



**Agenda of the Senate
Hofstra University Student Government Association**

Hofstra University

Call to order

Meeting Called to order at 6:51 PM EST

A. Quorum Call

- a. Quorum set to 21

B. New Business

- a. Senator Malik moves to open the gallery
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed
- b. Welcome Dr. Jean Peden Christodoulou, Senior Advisor and Chief of Staff to the President!
 - i. [Strategic Directions](#)
 - ii. Hi everyone! I work with President Poser and I just wanted to talk a little bit about our strategic planning, as we are coming to the end! We are working now on getting advice and visions to make a draft for the end of May. This way, we can work hard over the summer so everything is ready when you all get back. Last year, all members of the faculty were asked to submit proposals for research or opportunities that they think would make Hofstra better; we got over 78 proposals encompassing 250 employees, and 10 of them were funded. There were a few themes: interdisciplinary study, community outreach, and adaptable structure to support academics. Deans and President Poser's Cabinet then used this to draft a mission statement that cultivates these common themes. This will be finalized at the end of the summer as well as a list of core values and a definition of these values. Now that we have a foundation, we have a few subcommittees: Interdisciplinary & New Academic Programs; Community Engagement; Student Success; and Organizational Agility. These

communities include 38 faculty, 11 (vice/associate) deans, 23 administrators, and at least 4 students.

1. President Anniballi: Regarding the mission statement, when do you think the community will have some feedback on the statement, and about when will the mission statement be finalized.
 - a. The difficult thing is right now that the timeline has that planned for the summer, but that is when students and faculty are not all present on campus. That's why we are trying to get it out by early April to get everyone's feedback. We know it won't please everyone exactly, but we are happy to take any input
2. Comptroller Greenlaw: What was the most rewarding part about creating a strategic program?
 - a. I feel like I have been here and I know Hofstra very well. It is really great to take all of these ideas, and then actually try to synthesize them. The rewarding part is this process and the data collection.
3. Senator Mahlati: What is interdisciplinary? Does having 4 committees ever cause miscommunication?
 - a. This means across and among specific academic disciplines. This really encompasses the fine arts and math. The world is not categorized the same way majors or departments may be. We have liberal arts education, but at the end of the day you have to choose between topics. We want to move to a place where they can be combined.
 - b. As far as the committees, we are stretching people to go fast, but it sparks energy because of these set milestones. I think it is helping, and people are very excited about it.
4. Chair Pandit: Are the interdisciplinary measures focused on majors, minors, and departmental programs?
 - a. We are asking them to think big. We want the biggest and best goals. And then we are going to strive for that and see what we can achieve.
5. Chair Vickers: I was on the student success committee for a bit. Say in 10 years, how are you going to support students in these spaces, as I personally had to step down because of the workload.
 - a. I appreciate this. The President views this work at heart as an academic matter. That's why we have so many faculty involved. We understood the time commitment, and know that it may not be sustainable. That's why we started only

with a few students, but also encouraged to talk to groups of students along the way without a long term commitment to the students. It allows for comments.

6. Senator Callahan: If this will increase the number of 4 credit classes, how will that affect student scheduling?
 - a. Yes, that is the problem. How do we change the way we do things while making them more interdisciplinary? How do we make this work easier and encourage us to not just be “additive” or a burden for the students to take advantage of this. We don’t want to get rid of the specialization- that is very important. We just want to train you for the real world.
7. Senator Mahlati: You mentioned the fast pace nature. Do you worry that there may be things that are missed out on because of it?
 - a. There is that danger, but we have been doing this for two years. We are not doing this from scratch. They all inform each other. I have already done 8 of these presentations, and have 7 more in the works. This allows for feedback as we are going through it. It is not due in May when we ask the committees, but this is what we will bring to the Board to actually make a plan to go forward. Students change, people change, and needs change. You can’t plan for everything, but we want to be futuristic in our planning.
8. Chair Pandit: Could students recommend proposals in the same way that faculty can?
 - a. The goal is to discover what obstacles are in the face of that happening. My suspicion is that goals will come out of it that are framed as “figure this out.” We want all the feedback, and so I want to make sure the co-chairs are encouraging student feedback to help create what they want. We are willing to put the plan into existence.
9. President Anniballi: Students have a different relationship to Hofstra than faculty do. Everything we discuss will be implemented after we graduate. Why does all this matter to students right now?
 - a. There are a couple of reasons. I went to Stony Brook, and if I applied today, I would not be able to get in. Stony Brook is a wonderful school, and that benefits me as a professional. The better Hofstra gets, you are always a part

