

## Senate Minutes March 7, 2013

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:09 pm
- II. Quorum Call
- III. Approval of Senate Minutes
  - a. Motion to pass
    - i. Second
  - b. Minutes passed
- IV. Approval of Cabinet Minutes
  - a. Motion to pass
    - i. Second
  - b. Minutes passed
- V. Special business
  - a. New Club
    - i. Limbitless
      1. This is a club to raise awareness for amputees in developing countries and also to raise money for children in America to send them to camps with other children. They want to be SGA recognized so that they can get funding and be recognized as more legitimate. They are trying to achieve this through events on campus and fundraising events. They are very focused on having events on campus.
      2. Questions
        - a. Senator Alyssa O'Brien asks how many members are interested
          - i. They have a list of 22 members, there are 10 on Collegiate Link.
        - b. Comptroller Yeri Lee asks if they are aware that if they become an SGA club that they cannot have any graduate members?
          - i. Yes, they are aware
      3. Motion to skip debate and go straight to a vote
        - a. Second
        - b. Vote
          - i. Motion passed.
      4. Vote on passing club
        - a. For: 16
        - b. Against: 0
        - c. Abstentions: 0
      5. Limbitless passes and is now an SGA recognized club
  - b. Rules Chair Election
    - i. Nominations

- ii. Appropriations Chair Megan Andrews nominates Senator Alyssa O'Brien
  - a. She accepts
- iii. Senator David Caputo nominates Senator Tevon Hyman
  - 1. He declines
- iv. Appropriations Chair Megan Andrews nominates Senator Gary Duff
  - 1. He declines
- v. Programming Chair Chelsea Gillyard nominates Senator David Caputo
  - 1. He accepts
- vi. Programming Chair Chelsea Gillyard nominates Senator Talyn Cortez
  - 1. She declines
- vii. Alyssa O'Brien
  - 1. She thinks that one of the most important things we need in the Rules Chair position right now is stability. She knows the ins and outs of the Constitution, and she believes this is a very good role for her. She is also aware that archiving is very important right now. She is very comfortable with the website and how to update it. She believes she would be excellent at going through Constitutions. Her greatest weakness is that she tends to obsess over little tiny details instead of looking at the bigger picture. Her greatest strength is that she is very adaptable and is willing to work hard to learn the position.
  - 2. Questions
    - a. Student Services Chair Jesse Lender asks what other clubs she is involved in.
      - i. She is involved with Intervarsity.
    - b. Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan asks what experience she has gotten in SGA that has made her fit for this job,
      - i. She works with the website so she is good at that. She has also been a member of the Public Relations committee so she has learned how that works.
    - c. Senator Gary Duff asks what she thinks her leadership style is.
      - i. One of the things that is very important to her is to lead by example. If she was to have leadership, she wouldn't be afraid to get her hands dirty.
    - d. Appropriations Chair Megan Andrews asks if she is available on Friday at 2:00 pm

- i. She is!
  - e. Senator Tevon Hyman asks if she will be able to attend the Registration committee meetings.
    - i. She has class but there is only one meeting left this semester
- viii. Senator David Caputo
  1. He is running because he loves being a part of SGA and he feels it will be an asset to be Rules Chair. He believes that he will be very useful in this position. He would have to change the Monday night Rules meeting time. He hopes to further work with clubs so that they have a better understanding of the Rules. He has also spoken to a few club leaders and they seem to not be clear on the policy series. He hopes to strengthen the trust between clubs and SGA.
  2. Questions
    - a. Appropriations Chair Megan Andrews says that a big role will be archiving documents and updating. Does he feel that he has the skills necessary to do that?
      - i. He feels is is organized and that a good way to learn is to try something new. He would take this task on.
    - b. Appropriations Chair Megan Andrews asks if he is available at 2:00 on Friday for Cabinet meetings
      - i. He is.
    - c. Spirit Chair Melanie Perry asks if he feels comfortable leading other committee members
      - i. He is.
    - d. Senator Tevon Hyman asks if he will be able to attend the Registration Committee meeting this semester.
      - i. Yes he is available.
    - e. Programming Chair Chelsea Gillyard asks what his greatest strength and greatest weakness are
      - i. His greatest strength is that he is a determined person. His greatest weakness is that he sometimes gets flustered but he is working on that.
    - f. Comptroller Yeri Lee asks what his major is
      - i. He is a marketing major
    - g. Senator Talyn Cortez asks when he will change the meeting time to
      - i. He would like the change it to Wednesday at 6:00 pm

- h. Programmer Alex Barkley asks what his leadership style is and how he can apply that to his leadership position
  - i. He tends to be a very hands on person and likes to be involved. However, he would delegate to his committee in order to get things done.
- i. Senator Gary Duff asks what his dream job is and how rules will help with that.
  - i. He hopes one day to be an intellectual property attorney. Intellectual Property Law is very in depth and involved, so he feels that being the Rules Chair will help him prepare.

ix. Speakers

1. IFSC Representative Cait Stolzenberg says that Alyssa is her resident and she knows her very well. She is an excellent leader and is responsible. She is very dedicated and is very organized and will do a great job. She is very approachable but she is not going to run away and hide. Shes an awesome person and she is a great face for SGA.
2. Club Relations Chair Cameron Freitag says that David is a great committee member. He is always ready to take on new tasks. Last week he drafted an e-mail that was very articulate and well written, so he will be able to communicate well with clubs.
3. Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan says that Alyssa is an excellent member of his committee. She is familiar with the website, which is necessary because she will be archiving. In his experience, she is a very quick learner and is very adaptable. The Rules chair is one of the positions that has the most visibility and she will be great with clubs. She has a good head on her shoulders, and we are getting the chance to develop her from a very young age.
4. Senator Ella Perper says that David seems very motivated and into being incolved She says that him admitting that he has flaws shows that he is working on them and is open to change.

