IV. For the Good of the Order
- V. Announcements
- VI. Snap Cup
- VII. Motion to adjourn
 - a. Second
 - b. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Report of the Vice President

1) Senate: 23 Cap: 43

2) Committee Assignments

| Appropriations | Rules | Student Services/ Academic Affairs | Public Relations | Club Relations | Programming | Spirit |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Megan Andrews | Devin Brosnan | Jesse Lender | William Finnegan | Cameron Freitag | Chelsea Gillyard | Melanie Perry |
| Yeri Lee | <i>Tevon Hyman</i> | Cait Stolzenberg | Ortal Weinberg | Daivd Caputo | | Arthur Currier |
| Nadir Khan | <i>Gary Duff</i> | Sohum Patwa | Alyssa O'Brien | <i>Pratik Shah</i> | | Alyson Guarino |
| <i>Yuki Yamashita</i> | <i>Ella Perpar</i> | Talyn Cortez | | | | Brandon Caradonna |
| | | Sunny Kim | | | | |
| | | Camilla Hernandez | | | | |
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Appropriations Minutes
February 5th, 2013

Attendance: Megan Andrews, Yeri Lee, Yuki Yamashita, Cameron Freitag
Visiting: Tevon Hyman, Gary Duff, Alex Barkley
Excused: Nadir Khan

Meeting Called to Order: 6:15

NSBE

Requested: \$1,733.74
Convention, Apparel
Allocated: **\$1,580**
Convention: \$1,330
Apparel: \$250

The Pride Network

Requested: \$1,956.86
Anti-Valentine's Day Dance, GAYDAR, Speak Summit, Gohnng Tournament, BBQueer
Allocated: **\$681.91**
Anti-Valentine's Day Dance: \$92.48
GAYDAR: \$144.45
Speak Summit: \$359.98
Gohnng Tournament: \$85

Women's Rugby

Requested: \$1,888.56
Gas Reimbursement, Shirts, Tournament Fees
Allocated: **\$1,880.16**
Gas: \$930.16
Shirts: \$250
Tournament Fees: \$700

HAMA

Requested: \$1,655
Hotel Room, AMA Membership, Conference Registration
Allocated: **\$968**
AMA Membership: \$188
Registration: \$780

She's the First

Requested: \$287.75
Tables, food for Dance-a-Thon
Allocated: **\$287.75**

IFSC

Requested: \$988.46

Phi Iota Alpha Unicef Achieve Zero Banquet

Allocated: **\$988.46**

Total for the Night: **\$6,386.28**

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Andrews

Club Relations

4 February 2013

Attendance: Cameron Freitag, David Caputo, Ron Singh, Andrea Standrowicz, Tevon Hyman

Meeting Commenced: 7:47PM

1. Office Violations
 - a. We are going to email club officers to remind them to post their Club's Office Hours.
 - b. We are writing letters to clubs that have more substantial violations
 - i. It was decided that we would allow Keurigs to be in Club Offices, but we are not allowing conventional coffee machines.
2. Club Congress
 - a. Monday, February 25th 6:00pm-8:00pm
 - i. We are going to break up Club Congress into different groups according to Club categories.
 - ii. We are going to need Senators to volunteer to help out at the event.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:37 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cameron Freitag". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Cameron Freitag

Programming Board Minutes

February 4th, 2013

Attendance: Chelsea G., Elysha J. Caitlyn H., Alex K., Ari R., Sharlays L., Leland C., Edan S., Sandeepa T., Alex B., Cassandra M., Ortal. W., Nora H., Jenny R., Shannon A., Tami L., Rebecca I., Christopher W., Line-Ariel B., Matt M., Alex S., Ron S. (guest) David Z. (guest)

Meeting Commenced: 6:00 p.m.

1. Swearing in of new programmers by Chief Justice David Z.
2. Recap of last semesters accomplishments!
3. Introduction of new senators and old senators
4. Event Planning Activity (Hilarious!)
5. Expectations for the semester
6. Office hour rules, absence policy reminder
7. Breakout committee sessions – discussion of current events along with future events that each committee will work on:
Current Events: Candy Bar, Magician Norman Ng, Marc Elliot
8. Ending introductions

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chelsea Gillyard

Programming Board Chair

PR Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:18 PM

Attendance

William J. Finnegan

Ortal Weinberg

Alyssa O'Brien (late)

Mara Weiss (Associate-in-training)

Pri Jasinghani (Associate-in-training)

Justin Smith (Associate-in-training)

Ron Singh (Visiting)

Andrea Standrowicz (Visiting)

Megan Andrews (Visiting)

