



**Agenda of the Senate  
Hofstra University Student Government Association  
February 1st, 2024  
Hofstra University**

**Call to order**

Meeting Called to order at 6:51 PM EST

**A. Quorum Call**

- a. Quorum set to 28

**B. New Business**

- a. Chair Wrazin moves to open the gallery
  - i. Motion seconded
  - ii. Motion passed
- b. Welcome Chanda Washington!
  - i. Chanda: Hi everyone! I am coming up on my first anniversary of working at Hofstra very soon! I am from Mississippi, worked for the Washington Post- as it was always a dream of mine- and then I worked in Washington D.C. with the Mayor for quite a few years until I came here to Hofstra when President Poser recruited me. The position that I am in didn't exist before me -- this is exciting, as I get to figure out what I want this role to be -- so I went to the students to see what they needed from me, which was a very smart decision to figure out what I need to bring to benefit Hofstra. How can my experience help advise a new perspective? How can I get students into the room with people that you want to know -- for example, the Legislative Breakfast? I want you guys in the room with the people that I personally work with; you guys bring value to the people making the decisions about your lives. I have two main responsibilities: advocate for the university in a government space and a community space to identify opportunities for students. If you want to get the job, you need to learn how to put yourself in the room. One of those events is our yearly Gala, inviting students to be in the same room as CEOs, and donors, and

more. If I get in the room, you guys -- all races, genders, and identities -- get to come in with me.

- ii. Senator Malik: You talked about listening to students for feedback. Do you still do that, and if so where are these voices coming from?
  1. Chanda: Yes, I do. They come from here. When we went to DC, there was a group of students I met and continue to talk to for feedback. I expect the same from when I go to Albany. I don't have a set way, but if I end up in a room with you, I am going to talk to you.
- iii. Chair Guenfoud: What is your advice for someone, specifically for an undergrad population, to be comfortable moving away from your own state/home to explore?
  1. Chanda: My advice is to start now. I did a few internships, with each one being a little bit further from home. I started when I was a junior in college, and I recommend the same. When I went to school as a journalist, it was required to have an internship before graduation, and it started there. Start now, with baby steps, give yourself some distance- especially now with all these technologies to make sure you are safe. Don't be afraid to jump out there.
- iv. Chair DiSanto: Is there something you are particularly proud of accomplishing here at Hofstra?
  1. Chanda: I think hands down the legislative breakfast. It was very nerve wracking, and I really wanted it to be successful for SGA- and of course my boss is the President of the University so I wanted to make sure she liked it. There were a few bumps in the road, but I was over the moon hosting that.
- v. Comptroller Greenlaw: Can you go a little more into depth about the work you did in the Mayor's office?
  1. Chanda: I had the most fun and the most fun when the new Mayor came in 2015. Firstly, I wanted to make sure we started a social presence- social media, newsletter, etc. I had to set up a process to make sure all the agencies were in communication with one another. I wrote press releases, her public statements, recruiting people/interns to the team. Then I went to other agencies; I feel I did my best work with The Amazon Project, where they were opening their second headquarters and we wanted, in the communication world, for DC to 'prove' to everyone that DC would be able to handle the Amazon Demands.
- vi. Chair Jackson: What are your goals for the coming year?

1. Chanda: To be honest, I don't think I set any 'goals'. I think I have some tasks I want to accomplish. I sit on the Campus Community Committee for the Strategic Plan; I have a lot of conferences coming up to learn how to be a better advocate in higher education, as it wasn't really in my past. I want to learn how to represent a university better.
- vii. Senator Singh: How do you recommend getting proficient in rhetoric?
  1. Chanda: I am still learning. One of my weaknesses is that I am not that great on my feet; I am a strategy person, and I need to think things through. Whatever it is that you're advocating for, you need to know it inside and out, and do your research. I can't give a real answer, cause I know I need to get better.
- viii. Senator Malik: What are the things you are planning?
  1. Chanda: The biggest thing is the Strategic Plan, which has a very strict time limit. I want to implement an economic development project, where we have different students from every department being able to participate- comms students doing coverage, architects and artists designing the space, etc. That is the biggest and most exciting thing.
- ix. Senator Singh: How do you navigate work/life balance and know when an opportunity might be better to pass on?
  1. Chanda: I was so focused on my job, and for a while that was okay for me. I didn't have a family until later than all my friends. But, my family didn't have to stop working. You can have kids, and grind it out, but you need a good support system. You have to put the work in, and pay your dues, and it will give you the opportunity to have a more balanced work-life balance. Now, jobs come my way and I scrutinize them for what I want to do. I had another choice before Hofstra, with good money to stay in DC, but it wasn't something I wanted to do anymore; Hofstra was something new for me. Put in the grind now, so you can be more selective as the time goes on.
- x. President Anniballi: Hofstra has been in some news headlines. As the person in charge, what would you like the student body to know about Hofstra's community to watch for in the news.
  1. Chanda: So, I am guessing this is about the casino. The President is doing what she should be doing -- advocating for the school to not have a casino in its backyard. At the end of the day, her job is to take care of Hofstra, and a casino next door is not what is best for the university. There will be more stories, this will be ongoing; the

President has taken a stand, and the board supports her, because there are people who want it. But it just isn't right for this community; I can think of so many things that would be better suited for that space- housing, research, etc. This is what advocating is. The President and myself firmly believe that a Casino does not belong.

- xi. Chair Vickers: How have you navigated being a black woman in high education and all your different positions?
  - 1. Chanda: In Arkansas, I never felt like I didn't belong. Here, there is so much that I have to learn; the image of New York is so much different than it is pictured to be. One of the things I encountered was that my first meeting here said someone was shocked to see me, a black woman, in a higher position. Sometimes certain engagements with me make me uncomfortable in a heavily segregated community. But what brings me peace is that I know that I am going to do great things here, regardless of race. At the beginning of me being here, I was feeling unsure of my decision to move here until I went to Black @ Hofstra; I knew at that event I was in the right community. It centered me, and showed me that I was excited to have things to do here at Hofstra.
- xii. Senator Young: As a Black Woman from the south, I resonate with your story. Do you have advice for any undergrads to be motivated and to succeed?
  - 1. Chanda: Be present. Join things, and have fun with it. What is your 'why?' Be true to you, and then build your community around that. Align yourself with people who are doing the right thing and believe the same things you do. You also can't be afraid to 'shed' things, and say no or take a step back from things and focus on what you need and want. Know your why!
- xiii. Chair Barone: How do you make yourself known in an area that is entirely unknown to you?
  - 1. Chanda: You gotta talk to people. You really do. I'm an introvert, which may be a shocker, but I started this job by talking to the students. It really comes down to that, you have to talk to people.
- xiv. Chair Pandit: What are some adjectives to describe how you want the rest of the semester to go?
  - 1. Chanda: Peaceful, but I am not really sure that is realistic. I don't want it to go fast. I want it to be exciting and engaging, I want to meet and stay connected with people. I want to be a force. I also want to be moved. And I want to be happy.

c. [SA.2024.88.014 Executive Select Committee Policy](#)

i. President Anniballi: I know it is different for a President to write a Senatorial Action, but it is allowed, just not standard. Sydney and I have been talking about this, and prior to our position we were both very active in writing legislation to improve our community. What would happen in the past is that Eboard members would tell someone to write it and submit it, but we want to be open and present on our own behalf. This SA deals with the powers of the presidency, adding a new section completely that allows the president to create a temporary committee within their presidency. For example, we had the Legislative Review Group, some of you are on the Day of Giving Committee, and we have a lot more ideas. It ends at the academic year, making it a temporary committee if approved by the Senate body.