of Hofstra, and that raises your profile. Also, you are here for your education, and the heart of a University is its students. This is how you give back to the next generation of students. The next is that you know this place better than we as administrators ever will. We can't do this well without a student's outlook on it. I think you all as student leaders see the importance in this.

- c. [SA.2024.88.018-Spring into Action Questions Spring 2024](#)
- i. Chair Guenfoud moves to strike question 7
 1. Motion seconded
 2. Motion passed
 - ii. Chair DiSanto moves to strike question 10
 1. Motion seconded
 2. Motion passed
 - iii. Chair Pandit moves to propose language for question 1 “Which of the following emergency service training would you like to be offered? a. severe bleeding/tourniquet b. Automated External Defibrillator (AED) c. CPR d. epinephrine administration e. Narcan”
 1. Motion seconded
 2. Motion passed
 - iv. Senator Danek moves to propose new language for question 9 “A. I was aware, B. I was not aware, C. I prefer to keep my physical card, D. I was in the Beta Program.”
 1. Motion Seconded
 2. Motion Passed
 - v. Secretary Egolf moves to propose language for question 3 “What reason would deter you from taking a class outside of your major? A. Not enough time, B. Overlaps with my Major requirements, C. Scared it would affect my GPA, D. Other (fill in)”
 1. Motion Seconded
 2. Motion Passed
 - vi. Secretary Egolf moves to propose language for question 4 “Would you be in favor of seeing more culturally and religiously diverse dining options on campus? If so, where?”
 1. Motion Seconded
 2. Motion Passed
 - vii. Senator Tso moves to propose language for question 3 to add “Check all that apply.”
 1. Motion Seconded
 2. Motion Passed

- viii. Chair Guenfoud moves to propose language for question 5 “A. weekends, B. winter/summer, C. fall/presidents break, D. all of the above”
- ix. Senator Mahlati moves to
 - 1. Motion Objected
 - 2. Motion Rescinded
- x. Chair Pandit moves to propose language for question 5 “During which sessions do you think eatery hours should be extended?”
 - 1. Motion Seconded
 - 2. Motion Passed
- xi. Senator Tso moves to propose language for question 5 adding “Check all that apply?”
 - 1. Motion Seconded
 - 2. Motion Passed
- xii. Chair Pandit moves to propose language for question 5 “During which of the following times do you think eatery hours should be extended?”
 - 1. Motion objected
 - 2. Motion rescinded
- xiii. Comptroller Greenlaw “During which periods do you think eatery hours should be extended?”
 - 1. Motion Seconded
 - 2. Motion Passed
- xiv. Chair DiSanto moves to add “F. I am content with the timing.” to question 5
 - 1. Motion Objected
 - 2. Motion Rescinded
- xv. Senator Tso moves to add “F. None of the above” to question 5
 - 1. Motion Seconded
 - 2. Motion Passed
- xvi. Chair vickers moves for a 10 minute moderated caucus
 - 1. Motion Seconded
 - 2. Motion Passed
 - 3. Chair Vickers: I think it should start with “I was aware and it should stay the way it is,” And then maybe shorter I am not sure if people will want it longer?
 - 4. Chair Guenfoud:
 - 5. Comptroller Greenlaw: Personally I would vote for it being shorter
 - 6. Secretary Egolf: While here let’s discuss Question 2. We should include reasons as to why residents drive on campus despite living there, and we ought to figure out why so we can advise them not to do it. For commuting, we should include a question asking about

what times they have trouble finding parking. It would be beneficial to know where and when we should see an increase in PSAFE presence so asking what parking lots they would like to see enforced would be great.