x. Vote

1. Alyssa O'Brien
  - a. 12
2. David Caputo
  - a. 3
3. Alyssa O'Brien is voted in as the new SGA Rules Chair

## VI. Executive Board Reports

### a. President Ron Singh

- i. Student Appreciation Week will be from March 11 to March 15.
- ii. We sometimes forget that the center of this campus are the students, so we want to appreciate them.
- iii. We are also trying to gather data, so we will be doing polling.
- iv. Monday-we will start out with the parking lot initiative. There will be sign ups after this meeting. The parking lot initiative will be in the Breslin parking lot. There will be free food through the day. Monday night will be Club Congress!
- v. Tuesday-there will be free muffins given out in the morning; cookies given out in the afternoon. There will be a Stressbuster that night where students can pop balloons! Every half hour there will be a line dance where students in the atrium can participate. We are also going to try to have a spontaneous tug of war contest!
- vi. Wednesday-there will be free mini muffins given out in the morning; in the afternoon, cookies and free t-shirts will be given out. At night, there will be "Where Are We From" where students can put pins on their state or country or origin. Then there will be a eating contest with different kinds of food.
- vii. Thursday-there will be free coffee given out in the morning and free cookies given out throughout the day. There will be a High Five day where students can get high fives to brighten their spirits! Marc Elliot will be coming to speak at "What Makes you Tic?"
- viii. Friday-Programming Board and Hofstra Goes for Gold will have Jail and Bail!
- ix. Survey Questions were gathered through SGA at the Corner.

### b. Vice President Andrea Standrowicz

- i. Brandon Caradonna has resigned from SGA for personal reasons
- ii. The Rules chair position will be filled in.

### c. Comptroller Yeri Lee

- i. No Report

### d. Secretary Alyssa Legnetti

- i. New Nametages coming soon!

## VII. Committee Reports

### a. Appropriations

- i. Saw 8 clubs
- ii. \$10,832.61 requested, \$5,971.35 allocated
- iii. Left for the semester: \$70,000
- iv. Motion to pass
  1. Second
- v. Minutes passed

### b. Club Relations

- i. Talked about the Club Tournament.
  - ii. Trivia will be April 6<sup>th</sup>, a Scavenger Hunt on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Volleyball on the 13, Tug of War on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - iii. Motion to pass
    - 1. Second
  - iv. Minutes passed
- c. Programming
  - i. Norman Ng was AMAZING! About 150 people attended and they got a ton of great feedback!
  - ii. Build a Friend is TOMORROW at 7:30 pm in Plaza Room Middle!
  - iii. Sweat U is this Saturday in the Fitness Center from 11-2!
  - iv. Motion to pass
    - 1. Second
  - v. Minutes passed
- d. Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan
  - i. Jesse Bade is no longer our Chronicle Reporter.
  - ii. If you are working on a portfolio, please let Billy know so he can publicize it
  - iii. Re-designing the Student Appreciation Week flyer into black and white quarter sheets
  - iv. Ortal is designing a flyer template for the club tournament, and Mara designed a flyer template for the Future of Bipartisanship event
  - v. Motion to pass
    - 1. Second
  - vi. Minutes passed
- e. Rules
  - i. We saw MEISA and helped them revise their constitution
  - ii. Limbitless came and passed through rules
  - iii. Foundation for the International Medical Relief of Children came and changed their name to Hope for Hope.
  - iv. Motion to pass
    - 1. Second
  - v. Minutes passed
- f. Spirit
  - i. CAA tournament is this weekend! There are still some spots open if anyone is interested!
  - ii. Planning a Hof-palooza for a weekend in April!
    - 1. The weekend is going to have various events, including a Hofstra Bazaar and a capture the flag tournament!
  - iii. Working on an Athlete Spotlight to highlight athletes who are doing a great job!
  - iv. Motion to pass
    - 1. Second
  - v. Minutes passed

- g. Student Services Chair Jesse Lender
  - i. No meeting this week
  - ii. Everyone here is allowed to respond to the comments on the Suggestions@Hofstra Facebook page.
    - 1. When you do reply, please address yourself as a member of SGA.
- h. Academic Affairs Chair Jesse Lender
  - i. Senator Talyn Cortez has a presentation on her 18<sup>th</sup> credit research!
    - 1. She has been working on this research to get us an 18<sup>th</sup> credit without an additional charge!
    - 2. There were 20 schools that were researched
    - 3. Talyn looked up three separate questions
      - a. Cost per semester hour
      - b. Question 2 was omitted
      - c. What was the average number of credits/semester per course? (does it vary by school or degree?)
      - d. How many credits can students cost before they are charged an additional cost?
    - 4. She met with Robyn and is going to figure out who to meet with to discuss this research.
    - 5. In terms of the schools, many do not do the 18<sup>th</sup> credit.
    - 6. She came up with two alternatives: the first is to omit first years, and the second is to maybe be able to take 18 credits once in your college career.

VIII. For the Good of the Order

IX. Announcements

X. Snap Cup

XI. Motion to adjourn

a. Second

XII. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm