



## **Agenda of the Senate**

**Hofstra University Student Government Association**

**October 11, 2012**

**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. Special Business**
  - A.** Hofstra Basketball Coaches
  - B.** Hunger Project
- V. New Business**
  - Swearing in of New Senators
- VI. Executive Board Reports**
  - A.** President – T. Hyman
  - B.** Vice President – R. Singh
  - C.** Comptroller – Y. Lee
  - D.** Secretary – A. Legnetti
  - E.** Parliamentarian – S. Sicard
- VII. Committee Chair Reports**
  - A.** Appropriations – M. Andrews
  - B.** Club Relations – A. Standrowicz
  - C.** Programming – C. Gillyard
  - D.** Public Relations – W. Finnegan
  - E.** Rules – B. Shaefer
  - F.** Student Services – B. McElroy
  - G.** Spirit – M. Perry
- VIII. For the Good of the Order**
- IX. Announcements**
- X. Snap Cup**
- XI. Adjournment**

## Senate Minutes October 4, 2012

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm
- II. Quorum Call
  - a. Present: 12
- III. Approval of Senate Minutes
  - a. Senator Kennedy motions to strike the President's Minutes
    - i. All in favor-minutes stricken
  - b. Club Relations Chair Andrea Standrowicz motions to change the 64 clubs that came to Club Congress to 74.
    - i. All in favor-motion approved.
  - c. Minutes passed.
- IV. Approval of Cabinet Minutes
  - a. Club Relations Chair Andrea Standrowicz motions to pass minutes
    - i. Motion approved
    - ii. Minutes passed.
- V. New Business
  - a. Budget Appeal from Strictly Steppin'
    - i. Strictly Steppin' has been a performance group since 2000. They do a lot of fundraising on their own and attend competitions outside of Hofstra.
    - ii. This year they have \$1,200 worth of income in their budget but \$750 of that amount is going towards an event that they are having.
    - iii. They will be having a competition in New Jersey and it is becoming harder for the members to pay for the travel.
    - iv. They are taking 15 competitors but their team is made up of 25 members. They have already made the necessary cuts so that the trip is more affordable.
    - v. They were given money for t-shirts and for a new banner but they need money to pay for travel.
    - vi. Appropriations Chair Megan Andrews explains the specific allocations
      1. Strictly Steppin' was allocated approximately 50% of the amount that they requested.
    - vii. Motion to open the gallery
      1. Motion approved
    - viii. Strictly Steppin's faculty advisor was told that she could write a letter to appeal for more money.
      1. She presented the letter to President Tevon Hyman and Vice President Ron Singh
    - ix. Motion to open a speaker's list
      1. Motion approved
      2. Appropriations Chair Megan Andrews added to the speaker's list
      3. Senator Bohme added to the speaker's list
      4. Student Services Chair Bradley McElroy
    - x. Motion to have letter read
      1. Motion approved
      2. Vice President Ron Singh reads letter

- xi. Appropriations Chair Megan Andrews explains that Strictly Steppin' has over \$1200 in their budget. If Strictly Steppin' wins the competition that they are going to, they will get an additional \$1200 in winnings.
  - 1. Appropriations is encouraging clubs to spend the money that is in their budget
  - 2. Competition teams can get a \$200 gas reimbursement
- xii. Senator Bohme thinks that we shouldn't be funding performance teams for things like banners and t-shirts because there is no point in being on a performance team if you cannot go to competitions.
- xiii. Student Services Chair Bradley McElroy believes that we shouldn't allocate any more money to Strictly Steppin'. He thinks it would make more sense to split the t-shirt money in half and move around the money that has been given to them.
- xiv. Comptroller Yeri Lee thinks that we should fund for their gas money for two cars (\$283.30).
- xv. Senator Kennedy motions to add an additional \$283.30 to gas money.
  - 1. Spirit Chair Melanie Perry seconds
  - 2. Appropriations Chair Megan Andrews objects
- xvi. Speakers for an speakers against
  - 1. Speakers
    - a. For- Senator Kennedy says that we cannot count on them winning to use that money. They cannot get to the competition with a chance of winning without our money.
    - b. Against- Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan is against giving them an additional \$283.30. Thinks it will detrimental to our second budget weekend to give them money.
    - c. For- Comptroller Yeri Lee thinks that we should fund them because if they win they will have more rollover.
    - d. Against- Appropriations Chair Megan Kennedy says that with the amount of money in their account, the additional money doesn't have to come out of our very limited budget.
- xvii. All in favor of allocation an additional \$283.30
  - 1. For-7
  - 2. Against-6
  - 3. Abstentions-0
  - 4. Amendment passes. An additional \$283.30 will be added to budget.

#### VI. Executive Board Reports

- a. President Tevon Hyman- On Monday he unveiled his new SGA image campaign. We are going to have a new logo and will advocate more with the student body.
- b. Vice President Ron Singh- Senate is at 16 members, cap is 43. We have 31 seats remaining. Committee assignments have been adjusted. Debate is in 12 days!