7. Chair Pandit: We could propose language that asks in which parking lots would you like to see increased enforcing presence. We should specifically target the ticketing
 8. Senator Skeldon: Should we include a question about residents on campus to make sure people don't see residence and pick it without fully reading the question.
 9. Chair Vickers: Going off of that, we could be choice C as choice A so it is the first thing that they see.
 10. Senator Young: Could we move back to question 3 because the question does not reflect the intentions and changes we wanted to make? The question is not assist the committee in any way
 11. Senator Mahlati: Do you have a recommendation as to what you would like the question to be?
 12. Senator Young: Yes, I do. Would you like to see more diverse perspectives incorporated into academic courses?
 13. Chair Pandit: I want to include both interdisciplinary as well as cultural aspects. Maybe we could include both.
 14. Senator Skeldon: How many questions do we have? Could we add another.
 - a. President Anniballi: Yes, we could add 2.
 15. Senator Mahlati: Does equity have a question as of right now?
 16. Senator Young: Yes, question 3 and 4. Maybe we should make 2 separate then.
 17. Senator Mahlati: So we are gonna change question 2, and then go back to question three.
- xvii. Secretary Egolf moves to have question 2 choice C to become question 2 choice A, as well as 2 A .i to become “For what reasons do you drive from your dorm to the academic side of campus?” and 2 .iii to be “where would you like to see more PSAFE patrol to encourage commuter-only parking?”
1. Motion seconded
 2. Motion passed
 3. Chair Pandit moves to change for what reasons to “why”
 1. Motion seconded
 2. Motion passed
- xviii. Chair Guenfoud moves to propose language “in regards to your awareness, which one of these statements best applies to you?”

1. Motion seconded
 2. Motion passed
- xix. Chair Guenfoud moves to propose language “of the wait period”
1. Motion Seconded
 2. Motion Passed
- xx. Secretary Egolf moves to add a question that reads “Hofstra should issue a policy that ensures the protection of all students' right to freely express themselves and their views without fear of administrative punishment or censorship—even if those views are offensive or opposed by most members of our community. A. Strongly Agree B. Agree C. Disagree D. Strongly Disagree”
1. Motion Seconded
 2. Motion Passed
- xxi. Senator Mahlatti moves to strike “in regards to your awareness of the wait period”
1. Motion Seconded
 2. Motion Passed
- xxii. Chair Wrazin moves to strike question 8
1. Motion seconded
 2. Motion passed
- Xxiii. Chair Pandit moves to propose language to say “Which of the following departments needs
- xxiv. Secretary Egolf moves to propose language to say “Do you feel like your department(s) offers adequate tutoring services? A. Yes. B. No (fill in)”
1. For Secretary Egolf: The reason we chose to include this question is because while the tutoring committee is doing their own survey we don't know the form it's going to be sent out in, and do not think it will be completed. We know we are guaranteed enough responses in this survey so this would be good for them so they could also change their phrasing. If it's a yes and they feel it's fine, we know exactly which departments need it and they can tailor their services.
 2. Against Senator Mahlatti: I understand now with clarity. Why are we giving up our spot when an entire department is going to be asking questions about it. We chose tutoring last semester for a question, but is it important enough as a topic when you already are informed about these services?
 - a. Chair Guenfoud: I have a lot of nursing friends, and they don't have good tutoring services. They have access to it, but it is not adequate. Even with a language department or philosophy. Getting the input through the survey helps student voices be heard.