1. Chair Jackson moves for a roll call vote to pass SA.2024.88.014

- a. Motion Seconded
- b. Comptroller Greenlaw - YEA
- c. Secretary Egolf - YEA
- d. Academic Affairs Chair Pandit - YEA
- e. Appropriations Chair Barone - YEA
- f. Club Resources Chair Giovanangelo - YEA
- g. Communications Chair DiSanto - YEA
- h. Equity and Inclusion Chair Jackson - YEA
- i. Facilities and Operations Chair Guenfoud - YEA
- j. Programming Chair Vickers - YEA
- k. Wellness and Campus Safety Chair Wrazin - YEA
- l. Senator Amoroso Lomeli - YEA
- m. Senator Caba - YEA
- n. Senator Callahan - YEA
- o. Senator Danek - YEA
- p. Senator Denson - YEA
- q. Senator Joyal - YEA
- r. Senator Luce - YEA
- s. Senator Mahlati - YEA
- t. Senator Malayeri - YEA
- u. Senator Malik - YEA
- v. Senator Pinarli - YEA
- w. Senator Ruffo - YEA
- x. Senator Singh - YEA
- y. Senator Skeldon - YEA
- z. Senator Srivastava - YEA

- aa. Senator Su - YEA
- bb. Senator Tso - YEA
- cc. Senator Young - YEA
- i. Motion Passed

d. [SA.2024.88.15 Disciplinary Policy Reform SA](#)

- i. President Anniballi: I did just want to add something after Mak went through this SA. We discussed in CR how this is different from impeachment, which was crafted more so with executive positions, and designed to handle situations of malice. This is more of an internal warning system for things like absences, SGA merch at inappropriate events, and other small things that may build up over time.
- ii. Chair Jackson moves to propose language for Section F subsection f to say “The Secretary, President, and Vice President, shall maintain the record of warnings, however warnings cannot be given retroactively.”
  - 1. Motion Seconded
  - 2. Motion Passed
- iii. Senator Singh: For section e, I was just wondering if once someone appeals, if they get that third warning again, is their removal the second time permanent, or can they appeal again.
  - 1. President Anniballi: Yes, they can appeal again. It basically is a cycle if they so choose.
- iv. Senator Skeldon: Is there anywhere that mentions how long the warnings last or do they dissolve?
  - 1. President Anniballi: It doesn't say, but I would assume they would zero. We can add something to make it more clear.
  - 2. Secretary Egolf: I would suggest making expirations for each presidential term, or like each Senate.
    - a. Senator Mahlati: Is there a specific reason for doing this by the year and not the semester?
      - i. Secretary Egolf: We can open this up for discussion, I was just saying that with the hopes that we would not get anywhere close to having three warnings a semester. I would think anyone sitting around this table knows the privilege and won't let it get to this point, but having a specific Senate year allows for a bad semester or things like that.
- v. Comptroller Greenlaw moves to add language for Section F Subsection D to say “All warnings shall expire at turnover.”
  - 1. Motion seconded
  - 2. Motion Passed
- vi. Comptroller Greenlaw moves to pass SA.2024. 88.15

1. Motion seconded
2. Motion Passes

### **C. Approval of the Minutes**

- a. Chair Guenfoud moves to pass the Senate minutes from 01/13
  - i. Motion Seconded
  - ii. Motion Passed
- b. Chair Wrazin moves to pass the Cabinet minutes from 01/31
  - i. Motion Seconded
  - ii. Motion Passed

### **D. E-board Reports**

- a. President
  - i. Thank you for meeting over break with us!
  - ii. Meeting with VP Eads on Tuesday
  - iii. LISGC
  - iv. Yearbook
  - v. Day of Giving
- b. Vice President
  - i. Not many updates here! Guest list is somewhat finalized but I am looking forward to this semester with you all.
  - ii. Stay on top of your attendance and email me and Mak please it helps a lot.
- c. Comptroller
  - i. Finance Report next week!
    1. Finishing Fall 2023 expenses
  - ii. Entering Spring 2024 Budgets soon
    1. Budget Appeals
  - iii. Did rollover with Colleen!
  - iv. Doing rollover with Patti from Campus Rec tomorrow YAY
  - v. Please do Day of Giving!!!
- d. Secretary
  - i. New Ethics and Conduct Chair is... Elvina!
  - ii. New Archivist is... Nimba!
  - iii. Stickers have been ordered... want more spring-y tshirt designs
  - iv. 1 hour in the office for Senators, 2 hours in the office for Chairs → this is MANDATORY. Every week.
  - v. I know the seats are different and scary but please don't move your seats- if you have any concerns about seeing or anything else that let me know and I will of course try to accommodate. This isn't a punishment, we want to get some different perspectives and switch things up to promote new communication! Peace and love.

