I. The September 13, 2021, minutes were unanimously approved.

II. Report of the Interim Provost, Janet Lenaghan
Interim Provost Lenaghan convened the meeting by asking those present to introduce themselves. She then introduced President Susan Poser who reported that she is a big believer in shared governance and is looking forward to working with everyone. She spoke briefly on her initiative for the future of Hofstra University and reported that is very important that there is a lot of participation and hopes that the Senate as a representative body will spend some time thinking about who we are as a university, what should our ambitions for the future be, and what are some ideas on how to get there. She also reported that we should be thinking about who our peers are, what should our aspirations be, and what other universities would we want to be more like.

The President reported that she thought the Presidential Inauguration Celebration Week Symposia: Beyond the Campus: Learning by Engaging and Serving the Surrounding Community was fantastic, and it was interesting to see what each school chose to talk about and for her it was a great insight into some of what is going on within the individual schools, that she may not have not been able to access otherwise.

Interim Provost Lenaghan gave an update on the Blue Ribbon Committee that has been tasked with evaluating Hofstra’s current Course and Teacher Ratings (CTR) process and making recommendations for how it may be changed to better serve the community. Now that we have transitioned to the online form, the committee is looking at testing different items. Since the committee was working on the content of the form, they will do some validity testing around them this semester. She will keep the Senate posted on this process.

III. Committee Reports
A. Christopher Eliot, chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee has cemented its agenda for the semester and the two items they plan to work on are:
   - Double counting of credits between the undergraduate and graduate level. There are circumstances when Hofstra undergraduate students might be seriously disincentivized from enrolling in Hofstra graduate programs because courses that they have taken as undergraduate can’t count for them at the graduate level which is a problematic situation, so the committee wants to think about what the solutions to that might be along with other issues related to our policies on double counting.
   - thinking about the ways in which we review online and remote instruction and specifically should there be standards for oversight which we don't now have for what counts as a course offered well into our standards. Even though it's online, going forward as we transition from an emergency period of online offerings to a period where that's more normalized.

B. Caroline Schreiner reported for Kevin Boston-Hill, chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee, that:
   - The committee is working in conjunction with the Special Committee on Education and Research Technology to introduce GradeScope as a more robust replacement for Scantron. Anyone interested in attending the Gradescope Demo can email her for the link
The committee is looking into new wording regarding the completion ration as relates to students on academic probation who have made satisfactory academic progress.

The committee is researching the impact of creating a course tag requirement for the Race & Ethnicity in America and Internationalization/Cross Cultural clusters. In addition, the committee is looking to clearly define Internationalization and Cross Cultural.

C. Patricia Welch, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported that the committee has a meeting next week and will be:
- reviewing and updating Faculty Policy Series #43 – Harassment Policy
- working on language for the LDA rosters so that people understand how it works alongside the mid-semester advisory.
- participating in President Poser’s self-study project however is requested
- working on how understanding of how digital measures works post-tenure and for departments that need something like this for accreditation and so forth as well as recognition systems for adjuncts or non-tenure track non-tenure people

Prof. Welch also reported that the committee who was working on the digital measures project has already begun collecting information, but she has not received their report yet.

D. Kathleen Wallace, chair of the Planning and Budget Committee, that the committee is interested in getting a better understanding of the big picture in the state of the university, so Rich Apollo, Associate Provost for Budget and Planning, helped by reviewing census reports so that they are better prepared to read them. They want to get a better handle on what enrollment trends are in the university to be better informed and can contribute in a more meaningful way to some of the discussions about important efforts about retention that are going on in the university, as well as being able to contribute to President Poser’s initiative to really think about what our future goals and aspirations are as a university. The committee has also asked for reports from Institutional Research on majors and duplicate majors. She also reported that the committee concern expressed from some faculty who use a Hofstra van for field trips and there are some issues apparently with the safety of the van. She has reached out to Joseph Barkwill, Vice President for Facilities and Operations, to follow up.

E. Lila Campbell, chair of the Student Affairs Committee, reported that the committee met on October 9 with W. Houston Dougharty, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Michelle Van Ess-Grant, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students as their guests. The committee will continue work on an initiative started last spring by Mercedes Jasterzenski, a student Senator-at-large, regarding the Hofstra night shuttle. The committee will also be working on disability and universal design throughout Hofstra and on a smaller note the committee is working on mandating that EthicsPoint being put in the syllabi.

IV. New Business
Prof. Ghorayeb reported that right before students graduate many of them work with the faculty on honors thesis research for one semester. Some get accepted into a conference, but the university is not willing to pay any conference fees because the student has just graduated. A discussion followed.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.