3. For Chair Pandit: I understand the idea that a committee is working on it. But, we don't know what mode this will be sent out in. We are trying to streamline the process to see what departments are in need of reform. We know the need but not which.
 4. Secretary Egolf: Just another thing to add, we do have people sitting in AA who also sit in on those committees as Liaisons so while there is a bigger department we represent undergraduate students, what better way to have them give their opinion for that? This helps us get the questions we think are most beneficial.
 5. Chair DiSanto: We also aren't giving up a question. We have the space.
 6. Motion seconded
 7. Motion passed
- xxv. Senator Young moves to add a question "Are you satisfied with the level of cultural and religious diversity displayed in your courses. A. Yes B. No"
1. Motion Seconded
 2. Motion Passed
- xxvi. Senator Mahlati moves to add "I have not explored them" to question 10.
1. Motion Seconded
 2. Motion Passed
- xxvii. Senator Callah moves to add option "E. Dutch Treats" to question 3.
1. Motion Seconded
 2. Motion Passed
- xxviii. Senator Malik moves to combine option D and E to read "Yes, at HofUSA and Dutch Treats."
- xxix. Secretary Egolf moves for a 5 minute moderated caucus.
1. Motion Seconded
 2. Motion Passed
 3. Secretary Egolf: I don't think that question 6 makes sense the way it is worded. I think awareness is important, and I think it's important to add something about keeping the physical card. Right now, it doesn't make sense.
 4. Senator Malik: Could we not combine the questions like we did for number 3?
 5. Senator Danek: Maybe wording like "do you support the use of hofstra ID in the digital wallet? Do you and would you take advantage of it?"
 6. Chair Pandit: Adding language that allows people to specify that they prefer to keep their cards irrespective of being aware
 7. Senator Tso: Possible language could be whether you prefer to use your hofstra ID or digital wallet.

8. Chair Guenfoud: There could be a question about if people are satisfied with the changes so I could get more data on what students prefer
9. Senator Danek: A question about which they prefer to have active between their physical and phone card
10. Senator Malik: Maybe we could do it like question 2. If you currently use it versus didn't know and that would direct you to the next question.
11. Chair Pandit: That's a good question. So we could ask, do you prefer your digital one over your physical one?
12. Senator Young: Options for rewording being are you content with the shift from physical to digital and have options thereunder about their preferences.

xxx. Comptroller Greenlaw moves to propose language that reads "Do you have your Hofstra ID in your digital wallet? A. Yes → How satisfied are you? B. No → Do you prefer your physical card A.Yes B. No C. I was not aware I could have my Hofstra ID in my digital wallet"

xxxii. Senator Callahan moves to strike "this does not affect me" from question 6

1. Motion seconded
2. Motion passed

xxxiii. Chair Pandit moves to propose language for 2Ai. "1. I am satisfied, 2. I am not satisfied, 3. I prefer to keep both my digital and physical ID, 4. I prefer only my digital"

1. Motion Seconded
2. Motion Passed

xxxiiii. Chair Pandit moves to strike both C and D as answer options for question 2

1. Motion seconded
2. Motion Passed

xxxv. Senator Danek moves to add would you be in favor of Hofstra allowing you to keep both your physical card and digital card for a fee?

1. For Senator Danek: it came up as a point that if your phone is on the brink of dying and not be responsive it would be a problem so if Hofstra allowed both cards to be active it could be an added layer and a potential stream of revenue
2. Against Chair Pandit: I see that, but it is a safety concern to have it on the phone and the physical. If they have both, you risk losing one or giving it to a non-hofstra member.
 - a. Senator Young: It could be more dangerous. As for adding the answer choice it is confusing the original question and is a whole other question, right now we are asking if students are aware and like the current system

- b. Secretary Egolf: If we are concerned about the why, their current response tells us how they feel about the card so these questions are two the point later down the road we could ask more
 - 3. For Senator Malik: I want to build off what a previous speaker said. A middle ground answer choice could be including preferring having both.
 - a. Senator Danek: I would think an option could be I like to have both.
 - b. Senator Young: I think the fact is that it won't happen, so why include it.
 - 4. Against Senator Skeldon: It's already been said and it's a security concern as well. People would get confused too and upset at the length of the survey, and it would complicate the question more than it needs to be.
 - a. Chair Pandit: If we want to include talking about this it would have to be a separate question
 - b. Chair Vickers: The question is nice how it is now, another person can take it a step further if they so care to but we don't need all of the sub sections.
 - 5. Motion Failed
 - xxxv. Secretary Egolf moves to pass SA.2024.88.018
 - 1. Motion Objected
 - 2. Motion Rescinded
 - xxxvi. Chair Pandit moves add language to question 1 "Check all that apply"
 - 1. Motion Seconded
 - 2. Motion Passed
 - xxxvii. Chair Pandit moves to add strongly satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not satisfied under question 7A.
 - 1. Motion Seconded
 - 2. Motion Passed
 - xxxviii. Chair Wrazin moves to pass SA.2024.88.018
 - 1. Motion Seconded
 - 2. Motion Passed
- d. [Resolution on Free Speech](#)
 - i. Senator Callahan: Is this a statement of support or is it a direct call to the administration?
 - 1. President Anniballi: It is both. It is up to them to decide, but this is us showing support.
 - ii. Senator Mahlati; Do we not follow state and federal laws governing this?
 - 1. President Anniballi: No, because we are a private institution therefore there are no protections in the first amendment in the same way.

- iii. Senator Danek: Is this just verbal speech but also written in a poster?
 - 1. President Anniballi: This would include both. For example, if you want to protest something, you have to tell the administration 7 days in advance. You have to wait 7 days to protest or address the concern. Passing this would give us further room to point out conflicting policies.
- iv. Chair Wrazin moves to pass SA.2024.88.019
 - 1. Motion Seconded
 - 2. Motion Passed

C. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Senator Callahan moves to pass the Senate minutes from 3/7
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed
- b. Senator Young moves to pass the Cabinet minutes from 3/13
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed

~~D. E-board Reports~~

- a. President
 - i. Meeting with Jess Eads tomorrow!
 - ii.
- b. Vice President
 - i. Hello all, I am so sorry I am not there. I needed to return home a lot earlier than anticipated. I know you guys all slayed the SA's!
 - ii. The week we come back we are hosting guests!
 - 1.Rick Cole and Jay Artinian
 - iii. This is current (as of 9:15 pm) Sydney, sorry again I was not there but watching the minutes and seeing the conversation I know you guys did phenomenal. I truly appreciate your time and dedication!
 - iv. Nothing else from me, HAVE A SAFE AND LOVELY SPRING BREAK DARLINGS!
- c. Comptroller
 - i. Come sign with me! Fridays @ 11 am in the ppaw (or else)
 - ii. Have a safe and fun spring break!
- d. Secretary
 - i. Feel free to take stickers and tshirts! But keep the closet organized.
 - ii. Keep signing up for formal and keep paying me!!!
 - iii. Office Hour/Attendance Emails to go out over the break.
 - iv. Have a safe and restful spring break <3

~~E. Committee Chair Reports~~

- a. Appropriations

- i. No formal report!
 - ii. Allocations are at the bottom of the minutes if you want to take a look :)
 - b. Club Resources
 - i. No formal report!
 - c. Communications
 - i. Bringing back Where's SGA? for spring break- send me fun pics!
 - ii. Other than that, no formal report :)
 - d. Programming
 - i. Build a Friend, April 1st
 - ii. Relay for Life
 - 1. Code TUESDAY for \$5 off every tuesday in March
 - e. Academic Affairs
 - f. Equity & Inclusion
 - g. Facilities & Operations
 - i. Healthy Hofstra Walk 2/25 at 1:00pm! Please be there and rsvp
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1IMlpvfv6Lrhs6L4uA2HcfME1IzStgA3VUobTTGE3hiFBQ/viewform> ! <3
 - 1. ^Please. If you can't make it LET ME KNOW.
 - h. Wellness & Campus Safety
 - i. No formal report! Have a wonderful (and *safe*) spring break!!
- F. Approval of Committee Minutes**
- a. Chair Wrazin moves to pass the allocations from 3/12
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
 - b. Senator Malik moves to close the gallery
 - i. Motion Seconded
 - ii. Motion Passed
 - c. Senator Caba moves to pass the committee minutes from 3/14
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
- G. Collaborative Business**
- H. For Good of the Order**
- I. Announcements**
- ~~**J. Snap Cup**~~
- K. Adjournment**
- a. Senator Young moves to adjourn this meeting
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
 - 1. Meeting adjourned at EST 9:34PM

Club/Organization	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated	%
NAFME	Didn't Show		
Equestrian Club	Didn't Show		
Intervarsity	\$122.59	\$104.40	85.16%
Club Ice Hockey	\$1,500	\$1,500	100%
American Cancer Society	\$1,202.26	\$1,202.26	100%
Psychology Club	\$2.00	\$2.00	100%