#### VII. Committee Reports

- a. Appropriations- Minutes for this week are much more detailed! Total for night was \$8291.31.

- i. Explanation for HOLA's allocations-were allocated \$3500.00 with an encumbrance of November 7<sup>th</sup>. After the money was allocated they said that the date of their event might be later than expected, so now we won't know if the money will be coming back for Budget Weekend until later in November. Encumbrance still applies to the later date.
    - ii. Motion to pass minutes
      - 1. Minutes passed
  - b. Club Relations- decided that in place of Flag Football, we are going to do a field day on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm! Club Congress will be on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.
    - i. Motion to pass
      - 1. Minutes passed
  - c. Programming- Told committee that it is important to keep contact with each other during the week. Making calendars so that it is easier to fill in events as they are planned. Pride Unleashed week will be from October 29<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>. Pumpkin Patch will be on October 31.
    - i. Motion to pass
      - 1. Minutes passed
  - d. Public Relations- Press Release day is Monday! Designed a Budget Weekend Flyer, a Constitution Flyer and a Club Congress Flyer. "Have You Heard?" is going to replace "Did you Know?" facts on HofCast.
    - i. Motion to pass
      - 1. Minutes passed
  - e. Rules- Turkish Students Club was passed by Rules last semester but then never came to Senate. Discussed new JPanel legislation for election Justices. For now they decided that justices running this semester will need 50 signatures and 100 online votes.
    - i. Motion to pass
      - 1. Minutes passed
  - f. Spirit- Talked about Fall Festival and Pride Unleashed Week! All week there will be scavenger hunt. Tossing around ideas for something they want to do in November---thinking about doing a tailgate for one of the basketball games. We do not intend on doing Hofstra for the Holidays because of the lack of support for float building. Also talked about doing a Pride Day where you have to wear all Hofstra gear!
    - i. Motion to pass
      - 1. Minutes passed
  - g. Student Services Chair Bradley McElroy had a meeting with higher-ups. There is a plan to put a full fledged Starbucks in the Greenhouse. There is going to be a meeting with people from various organizations and schools to have a meeting about what to do with the Rat.

VIII. For the Good of the Order

IX. Announcements

X. Motion to adjourn

- a. Motion passed
- b. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm

## Cabinet Minutes October 8, 2012

- I. Meeting called to order at 8:06 pm
- II. Recap
  - a. Elections
    - i. 16 names were added to the portal to be voted on
    - ii. Names did not include the three people running for justices and two additional senators
      - 1. Because the names were added to the portal only an hour before the University closed, we do not know if the portal system is going to work tomorrow.
      - 2. We do have tables booked for the atrium for Tuesday and Wednesday. We will have to see on Tuesday morning if the portal works and go from there.
      - 3. Discussed possible scenarios for senators not getting enough votes/portal not working/not getting enough support.
      - 4. We cannot get the laptops from Event Management, so senators and cabinet members who are manning the atrium should bring their own laptops.
    - iii. We are working to get the candidates pictures next to their names.
    - iv. Election Bash is scheduled for Wednesday at 5:00 in the Netherlands Core (Southside).
  - b. Pride Unleashed
    - i. Have the schedule and are working on details.
  - c. Tie Dye
    - i. Saturday October 13th from 1:00-5:00 in front of HofstraUSA
    - ii. Shirts will be \$3
- III. Image Campaign
  - a. Last week, President Tevon Hyman introduced our new image campaign in terms of campaign names, a new logo, etc.
  - b. Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan is going to design HofCast slides to debunk SGA rumors.
  - c. We are working on the new logo and will hopefully have it by Wednesday
  - d. Monday October 22<sup>nd</sup> our new image campaign starts!
- IV. Our Focus
  - a. President Tevon Hyman is trying to get an estimate of how many students are members of groups on campus
    - i. i.e. how many students are Greek, how many are in club sports, how many are in certain organizations
    - ii. We need to be able to focus on every group and not just a small portion of groups on campus.
    - iii. We need to make sure that we are touching base with every single group on campus.
  - b. SGA needs to be more involved with the various groups on campus.

- c. Next week, SGA's numbers could potentially double, so we should be thinking about how we as an organization can reach all groups on campus to make them feel represented.
  - i. By next week, we should have all thought of ways to reach out and target different groups
    - 1. Different programs and events
    - 2. Find out what we can do for organizations and how we can advocate for their needs
    - 3. Suggestion that once a month members of SGA could stand in the atrium and ask students what they want from Hofstra and how we can help them.
  - d. We should be going to club events
    - i. Public Relations Chair Billy Finnegan suggests that we create a Cabinet budget to pay to get into events
    - ii. In reality, events are only \$3-\$5 (some are \$10), so going to a few a year to support a club is not asking a lot.
- V. 15 events in 20 days
  - a. Officially planned and awesome
  - b. The National Anthem events have been going great
  - c. On Thursday, we are hosting the Future of Compromise and Bipartisanship
    - i. It will be an interactive, town hall format
    - ii. Issues will cover food quality, smoking ban, commencement changes, and tuition changes.
    - iii. Groups will be able to develop opinions on the position they are assigned to and will then have time to present each side.
    - iv. Opposing sides will have to come to a consensus on the issue at hand.
    - v. We need to focus on the marketing of the event to get people to show up and want to participate.
- VI. Approval of Senate Agenda for Next Week
  - a. Motion that there will be no Senate meeting for the week of October 18<sup>th</sup>.
    - i. Motion approved
  - b. Motion to have Cabinet on Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Motion approved
  - c. Amendment to add Special Business, New Business and retreat discussion (to be done in President or Vice President report).
  - d. Motion to pass agenda as amended
    - i. Agenda passed
- VII. Debate
  - a. At one of the last Debate Committee Meetings there was a discussion about commuters and not being able to have access to campus/parking
- VIII. Open Discussion
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 pm