### **E. Committee Chair Reports**

- a. Appropriations
  - i. Made some changes to allocations meetings
  - ii. Budget Appeals!
- b. Club Resources
  - i. Shoutout CR!!
  - ii. Student Org Leadership Training TOMORROW at 10am!!
  - iii. Applications are open for new clubs on GetInvolvedHU so tell your friends! Let me know if you have any questions.
- c. Communications
  - i. Wanna do a takeover? Let me know! [Takeover Thursday](#)
  - ii. Please come to the Canva Workshop on 2/7, 1-2pm
  - iii. Planning more content :)
- d. Programming
  - i. Valentines Day Photobooth, 1pm-6pm tabling sheet will soon be available, watch Important Chat
  - ii. Mens BB HOMECOMING GAME: Saturday, Feb 3, 2024 at 6 PM
    - 1. Lets go to celebrate and get a free Speedy jersey
  - iii. Womens BB GAME: Friday, Feb 2, 2024 at 7 PM
- e. Academic Affairs
  - i. SFS FAFSA Training
  - ii. Extending Registration Dates!!
  - iii. SAS Accommodations
  - iv. CUA Peer Mentor Program was uploaded to Handshake
  - v. Credits
- f. Equity & Inclusion
  - i. BLACK @ HOFSTRA – FEBRUARY 7TH
  - ii. WOMEN @ HOFSTRA — MARCH 6TH
  - iii. DISABILITY COMMUNITY @ HOFSTRA — MARCH 11TH
  - iv. AAPI @ HOFSTRA – APRIL 1ST
- g. Facilities & Operations
  - i. New Student Center Cafe renovations, Compass' Delightful Week is Feb 12th-16th! *If you're free during common hour on Wednesday Feb 14th come represent SGA and help with heart shaped cookies!*
  - ii. New colored printers in Bill of Rights, CSQ (Dover), and Netherlands Core. Additional CSQ in the future!
  - iii. Hofstra library's hours extended until 11:00 pm on weekends!
  - iv. WELCOME BACK! <3 <3 <3
- h. Wellness & Campus Safety
  - i. Plan Van on 2/7!
  - ii. Love, Sex, and Friendship week is coming up Feb 12-16th!



**F. Approval of Committee Minutes**

- a. Chair Jackson moves to close the gallery
  - i. Motion seconded
  - ii. Motion passed
- b. Chair DiSanto moves to pass the budget appeals from 1/30
  - i. Motion seconded
  - ii. Motion passed
- c. Chair Wrazin moves to pass the committee minutes from 2/1
  - i. Motion seconded
  - ii. Motion passed

**G. Collaborative Business**

**H. For Good of the Order**

**I. Announcements**

**J. Snap Cup**

- a. **Prompt? Send in funny Valentine's Day puns (Decorum my Forum, etc.)**

**K. Adjournment**

- a. Comptroller moves to adjourn this meeting 9:15 pm
  - i. Motion seconded
  - ii. Motion passed
    - 1. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 EST

Club/Organization	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated	%
Women's Club Lacrosse	\$4,545.16	\$3,183.01	70.03%
DECA	\$612.09	\$85.97	14.05%
Men's Club Soccer	Returning next week		
Open Ultimate Frisbee	\$2,732.93	\$5465.86	200%
MSA	\$4,290	\$2,159.82	50.35%
Improvstra	\$2,016.41	\$674.25	33.44%
MENASA	No Show		