I. Logistics

- a. Continuing with the system that was established last semester, we are to keep functioning in subcommittees
- b. Each Subcommittee Chair will be responsible for setting the agenda of his or her subcommittee, with consultation and advice from the Committee Chair
- c. The Subcommittee Chair will then delegate work to members of their Subcommittee (which, at present, consists of the entire PR Committee)
- d. The Subcommittee Chair will be responsible for getting his or her subcommittee's agenda completed
- e. The Committee Chair will be responsible for making sure that the agenda is being completed and on time, not the "how" of its completion
- f. Subcommittees and their Chairs
 - i. Communications and Event Planning, Chair William J. Finnegan
 1. Has oversight over publications and written content
 2. Responsible for targeting different niche groups and audiences in releasing specific information
 3. Is specifically in charge of media relations
 4. Plans PR-related events
 - ii. Marketing, Chair Ortal Weinberg
 1. Oversees flyer design and creation
 2. Monitors flyer distribution
 - iii. Digital Media, Chair Alyssa O'Brien
 1. In charge of the website
 2. Manages social media

II. Meeting Agenda

- a. Started off the meeting with introductions; **THREE INTERESTED NEW ASSOCIATES, WOO!**
- b. Broke down into two groups; one for flyer design (Marketing) and one for targeted communications strategies (Communications)
- c. Ortal and Mara designed two flyers for the CAA tournament
 - i. Ortal made an 8½ x 11 flyer for black and white printing
 - ii. Mara made an 11 x 17 flyer for color printing

- iii. Ortal will be taking them to Robyn for approval, and then organizing their distribution
 - d. Myself, Justin, and Pri discussed how to target specific groups that may be interested in attending the CAA Trip
 - i. We determined that Athletes, Commuters, and International Students may have the most to gain or the most fulfilling experience (or a higher probability) in attending the trip
 - 1. Pri is speaking Commuting Student Services and Off-Campus Housing about how to best reach out to commuters
 - 2. Justin is contacting MISPO
 - 3. I am getting in touch with athletics
 - ii. In addition, we are looking to set up an incentive for clubs to send members
 - e. Alyssa and I stayed later in order to discuss some Social Media/Website Initiatives
 - i. She will be posting about the upcoming SGA events on Facebook and Twitter
 - ii. We are meeting on Monday to discuss how to give her more autonomy over the website so that it can be more properly monitored
- III. Other projects in the work
 - a. Press Release Revisions
 - b. Club Congress Communications and Marketing
 - c. "Student Appreciation Week" Communications and Marketing
 - d. And more . . .

Meeting Adjourned, 8:43 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

W. J. F.

Spirit Meeting February 5, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm

Attendance: Arthur, Aly, and Brandon

1. CAA Fan Bus
 - a. Flyer
 - b. Atrium table
 - c. Atrium banner
2. Spring Weekend
 - a. Brainstorming events
 - b. Clubs to work with
3. Brainstorming homework assignment
 - a. Basketball games
 - b. Lacrosse
 - c. WPW
 - d. Hofstra compliments
 - e. Weekly uplift
 - f. Athlete visibility
 - g. Club sports support
 - h. Student input

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Perry

Spirit Chairwoman

Student Services - Minutes for the week of February 4th:

Keep eyes open to keep an email about a change in meeting times

Hey Jesse,

I've e-mailed Anita Ellis to meet to discuss the bike sharing program. She replied stating she wants me to meet with her; I'm currently waiting to hear back from her about a meeting time. Below is the description for the bike sharing program. Currently over ninety U.S. universities of all sizes have some form of a bike sharing program. I'm proposing that we purchase 20-30 bicycles (and the associated helmets and sets of locks and keys) and set up a bike rack (or two) somewhere near the library and/or the student center. Students can rent (either from the library front desk or from an office in the Student Center) a bicycle, a bicycle helmet, and a lock/key unique to the bike for the day. The program should be free for students during its first year and then a \$10-\$20 bike rental fee should be charged to students annually. This can then be expanded to include more bicycles, have more bike racks set up throughout campus, and potentially convert to an automated bike sharing system that would allow students to reserve bikes online and use their Hofstra IDs to check out/check in bikes. Not only will such a program encourage students to ride bikes instead of cars around campus (thereby promoting environmental sustainability and decreasing traffic as well as freeing up parking spaces), but it will also make students' lives easier, as they will no longer need to bring their own bikes to campus and will be provided a more enjoyable alternative to walking to class. Such a program will also encourage bike safety (as students will be encouraged to wear helmets) as well as healthy behaviors.

The article below highlights the increasing presence of bike sharing programs in universities across the country.

http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/news/education/2010-09-21-college-bike-sharing_N.htm

An example of a successful university bike sharing program is below.

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/sustainability/bike-share-program.shtml>

Thanks,
Sohum Patwa

Respectfully Submitted,

Jesse Lender

Academic Affairs – Minutes for the week of February 4th:

Looking for a meeting time.

Keep eyes open to keep an email about a change in meeting times

Respectfully Submitted,

Jesse Lender