# Report of the Vice President

1) Senate: 27 Cap: 43 (Welcome to our New Senators!)

2) Committee Assignments

Appropriations	Rules	Public Relations	Club Relations	Programming	Spirit
Yeri Lee	Ben Schaefer	William Finnegan	Andrea Standrowicz	Chelsea Gillyard	Melanie Perry
Megan Kennedy	Sarah Sicard	Victoria Bohme	Salman		Caitlin Stolzenberg
Megan Andrews	Victoria Rametta	<i>Ortal Weinberg</i>	Bradley McElroy		Alyssa Legnetti
Nadir Khan					

3) Future of Bipartisanship and Compromise Event

4) Retreat

Ubuntu,

Ron Singh

Appropriations Minutes  
October 9, 2012

**Hofstra Concerts**

Amount Requested: \$35,000  
Artist, Sound and Lighting, Hospitality, Arena Staffing / Plant Cost  
Amount Allocated: **\$0**

**Hofstra Club Baseball**

Amount Requested: \$1,286.40  
State College Entry Fee and Hotel  
Amount Allocated: **\$375**  
Entry Fee: \$375

**Ed2010**

Amount Requested: 365.00  
T-Shirts, banner, mugs, poster  
Amount Allocated: **\$20.99**  
Banner: 20.99

**6<sup>th</sup> Element**

Amount Requested: \$2750  
T-shirts, Spoken Reasons  
Amount Allocated: **\$1500**  
Spoken Reasons: 1500

**Sigma 'Cappella**

NO SHOW

**IFSC**

Amount Requested: \$425  
SAM Gladiators for Global Hunger  
Amount Allocated: **\$425**  
SAM Gladiators for Global Hunger: 425

**Hofstra Quidditch**

Amount Requested: \$966.80  
Zombie Tournament, Turtle Cup, Brotherly Love Cup  
Amount Allocated: **\$746.80**  
Zombie Tournament: \$50  
Turtle Cup: \$446.80  
Brotherly Love Cup: \$250

**Total for the Night--\$3,067.79**



Club Relations

October 10, 2012

Attendance: Andrea Standrowicz, Nadir Khan,

Meeting Commenced: 5:15

### **Club Tournament**

- Waiting to get a response from Ann Combes-Baller about booking the field
- Talked about having the winner get a pizza and ice cream party, or just appropriating them money allocated for Lackman purchases, or even the possibility of meal vouchers
- Giving the winner a guaranteed spot on appropriations – what if they've already come twice, and there's no monetary guarantee
- Help with any event/program promotions
- Hopefully sign-ups can go up on Monday! (gives two weeks for sign-ups)

### **Club Congress**

- Talked about potentially freezing budgets next semester if clubs don't come
- We decided to cancel Club Congress this month because the only thing on the agenda would have been budget weekend and it's unnecessary for us to call clubs to a 5-10 minute meeting when an email can successfully communicate the same information

Meeting Adjourned: 5:40

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Standrowicz

- Call to order at 6:00 PM
  - Attending persons:
    - Ben, Sarah, Victoria, Billy, David Zuniga (was late)
- Yoga Constitution (was already done).
- Ed2010 Constitution (also already done).
- Geology Club (followed suit).
- Legislation Discrepancy
- J-Panel Legislation Passes 3-0-0
- Meeting ended at 6:30 PM.

Spirit Minutes October 9, 2012

Attendance: Alyssa Legnetti and Cait Stolzenberg\*

\*\*\*Spirit is currently the committee of secretaries. THIS IS EXCITING!\*\*\*

Meeting started at 7:15

1. Pride Unleashed
  - a. Lackmann
  - b. List for scavenger hunt
2. Tailgate
  - a. E-mail to get schedule
  - b. Reach out to clubs
  - c. Get athletics involved
3. BONFIRE
4. Pride Days
  - a. Wear Pride wednesdays
  - b. On Wednesdays we wear blue and gold
  - c. More Pride Mondays
5. Meet with bookstore
6. Future ideas
  - a. Hofstra Color Run
  - b. Pom poms
  - c. Meet with club sports
  - d. Spring = showcase week

Meeting ended at 7:50